



# IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

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## The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart Mary,

In today's reading, Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "**The God of Abraham . . .**" (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "**Holy and Righteous One**" and "**mouth of all the prophets**" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world.

The Latin Mass, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

As we await the return to activities again in our parish we can still go out into our community with the mission to spread the "**Good Word.**" We can welcome those back to the Church that have been homebound due to COVID. With the restrictions gradually lifting we can begin again to start planning for our Feast Day on June 12th and our Marian Conference on October 9th.

Immaculae Hart of mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

En la lectura d hoy, el discurso de Pedro comienza con una fórmula de oración familiar a los judíos: "**El Dios de Abraham...**" (Hechos 3:13). Asimismo contiene las poderosas frases "**Santo y Justo**" y "**boca de todos los profetas**" (3:14, 18). Pedro estaba declarando sin lugar a dudas que la ley, los salmos y los profetas se habían cumplido en Cristo. Esto se ve reforzado por el mismo Jesús en el pasaje del Evangelio, cuando dice que todo en la Escritura (para los primeros cristianos "la Escritura" era lo que hoy llamamos el Antiguo Testamento) tenía que cumplirse. Por encima de todo, Jesús y Pedro hacen hincapié en que somos testigos de todo esto, y somos enviados a dar testimonio en el mundo.

La palabra missa en latín, significa "enviado" (como "misión"). Al salir de la misa de hoy, recordemos ser testigos de todo lo que se ha cumplido en Cristo resucitado.

Mientras esperamos que vuelva a haber actividades en nuestra parroquia, todavía podemos salir a nuestra comunidad con la misión de difundir la "**Buena Palabra**". Podemos dar la bienvenida a la Iglesia a aquellos que han estado confinados en casa debido al COVID. Con el levantamiento gradual de las restricciones, podemos empezar de nuevo a planificar nuestra Fiesta del 12 de junio y nuestra Conferencia Mariana el 9 de octubre.

Inmaculado Coazon de Maria ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

### Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

### Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) -2:00PM (Spanish)

5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

### Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Sat. Apr. 17th

8:00am † Jesus Peres  
5:00pm † Dominico Chu Dinh  
† Joseph Tan Dong

#### Sun. Apr. 18th

7:30am Jessie Gamez - Health  
9:00 am IHM Parishioners  
10:45am † Maria y Rita Oseguera  
12:30pm James T. Halvorsen - Special Intention  
2:00pm † Esteban Carrillo  
5:00pm † Alfredo Zepeda

#### Mon. Apr. 19th

8:00 am † Magdalena Dizon

#### Tues. Apr. 20th

8:00 am Eva & Clint Daluz - Anniversary

#### Wed. Apr. 21st

8:00 am † Shane Rojo

#### Thurs. Apr. 22nd

8:00 am Josefina Diaz - Birthday

#### Fri. Apr. 23rd

8:00am † Frank Jacobs

### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Kay Aviani, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Coopoe,, Louise Delia, Anita Camera, Richard Grimes, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Connie Healey, Gina Lilly, Giselle Honore. \*\*\*\*\*

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Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: [bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com](mailto:bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com). Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 273: Acts 6:8-1a Ps 119:23-24,  
26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 274: Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b,  
8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 275: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a  
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: 276: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20  
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: 277: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2  
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 278: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17  
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: 50: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,  
26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18

### Mass Ushers:

We need to update our usher information. We have a sign in sheet in the alter servers room. Please print your name, email address and phone number and mass you attend clearly. We need to review collection procedures and need an usher for each mass willing to be head usher.

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### Acomodadores de misa:

Necesitamos actualizar la información de nuestros acomodadores. Tenemos una hoja en la sala de los monaguillos para que los acomodadores completen la información que estamos buscando. Por favor, escriba su nombre, dirección de correo electrónico y número de teléfono y la Misa que asisten claramente. Necesitamos revisar los procedimientos de las colectas y necesitamos un acomodador para cada misa dispuesto a ser el acomodador principal. Gracias.

## Lectura

### Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,  
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres  
Que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,  
te bendecimos,  
te adoramos,  
te glorificamos,  
te damos gracias,  
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,  
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,  
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios,  
Hijo del Padre;  
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
Ten piedad de nosotros;  
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
Atiende nuestra suplica;  
Tu que estas sentado a  
La derecha del Padre,  
Ten piedad de nosotros;  
Porque solo tu eres Santo,  
Solo tu Señor,  
Solo tu Altísimo Jesucristo.  
Con el Espíritu Santo  
En la gloria de Dios Padre.  
Amen.

### Primera lectura

Hch 3, 13-15. 17-19

En aquellos días, Pedro tomó la palabra y dijo: "El Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob, el Dios de nuestros padres, ha glorificado a su siervo Jesús, a quien ustedes entregaron a Pilato, y a quien rechazaron en su presencia, cuando él ya había decidido ponerlo en libertad. Rechazaron al santo, al justo, y pidieron el indulto de un asesino; han dado muerte al autor de la vida, pero Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos y de ello nosotros somos testigos. Ahora bien, hermanos, yo sé que ustedes han obrado por ignorancia, de la misma manera que sus jefes; pero Dios cumplió así lo que había predicho por boca de los profetas: que su Mesías tenía que padecer. Por lo tanto, arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se les perdonen sus pecados".

### Salmo Responsorial

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Haz brillar sobre nosotros el resplandor de tu rostro.

### Segunda Lectura

1 Jn 2, 1-5a

Hijitos míos: Les escribo esto para que no pequen. Pero, si alguien peca, tenemos como intercesor ante el Padre, a Jesucristo, el justo. Porque él se ofreció como víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados, y no sólo por los nuestros, sino por los del mundo entero.

En esto tenemos una prueba de que conocemos a Dios, en que cumplimos sus mandamientos. El que dice: "Yo lo conozco", pero no cumple sus mandamientos, es un mentiroso y la verdad no está en él. Pero en aquel que cumple su palabra, el amor de

Dios ha llegado a su plenitud, y precisamente en esto conocemos que estamos unidos a él.

### Evangelio

Lc 24, 35-48

Cuando los dos discípulos regresaron de Emaús y llegaron al sitio donde estaban reunidos los apóstoles, les contaron lo que les había pasado en el camino y cómo habían reconocido a Jesús al partir el pan.

Mientras hablaban de esas cosas, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Ellos, desconcertados y llenos de temor, creían ver un fantasma. Pero él les dijo: "No teman; soy yo. ¿Por qué se espantan? ¿Por qué surgen dudas en su interior? Miren mis manos y mis pies. Soy yo en persona. Tóquenme y convézanse: un fantasma no tiene ni carne ni huesos, como ven que tengo yo". Y les mostró las manos y los pies. Pero como ellos no acababan de creer de pura alegría y seguían atónitos, les dijo: "¿Tienen aquí algo de comer?" Le ofrecieron un trozo de pescado asado; él lo tomó y se puso a comer delante de ellos.

Después les dijo: "Lo que ha sucedido es aquello de que les hablaba yo, cuando aún estaba con ustedes: que tenía que cumplirse todo lo que estaba escrito de mí en la ley de Moisés, en los profetas y en los salmos".

Entonces les abrió el entendimiento para que comprendieran las Escrituras y les dijo: "Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y había de resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día, y que en su nombre se había de predicar a todas las naciones, comenzando por Jerusalén, la necesidad de volverse a Dios para el perdón de los pecados. Ustedes son testigos de esto".

### Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que habla por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.

## Readings

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### First Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people:  
"The God of Abraham,  
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,  
the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus,  
whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence  
when he had decided to release him.  
You denied the Holy and Righteous One  
and asked that a murderer be released to you.  
The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead;  
of this we are witnesses.  
Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance,  
just as your leaders did;  
but God has thus brought to fulfillment  
what he had announced beforehand  
through the mouth of all the prophets,  
that his Christ would suffer.  
Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins  
may be wiped away."

### Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

### Second Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you  
so that you may not commit sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with  
the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.  
He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins  
only but for those of the whole world.  
The way we may be sure that we know him is to  
keep his commandments.  
Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his  
commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.  
But whoever keeps his word,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

### Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on  
the way, and how Jesus was made known to them  
in the breaking of bread.  
While they were still speaking about this,  
he stood in their midst and said to them,  
"Peace be with you." But they were startled and  
terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.  
Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?  
And why do questions arise in your hearts?  
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.  
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have  
flesh and bones as you can see I have."  
And as he said this, he showed them his hands and  
his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and  
were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything  
here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish;  
he took it and ate it in front of them.  
He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke  
to you while I was still with you, that everything  
written about me in the law of Moses and in the  
prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."  
Then he opened their minds to understand the  
Scriptures.  
And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the  
Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the  
third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of  
sins, would be preached in his name to all the  
nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things."

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.**  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



April 18, 2021

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

Written by  
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### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In each of our lifetimes, we can look back to a time when we witnessed history. Depending on our generation, it's likely we remember exactly what we were doing the day JFK was assassinated, on 9/11 or, more recently, when our school or workplace shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Even these far-reaching events pale in comparison to what the disciples witnessed when the risen Christ appeared to them. Assuring them he was not a ghost, Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," and reminded them that they were witnesses to a different kind of history – salvation history: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." Let us pray that we, too, may have our minds open to the eyewitness accounts in Scripture and our hearts open to repentance, so that "[our] sins may be wiped away."

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm struck by the disciples' reaction when they realized Jesus really was in the room. They were "incredulous for joy" and "amazed." After this encounter with Jesus, they could not help but share the Good News. Just as the disciples in the early Church testified to Christ's resurrection, today's readings challenge us to share the Good News in a similar way. For many Catholics, this isn't at the top of our skill-set. However, in a 2019 gathering on the New Evangelization, Pope Francis reminds us not to fret over finding the right words. "The joy of the Gospel comes from the encounter with Jesus," he says. "When we meet the Lord, we are inundated by that love of which he alone is capable." This love transforms our whole life, and "the need to announce it arises spontaneously, it becomes irrepressible." The pope's words challenge us first to deepen our relationship with Jesus, then to allow it to transform us, and finally to share Christ's love through our words and actions.

**STUDY** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a short document on its website from St. Paul Street Evangelization titled "Taking the First Step: Keys to Sharing Faith Person-to-Person." Give it a read: [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org).

### Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.  
Sé nuestro amparo contra la  
perversidad y asechanzas del  
demonio. Reprímale Dios,  
pedimos suplicantes,  
y tú Príncipe de la  
Milicia Celestial,  
con el divino poder de Dios,  
arroja al infierno a Satanás  
y a todos los espíritus  
malignos que andan dispersos  
por el mundo  
para la perdición de las almas.  
Amén.



### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God  
rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen

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October 9, 2021  
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## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of April 25, 2021, please bring canned soups. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 25 de abril, 2021, por favor traigan sopas enlatadas. GRACIAS!!!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 2, 2021 - Facility Improvement  
May 16, 2021 - Maintenance Fund

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

2 de mayo, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento  
de las Instalaciones  
16 de mayo, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento



### KoC and IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

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Most paper-based items are safe for Shred-it containers so long as they are not in contact with anything flammable. Don't worry about separating items that have been stapled or clipped together, either; small metal items like paper clips can also be thrown in.

#### What Cannot Go in Secure Shredding Containers

Electronics and office supplies cannot go into Shred-it containers. There are a variety of risks involved if these items make their way into the tamper-proof containers. As an example, many electronic items use lithium batteries, which are highly flammable and can result in a fire if not treated carefully. In fact, between 2016 and 2019 there was a **26% increase in the number of fires at waste facilities** across the U.S. and Canada thanks to these discarded devices. Unfortunately, when mishandled, **these batteries risk overheating, catching fire, or exploding.** Combined with paper-based documents in a tamper-proof container, this can result in a dangerous fire hazard or explosion.

Electronics aren't the only thing that can ruin the container. Syringes, glass, cans, cardboard tubes, ink cartridges and toners, hanging folders, nuts and bolts, office supplies like hole punchers and staple removers, and even food can all be harmful or damaging when thrown in a Shred-it container carelessly.



#### **Hours of Adoration**

are on Thursdays from 9:00AM to 6:00PM. On Fridays Adoration begins at 9:00am and continues until 7:00am on Saturday.

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**Horas de Adoración** son los jueves de 9:00AM a 6:00PM. Adoración los viernes empieza a las 9:00AM y continúa hasta el sábado a las 7:00AM.

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## Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

### + Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM  
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### Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes  
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### **Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario**

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Wednesday/Miércoles  
8:30AM

### **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro**

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Friday/Viernes  
8:30AM

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia**

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## The Story of Mary, Mother of God

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: **"Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"** (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that **"God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law"** (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that **"God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'"** helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title **"Mother of God"** goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos*!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

## Please Help!!

We are in need of 6 volunteers per mass to help.

- Help with seeing all persons wear face masks properly during Mass

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- Wipe down pews
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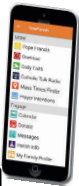
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