

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Immaculate Conception Church

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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday:
9 am-12 pm & 1pm-3:30pm

PASTOR

Rev. James Puthenparambil

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David D. Solis Jr.

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John Womack & Co.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

David D. Solis Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

Belen Pena, Assistant D.R.E.
 Janie J. Garcia, Office Coordinator

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm English
 Sunday Masses: 7:00 am Spanish
 10:00 am & 12:00 pm English
 5:00 pm Bilingual

DAILY MASS

Tuesday 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am
 First Friday & Fridays of Lent 5:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Daily: 7:30 am -9:00pm
 *Note Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel *

PRAYER & PRAISE

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Chapel

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recited Daily 3:00 p.m. Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Prayer Garden

BAPTISMS

By Appointment only. Third Saturday of the Month. Contact Parish Office for more information and registration

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm and on request

MARRIAGE

By Appointment only: Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

QUINCEANERAS

Must be enrolled & attending Religious Education Classes. Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to proposed date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anytime on request

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Choir Coordinator: Naida Rios 774.3778
 Saturday 5:00 pm Rosendo Ortiz
 Sunday 7:00 am Gina Lopez
 10:00 am Tony Rios
 12:00 pm Karla Peña
 5:00 pm Pedro Solis

BULLETIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions: For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by Monday 3:15 pm. Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

Announcements: Any Mass Announcements must be submitted by Friday 12:00 pm. and approved by Pastor.

Ask
 and you will receive;

Seek
 and you will find;

Knock
 and the door will be
 opened to you.

Luke 11:9

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY July 23, 2016
5:00 PM: †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)
 †Lorrie Lucio (Lucy & Sam Cortez)
 †Juan "Chuco" Hernandez (Jesusa & Family)
 †Teodoro & †Felicitas Zambrano (Family)
 †Jose O. Lucio & †Anita O. Lucio (Lucio & Garcia Family)

SUNDAY July 24, 2016
7:00 AM: †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Janie Ortiz)
 †Salvador Ayala (Terri, Fred & Ana Ayala)
 †Guadalupe "Lupe" Lopez (Family)
 †Frank "Pancho" Hernandez (Rogelio & Sylvia Zuniga)
 †Juan "Chuco" Hernandez (Rogelio & Sylvia Zuniga)
 †Juan G., †Gloria, & †Ana Perez (Family)
 Health of Benito Anaya (Brenda Martinez)

10:00 AM: †Maria R. & †Eugenio Flores (Juan Flores & Family)
12:00 PM: †Lelia Guzman (Guzman Family)
 †Adrian G. Flores (Family)
 †Socorro Ortiz (Terri Ortiz)

5:00 PM: †Jose O. Lucio & †Anita O. Lucio (Lucio & Garcia Family)

MONDAY July 25, 2016
NO MASS

TUESDAY July 26, 2016
5:30 PM: †Jose O. Lucio & †Anita O. Lucio (Lucio & Garcia Family)
 †Romillo Rojo

WEDNESDAY July 27, 2016
8:30 AM: †Ron Martin

THURSDAY July 28, 2016
8:30 AM: †Mary Ann Tieman

FRIDAY July 29, 2016
8:30 AM: †Mary Ann Tieman

SATURDAY July 30, 2016
5:00 PM: †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)
 †Lorrie Lucio (Lucy & Sam Cortez)
 †John Chavez (Chavez Family)
 †Teodoro & †Felicitas Zambrano (Family)

SUNDAY July 31, 2016
7:00 AM: †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Janie Ortiz)
 †Salvador Ayala (Terri, Fred & Ana Ayala)
 †Guadalupe "Lupe" Lopez (Family)
 Health of Benito Anaya (Brenda Martinez)

10:00 AM: †Maria R. & †Eugenio Flores (Juan Flores & Family)
12:00 PM: †Lelia Guzman (Guzman Family)
 †Adrian G. Flores (Family)
 †Socorro Ortiz (Terri Ortiz)
 †Esteban Ortiz (Calendaria Ortiz & Family)
 †Salvador A. Solis Jr. (Virginia Solis & Family)
 †Jose Ortiz (Lisa Couch & Family)

5:00 PM: †Mary Ann Tieman
 †Trinidad Zambrano, †Clencia Avita, †Viola Sowell (Anita Zambrano)

† 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: Alfredo & Hermelinda Alcoser, Robert Alvarado, Victoria Arredondo, Leonor Banda, Estevan Cantu Jr, Adan Flores Sr, Eudelia Flores, Juana S. Garcia, Alejandra Guerrero, Manuela Hernandez, Senaida Hernandez, Manuel Hinojosa, Sr., Fidel Labeiga, Juanita Jimenez, Tina Juarez, Melissa Mompér, Mimi Obregon, Angie Ochoa, Candelaria Ortiz, Carmen Ortiz, Mercedes Ortiz, Anita Pena, Luis Pena, Jr., Johnny Pereida, Eva Perez, Jose Posas, Raul and Lenore Quintanilla, Esther Rangel, Cole Rivas, Datnacio Rivas, Esequiel Rodriguez, Richard Saldivar, Vanessa Steele, Alfonso Solis, Braulia Solis, Licha Solis, Gloria Trevino, Joe & Sara Trevino, Cynthia & Miranda Vela, Alejandro Veliz, Jose E. Zamora

Please Call the Office to add or remove an ill person.

Sunday Collection

LOOSE COLLECTION	1,981.00
ENVELOPE COLLECTION	2,333.00
BUILDING FUND	70.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	60.00
SECOND COLLECTION	293.00
July 17 2016 TOTAL	\$4,718.00

Up and Coming Parish 2nd Collections:

Aug 6th & Aug 7th

Building Fund

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



SATURDAY July 30, 2016

5:00 PM: Amelia, Louis, Juan

SUNDAY July 31, 2016

7:00 AM: Ysidro, John

10:00 AM: Maria, Terri, Chom Yo

12:00 PM: Jessie C., Alma, Virginia

5:00 PM: Juan, Lucy, David

Lectors

SATURDAY July 30, 2016

5:00 PM: David

SUNDAY July 31, 2016

7:00 AM: Elisa

10:00 AM: Brenda

12:00 PM: Jessie

5:00 PM: Anita



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	St. James 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Ss. Joachim & Anne Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	St. Martha Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ecll 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Council Pres.	Mike Lopez	438.9054
Finance Committee	Javier Solis	290.5953
Sacristans	Jesse Gomez	229.0102
	Juan Rodriguez	229.5515
Communion Ministers	Ysidro Peña	534.9587
Altar Servers	David D. Solis	643.4505
Lectors	Rene Sanchez	876.0904
Ushers	Ramiro Peña	222.8857
Altar Society	Nena Garcia	774.2604
Divine Mercy	Sonya G. Torres	730.6165
ICC Food Pantry	Adriana Moreno	543.7642
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Nydia Tamez	688.0333
Knights of Columbus	Edward Lara	229.2260
Sacred Heart	Amelia Flores	443.9811
St. Bernadette Angels	Belen Peña	558.4320
Vacation Bible School	Tycee Sanchez	876.0904
Prayer & Praise	Jeronimo Garcia	704.2136
Youth Group	Brian & Tori Garcia	946.9971
	Andrew & Alma Guerra	633.1110

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

SIGUE REZANDO

Santa Mónica, cuya fiesta celebramos en agosto, se conoce generalmente como "la madre persistente". Ella vio como su hijo mayor, Agustín, le daba la espalda a su fe cristiana.

Mónica estaba exasperada. Durante años se dio por vencida de hablar directamente a su hijo siguiendo el consejo de un obispo de la región que le dijo que era mejor hablar con Dios sobre Agustín que con Agustín sobre Dios.

La madre nunca dejó de rezar por su hijo. Finalmente, Agustín abandonó su rebeldía, fue bautizado y luego ordenado y nombrado obispo de Hipona. San Agustín se convirtió en uno de los eruditos más importantes de la Iglesia.

Las lecturas de hoy destacan la importancia de la oración persistente. Abraham, a pesar de temer molestar al Señor, continúa preguntándole sobre el destino de Sodoma y Gomorra. Jesús, en el Evangelio según san Lucas, le dice a sus discípulos "pidan y se les dará, busquen y encontrarán, toquen y se les abrirá" (Lucas 11:9). Esta es nuestra tarea: seguir rezando.

Jubilee Year of Mercy July 24, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Youth Day in Krakow: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"

This week, the universal Church focuses in prayerful solidarity on World Youth Day in Krakow, where WYD's founder, Saint John Paul II, served as archbishop. Its theme coincides with that of Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy*: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Today's Gospel echoes the same theme, as Jesus unites prayer with mercy in "The parable of the persistent friend." Jesus teaches us not only what words to pray, but what deeds must match authentic prayer. How beautifully down-to-earth is Jesus' portrait of a God who can be trusted to do what is best for us. A pesky neighbor disturbs a sleeping friend and disrupts the household. Yet beautiful images unfold. Persevering prayer receives active, practical mercy in loaves of bread, recalling Luke's unique expression for the Eucharist, "the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35; Acts 2:42). WYD, the *Jubilee*, and Jesus thus unite to define perfect prayer as persevering communion with God and unconditional mercy toward our neighbor.



From the Office of Religious Education

CCD registrations will begin on Sunday, August 7th from 11am - 1pm in the CCD building and will continue through the month of August. *If this is the child's first year in CCD please bring his/her Baptismal Certificate.*

We are currently seeking volunteers for:

Catechists: 8th Grade, High School, & Substitute Catechists.

Teacher Aides for: 1st Grade, 4th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, & High School

If you would like to help please call parish office.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

Reminder: Please turn in your raffle ticket money and ticket stubs to the parish office as soon as possible.



ONLINE GIVING

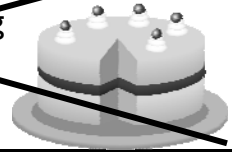
We now have an online giving feature integrated into our parish website. It is easy and safe to use. You can find it on www.iccgregory.org (mobile friendly)

Church Cleaning Schedule

Week of:	Organization
July 25	Choir
Aug 1	St. Bernadette
Aug 8	Jamaica Committee

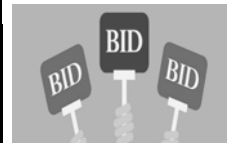
Cake Walk

~~Sacred Heart Society will be hosting a cake walk on Sunday August 7th at 2:00pm in the Holy Spirit Room.~~



Jamaica Auction

We are seeking items for our Jamaica Auction. These items can be new or slightly used. You can drop them off at the parish office between now and the end of September.



Raffle tickets are available for our \$100 raffle

if you would like to purchase, or sell a ticket please see parish office or any ministry / organization leader.

1st Prize: \$2250; **2nd Prize:** \$1050; **3rd Prize:** \$750;

4th Prize: \$350; **5th Prize:** \$250; **6th Prize:** \$200;

7th Prize: \$150

Drawing will be on Sunday, August 28th at 2:00pm in the Holy Spirit Room. Tickets: \$100 donation