



# *Immaculate Conception Church*

107 Church Street / P.O. Box 108  
Gregory, TX 78359

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTOR

Fr. James Puthenparambil

### PARISH SECRETARY

Noreen Saenz

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Womack & Womack

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

David Daniel Solis

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

Belen Pena, Assistant to the D.R.E.

Janie J. Garcia, Office Coordinator

## CELEBRATION OF MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 5:30 pm Tuesday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

**PARISH OFFICE: 361-643-4505 Fax: 361-643-1509**

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 5:00pm

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: 643-8327**

Office Hours: Wednesday 5:00pm - 8:45pm

RICA Classes on Tuesday 7:00pm

CCD Classes on Wednesday 6:00pm & 7:15pm

## LITURGICAL MUSIC

### Choirs

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Rosendo Ortiz
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Eddie & Gina Lopez
	10:00 a.m.	Tony Rios
	12:00 noon	Naida Rios
	5:00 p.m.	Jesse Gomez
Youth Choir		Pedro & Lisa Solis

## PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday 6:00 p.m. Bilingual

*Welcome New Parishioners*

Please register by contacting the Parish Office

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Finance Committee	Javier Solis	290.5953
Jamaica Coordinator	Mike Lopez	438-9054
Sacristans	Jesse Gomez	229-0102
	Juan Rodriguez	229-5515
Choir Coordinator	Naida Rios	774-3778
Communion Ministers	Isidro Peña	548-5772
Altar Servers	David Daniel Solis	500-7307
Lectors	Rene Sanchez	876-0904
Ushers	Ramiro Peña	222-8857
Altar Society	Nena Garcia	643-7851
CfC Retreat Team	Noreen Saenz	563-1688
Crusaders for Christ	Fred Flores	534-4428
Divine Mercy	Sonya G. Hartnett	739-0087
ICC Food Pantry	Adriana Moreno	543.7642
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Nydia Tamez	688-0333
Knights of Columbus	Edward Lara	229-2260
Sacred Heart	Lupe Lopez	777-0131
St. Bernadette Angels	Belen Peña	558-4320
Vacation Bible School	Tycee Sanchez	876-0904

**BAPTISMS:** Third Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m.

*BAPTISM CLASS: Tuesday prior of Baptism at 7:00pm; Must register at office*

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only; Notice to Pastor six (6) months prior to wedding.

**QUINCEANERAS:** Must be enrolled & attending Rel. Ed.

Notice to Pastor six (6) months prior.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anytime by request.

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2015

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2015**  
**8:00 PM:** +Elvira M. Lopez (Family)  
 +Ernesto, Sr & +Ezequiel Solis (Family)  
 +Lino S. Solis (Family)

**SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015**  
**7:00 AM:** +Richard Ortiz (Family)  
 +Tim Rivera (Family)  
 +Anna & +Gloria Perez (Family)  
 +Salvador Ayala (Ana, Fred and Terry Ayala)  
 +Roberto & +Sylvia Ramos & +Chito Saucedo (M/M A. Cavazos)

**10:00 AM:** +Rachel Hinojosa (Idolina Esparza)  
**12:00 PM:** +Adrian Flores (Family)  
 +Ernest Chapa, Jr (Family)  
 +Jose Lucio, +Steven Garcia and +Elida Garcia  
 (Ramon & Gracie Garcia)  
*For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church*

**5:00 PM: NO MASS**

**MONDAY APRIL 13, 2015 ~ NO MASS**

**TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2015**  
**5:30 PM: O P E N**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2015**  
**8:30 AM: O P E N**

**THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2015**  
**8:30 AM: O P E N**

**FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2015**  
**8:30 AM: O P E N**

**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015**  
**8:00 PM:** +Diana Schicker (Family)  
 +Ernesto, Sr & +Ezequiel Solis (Felicitas Solis)  
 +Atilano & +Josefa Sanchez (Felicitas Solis)  
 +Enrique Escobedo (Family)

**SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2015**  
**7:00 AM:** +Richard Ortiz (Family)  
 +Tim Rivera (Family)  
 +Salvador Ayala (Ana, Fred and Terry Ayala)  
 +Roberto & +Sylvia Ramos & +Chito Saucedo (M/M A. Cavazos)

**10:00 AM:** +Eugenio Esparza (Graciela Moreno)  
 +Debbie Moreno (Family)

**12:00 PM:** +Adrian Flores (Family)  
**5:00 PM:** +Valentin & +Maria de Jesus Lara (B. Sabedra)  
 +Ernest Chapa, Jr. (Family)  
*For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church*

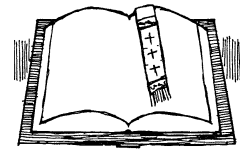
## Sunday Collection

LOOSE COLLECTION	627.49
ENVELOPE COLLECTION	2,082.00
<u>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION</u>	<u>69.00</u>
<b>MARCH 30, 2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,778.49</b>
<u>HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION</u>	<u>436.75</u>
<b>APRIL 2, 2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 436.75</b>
LOOSE COLLECTION	627.13
ENVELOPE COLLECTION	1,867.00
SECOND COLLECTION	83.75
<u>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION</u>	<u>107.05</u>
<b>APRIL 5, 2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,684.93</b>

## Lectors

**SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2015**  
**8:00 PM:** Anita Zambrano

**SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015**  
**7:00 AM:** Elisa Garcia  
**10:00 AM:** David Solis  
**12:00 PM:** Kaitlyn Lopez  
**5:00 PM:** NO MASS



Welcome the Word

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



**SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2015**  
**8:00 PM:** Ester Flores

**SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015**  
**7:00 AM:** John & Brenda Martinez  
**10:00 AM:** Jesus Garza  
**12:00 PM:** Jesse C. Gomez  
**5:00 PM:** NO MASS

## † Belief ~ Trust ~ Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially the following:

Hermelinda Alcoser, Robert Alvarado, Victoria & Oscar Arrendondo, Jesse & Ophelia Avila, Leonor Banda, Rosa Barrera, Brae L Benavidez, Allen Bohns, Esteban Cantu Jr, Rosario Cantu, Tamara Bode, Ben Chapa, Gabriel & Matthew Claudio, Sammy Coronado, Estella Cortez, Pedro R Costilla III, Lino Cruz, Michael Duenes, Dominic De Leon, Nessiah Encinia, Alma Escobedo, Adan Flores Sr, Alberto Flores, Arturo Flores, Eudelia Flores, Fabian Flores, Maria Flores, Bryce Ganley, Aurelia Garcia, Belia Garcia, Concepcion Garcia, Jose L Garcia, Josie Garcia, Juana S Garcia, Juanita Garcia, Oscar Garcia, Ramiro Garcia, Reyes Garcia, April Garza, Angie Garza, Elias Garza, Joe Garza, Jacob Goldapp, Alejandra Guerrero, Denis Guzman, Conner Heinz, Carolina Hernandez, Isis Hernandez, Manuela Hernandez, Maria Hernandez, Jesse Hinojosa, Manuel Hinojosa, Sr., Fidel Labeija, Elia Lopez, Lupe Lopez, Lori Lucio, Tina Juarez, Anna Juarez, Solomon Kahookele, Christopher Manka, Olga Moreno, Mimi Obregon, Candelaria Ortiz, Carmen Ortiz, Diana Ortiz, Jerry Oritz, Oralia Ortiz, Socorro Ortiz, Sophia Parker, Raul Padilla, Anita Pena, Luis Pena, Jr., Aurora Perez, Fela Perez, Maria Pequeno, Raul and Lenore Quintanilla, Josie Ramirez, Ramona Ramirez, Valentin Ramirez, Esther Rangel, Juan Reyes, Minerva Reyes, Pepe Reyes, Santos Reyes, Anna Rivera, Antonio Rodriguez Jr., Domingo Rodriguez, Elena Rodriguez, Esequiel Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Tony Rios, Sr., Tony Rios, Jr., Noreen Saenz, Richard Saldivar, Vanessa Steele, Teresa Sierra, Alfonso Solis, Andrea Solis, Braulia Solis, Grace Solis, Licha Solis, Luis Solis, Mona Lisa Solis, Felicitas Trevino, Gloria Trevino, Joe & Sara Trevino, Maria L. Valdez, Chris Vela, Cynthia Vela, Miranda Vela, Alejandro Veliz, Renee Young and Leticia Zepeda.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK and SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 Monday: **St. Martin I:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: **Income Tax Day:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: **Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)**  
 Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

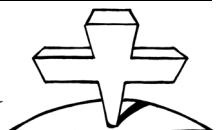
**CHRIST IS HERE:** Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here. ~St. Augustine

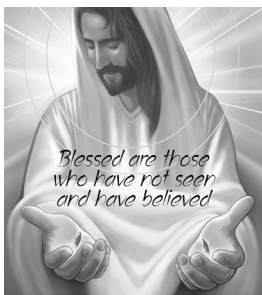
## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).  
**Psalm** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).  
**Second Reading** The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).  
**Gospel** Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).



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**DIVINE  
 MERCY  
 SUNDAY**





**OF ONE HEART AND MIND:** Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being "of one heart and mind" as was the first community of believers? Today's First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God's commandments and loving all of God's children seems to be the start of being "of one heart and mind." We live in a world that stresses differences - differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours.

**UN SOLO CORAZÓN Y UNA SOLA ALMA:** Al leer sobre la fe de las primeras comunidades de creyentes puede ser fuente de gran inspiración para los que han sido cristianos por largo tiempo, como también para los que acaban de ser bautizados. ¿Te puedes imaginar a gente de hoy que "tiene un solo corazón y una sola alma" igual que la primera comunidad de creyentes? La primera carta de san Juan que leemos hoy es la clave que nos dice cómo podemos lograrlo. Si guardamos los mandamientos de Dios y si amamos a todos los hijos de Dios parece ser la base de poder tener un "un solo corazón y una sola alma". Vivimos en un mundo que recalca las diferencias – ya sean entre religiones, razas, géneros y clases. Hoy se nos pide que nos enfoquemos en lo que tenemos en común en este frágil planeta que ocupamos.



**Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)  
April 12, 2015**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
~ 1 John 5:5

*The Pope tweets.... follow him at Pope Francis @Pontifex*



***"Christ is risen! Christ is alive and journeys with us!"***

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of "Peace." The risen Lord's word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ's gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ's rising in our lives.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

En tiempos pasados, cuando la misa era en latín, no teníamos la oportunidad de escuchar en nuestro propio idioma las bellas palabras que Cristo pronunció durante la Última Cena y que el sacerdote repite durante la Consagración: "Esto es mi cuerpo"... "Esta es mi sangre". Por tal razón los monaguillos sonaban unas campanitas indicando que algo importante estaba pasando. En ese momento los fieles levantábamos la cabeza para ver el pan convertido en cuerpo y el vino convertido en sangre. Lamentablemente el sacerdote nos daba la espalda y no podíamos ver lo que ocurría sobre el altar. Sin embargo, respondíamos con las palabras del apóstol Tomás: "Señor mío y Dios mío".

Estas palabras reconocen y adoran la presencia de Jesús en el pan y el vino. A este momento se le consideraba el más importante de la misa. No obstante, el Concilio Vaticano II vino a enseñarnos que este es el momento cumbre, junto con toda la Plegaria Eucarística, pues toda la misa es igualmente importante, excepto que durante la Plegaria Eucarística alcanzamos el punto más alto de la celebración. Por esa razón ya no hay campanita, pues ahora escuchamos todo en nuestro propio idioma, así como los discípulos las escucharon de Cristo, en su propio idioma.

**The Amazing Parish Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, Proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are Sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. Lord, we take your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on-fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together - ordained, religious, and laity.

Please make our parish amazing, through Your power and Your grace.  
Amen.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**

*If you have a family member who is homebound and would like to receive the Communion, please contact Fr. James or the parish office for more details.*

**Spring Fest**

Sunday, April 12, 2015 ☀ 11:00 am to 6:00pm

*BBQ Brisket Plate Sale with Trimmings  
Raffle Drawing ~ Live Music ~ Live Auction  
Cake Walk, Face Painting & Children Games*

**Come and Enjoy a Family Day of Fun!**  
*All proceeds benefit Our Church Renovation Project*

*Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 13, 2015*