



Immaculate Conception Church

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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: 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

RCIA 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	Tyce 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

MAY 2, 2015

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015
5:00 PM: +Adan & +Aurora Escobedo (Family)
 +Enrique Escobedo (Family)
 For the well-being of Robert Avalos (Juan F. Flores)
 Happy Birthday Rene Rios (Hope & Faith Rios)

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015
7:00 AM: +Antonia Garza (Leo Garza, Sr.)
 +Richard Ortiz (Family)
 +Tim Rivera (Family)
 +Salvador Ayala (Ana, Alfredo and Terri Ayala)
 +Mr. & Mrs. Fermin Hernandez, Sr. (Dora Hernandez)
 +Roberto & +Sylvia Ramos & +Chito Saucedo (M/M A. Cavazos)

10:00 AM: +Jesus & +Guadalupe Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
12:00 PM: +Adrian Flores (Family)
5:00 PM: +Daniel E. Flores (Family)
For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church

MONDAY MAY 4, 2015 ~ NO MASS
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2015
5:30 PM: +Raul Cruz (Mr. & Mrs. Humberto Martinez)

WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 2015
8:30 AM: +Johnny Robertson (Mr. & Mrs. Humberto Martinez)

THURSDAY MAY 7, 2015
8:30 AM: O P E N

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2015
8:30 AM: O P E N

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2015
5:00 PM: +Adan & +Aurora Escobedo (Family)
 +Christina Rossel (Family)
 +Enrique Escobedo (Family)

SUNDAY MAY 10, 2015
7:00 AM: +Antonia Garza (Leo Garza, Sr.)
 +Richard Ortiz (Family)
 +Tim Rivera (Family)
 +Mr. & Mrs. Fermin Hernandez, Sr. (Dora Hernandez)
 +Roberto & +Sylvia Ramos & +Chito Saucedo (M/M A. Cavazos)

10:00 AM: +Elويدa Valencia & +Delia Galindo (Valencia Family)
 +Jesus H. Moreno (Graciela Moreno)
 +Rachel Hinojosa (Idolina Esparza)

12:00 PM: +Adrian Flores (Family)
 +Victor Lara (Maria Lara)

5:00 PM: +Daniel E. Flores (Family)
For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

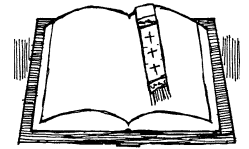
Sunday Collection

LOOSE COLLECTION	748.84
ENVELOPE COLLECTION	1,977.00
SECOND COLLECTION	180.44
<u>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION</u>	<u>57.75</u>
APRIL 19, 2015 TOTAL	\$3,176.74

Lectors

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015
5:00 PM: Angie Soliz

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015
7:00 AM: Janie Ortiz
10:00 AM: David Solis
12:00 PM: Rene Sanchez
5:00 PM: Jessie C Gomez



Welcome the Word

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015
5:00 PM: Louis Hogan

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015
7:00 AM: Amparo Cantu
10:00 AM: Raymond, Maria, Chom Yo
12:00 PM: Rachel Flores
5:00 PM: Jessie L Gomez

† 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, Juan 'Chuco' 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 Ortiz, 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, Datnacio Rivas, 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.

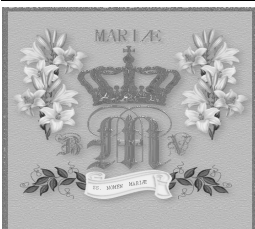
CHRISTIANITY: Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.
 ~Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

HOLIEST FLOWER: Mary is the lily in God's garden.

~St. Bridget of Sweden





BEARING FRUIT: "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." John's words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others "in word or speech" instead of "in deed and truth." What does it mean for us to "remain in Christ"? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship.

PARA DAR FRUTO: "Hijos míos: No amemos solamente de palabra; amemos de verdad y con las obras". Las palabras de Juan llegan hoy cuando el pasaje del Evangelio nos presenta con la gran imagen del viñedo y las ramas. Jesús usa la imagen como un aviso a los que se han empezado a distanciar de la senda del Señor. Esto sucede cuando amamos a Dios y a otros "con palabras o dichos" y no con "la verdad y las obras". ¿Qué significa para nosotros "permanecer en Cristo"? El Señor nos da un ejemplo con la extensión de la metáfora. Si permanecemos en él, daremos mucho fruto. Como ramas sacamos la fuerza de Cristo que es la viña. Esa fuerza nos facilita dar fruto—hacer el trabajo de los verdaderos discípulos.



Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 3, 2015

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

~1 John 3:18

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven's banquet dimmed, since most people saw God's just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn't improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the "Dark Ages." Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: "Yo soy la vid, ustedes son los sarmientos" (Juan 15:5). Jesús añade que los sarmientos (ramas) que permanecen en él, dan mucho fruto. Según la agricultura, la vid es una parra, es decir, una planta perenne de ramas frondosas.

Una parte importante de la vid son las hojas. Es obvio que una vid tiene hojas, pero Jesús no las menciona, prefiere enfocarse en los sarmientos. Las partes de la vid son las raíces, tronco, sarmientos, hojas, flores y fruto. Según esta división Jesús sería el tronco, pero él dice ser la vid completa. Esta es una imagen de la unidad que Jesús quiere entre sus seguidores. Recordemos que Jesús celebra la Última Cena con sus discípulos. La comunidad de discípulos unidos a Jesús formamos la vid. Los sarmientos o ramas conducen agua y minerales a las hojas, flores y frutos, y son útiles en tanto estén unidos a la vid. Lo mismo vale de los cristianos, discípulos de Jesús. Son ellos y ellas los que hacen presente y le dan vida a Jesús en el mundo de hoy.

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.

~ Parish News ~

New Parish Website: www.iccgregory.org



In keeping the tradition of honoring Mary in a month-long May devotion, Immaculate Heart of Mary Society invites everyone to join them every Sunday @ 6 p.m. in the prayer garden to pray the Holy Rosary as one Parish Family.

Did you Know? *The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary; the first 24 days fall within the liturgical season of Easter which is represented by the liturgical color white - the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).*

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" [Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1]



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"In the Sacraments we discover the strength to think and to act according to the Gospel."