



# 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.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 11, 2021



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## The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

The Faith Formation program began taking applications July 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to the IHM website and register for Teen Confirmation until July 31<sup>st</sup> and CCD until August 15. Both programs are 2 year programs and you must register for each year.

On pages 8 and 9 we have a letter from Bishop Barber informing about dispensation ending. Please take the time to read.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias el Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

¿Quién eligió primero, Dios o tú? Esa es la pregunta que exploramos en las tres lecturas de hoy. La segunda lectura, la carta de Pablo a los Efesios, se lee casi como un himno. Es una alabanza a Dios por habernos escogido, habernos llamado a servir, y por bendecirnos en nuestro servicio. Pablo deja en claro el gran honor que hemos recibido y lo especial que es la llamada a vivir como hijos de Dios. Esto no es por nuestros méritos.

La primera lectura y el Evangelio usan prosa en vez de poesía para describir la misma verdad: Dios nos escogió, no nosotros. Cuando el profeta Amós fue criticado por ser un profeta, respondió que, en primer lugar, el asunto no era su idea. Tampoco los doce apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy pidieron su llamado. Jesús los envió de dos en dos, para hacer el trabajo de su Reino.

El programa de Formación de Fe comenzó a recibir solicitudes el 1 de julio. Vaya al sitio web de ICM y regístrese para la Confirmación de Adolescentes hasta el 31 de julio y parfa el Catecismo hasta el 15 de agosto. Ambos programas son de dos años y deben inscribirse para cada año.

En las paginas 8 y 9 tenemos una carta del Obispo Barber informandonos que terminara la dispensacion. Favor de tomar el tiempo de leerla.

Inmaculado Corazon 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. July 10th

8:00am † Jacquelyn Esser  
5:00pm † Julie Halpin

#### Sun. July 11th

7:30am Valerie La Haie - Birthday  
9:00am IHM Parishioners  
10:45am † Elvira Sanchez y Jose Oseguera  
12:30pm Eva Deluz - Birthday  
2:00pm † Lalo Gomez Peña  
5:00pm † Gonzalo Lanata

#### Mon. July 12th

8:00am Bert Suva - Birthday

#### Tues. July 13th

8:00am Arnold & Lourdes Ford - Anniversary

#### Wed. July 14th

8:00am † Jesus Del Real

#### Thurs. July 15th

8:00 am † Buddy Serna

#### Fri. July 16th

8:00am † James Daley

### Funerals for the month of June

Shirley Bevell  
Jesus Zepeda  
Ed Camera  
Eleanor Galli  
Jaime Ortega  
Ismael Carrillo Torres  
Brian Hugh Fottrell  
Richard David Grimes  
Margarita Akina  
Ena Saylor



### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Cooper, Louise Delia, Anita Camera, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Connie Healey, Gina Lilly, Giselle Honore, \*\*\*\*\* Roselia Santillon, Mary Lou Rodriguez, Chita Moore, Frances Ramos, Teresa Burke, Mary Franchetto, Rita and Richard Nahm, F. Albert Grosskopf SJ. , Shane Pearce, Dan Holmes, Eleanor Janson, Patrick Bowen, Phillip Aiello, John Hesse, Janet Gonzalez, Ryan Enos, Jose Santos-Silva, Ross Stevie, William Smith, Marge and Larry Cragle, Janet and Ehrich Heitzmane, Frank Vargas, Aurora Tiangco, Michalina Siedliski, Rick Souza, Gail Della Nina, Oscar Alvarez, Dan Holmes, Shane Pearce, Solangue and Nicole Patino-Patroni, Gloria Almeida, Prisiliano Cuevas, Bernadette Gluck, Jesus Garatachea, Maria de Jesus Jaimes, Ramiro Cortez, Darlene Riva, Baby Adrian Rodriguez, Enid Ortiz, Lelani Gray, Rodney Gallegos, Scott Bolen, Daniel Figueroa, Frank Vargas, Domingo Celis, Jr. Mary McGrath, Maria Medina, Juan Samuel Cano, Jr., Will Bean, Sydney Reed, Candice Sala, Jose Gomez, Kim Korstad, Rose and Greg Smith, Mary McCann, Terese Brantome, Cecile Cansino, Sydney Reed, Eveylin Siino, Paulina Abada, Sheila Carrier, Ann Hyde, Kelly Pratt, Mia Eternal, John Wisniewski, Elizabeth Carranza, Joel Rivera, Barbara Vasquez, Baby Griffin Hinman, Michael Oscar Frank, Maria Guadalupe Oseguera, Victor Bustos, Joe Stiglich, Josephina Gonzales, Nico Gracia-Medrano, Dawn Landphere, Bev Casey, Calletano Villalobos, Daryle Terry, Gordon Mahl, Yolanda Sanchez, Carolyn Daddona, Barbara King, Joe Oliver.

If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail: [bulletin@hmbrentwood.com](mailto:bulletin@hmbrentwood.com). At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

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@hmbrentwood.com](mailto:bulletin@hmbrentwood.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: 389: Ex:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8  
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: 390: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31,  
33-34 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: 391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7  
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: 392: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9,  
24-27 Mt 11:28-30

Friday: 393: Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13,  
15, 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: 394: Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24,  
10-15 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: 107: Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6  
Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

## Lectura

### Primera lectura

Am 7,12-15

En aquel tiempo, Amasías, sacerdote de Betel, le dijo al profeta Amós: "Vete de aquí, visionario, y huye al país de Judá; gánate allá el pan, profetizando; pero no vuelvas a profetizar en Betel, porque es santuario del rey y templo del reino".

Respondió Amós:

"Yo no soy profeta ni hijo de profeta, sino pastor y cultivador de higos. El Señor me sacó de junto al rebaño y me dijo: 'Ve y profetiza a mi pueblo, Israel' ".

### Salmo Responsorial

Ps: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Muéstranos, Señor tu misericordia y danos to salvación, y danos tu salvación.

### Segunda Lectura

Ef 1,3-14

Bendito sea Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que nos ha bendecido en él con toda clase de bienes espirituales y celestiales. Él nos eligió en Cristo, antes de crear el mundo, para que fuéramos santos e irreprochables a sus ojos, por el amor, y determinó, porque así lo quiso, que, por medio de Jesucristo, fuéramos sus hijos, para que alabemos y glorifiquemos la gracia con que nos ha favorecido por medio de su Hijo amado.

Pues por Cristo, por su sangre, hemos recibido la redención, el perdón de los pecados. Él ha prodigado sobre nosotros el tesoro de su gracia, con toda sabiduría e inteligencia, dándonos a conocer el misterio de su voluntad. Este es el plan que había proyectado realizar por Cristo, cuando llegara la plenitud de los tiempos: hacer que todas las cosas, las del cielo y las de la tierra, tuvieran a Cristo por cabeza.

Con Cristo somos herederos también nosotros. Para esto estábamos destinados, por decisión del que lo hace todo según su voluntad: para que fuéramos una alabanza continua de su gloria, nosotros, los que ya antes esperábamos en Cristo.

En él también ustedes, después de escuchar la palabra de la verdad, el Evangelio de su salvación, y después de creer, han sido marcados con el Espíritu Santo prometido. Este Espíritu es la garantía de nuestra herencia, mientras llega la liberación del pueblo adquirido por Dios, para alabanza de su gloria.

### Evangelio

Mc 6,7-13

En aquel tiempo, llamó Jesús a los Doce, los envió de dos en dos y les dio poder sobre los espíritus inmundos. Les mandó que no llevaran nada para el camino: ni pan, ni mochila, ni dinero en el cinto, sino únicamente un bastón, sandalias y una sola túnica.

Y les dijo: "Cuando entren en una casa, quédense en ella hasta que se vayan de ese lugar. Si en alguna parte no los reciben ni los escuchan, al abandonar ese lugar, sacúdanse el polvo de los pies, como una advertencia para ellos".

Los discípulos se fueron a predicar el arrepentimiento. Expulsaban a los demonios, ungián con aceite a los enfermos y los curaban.

### 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 habló 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

### First Reading

Am 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos,  
"Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah!  
There earn your bread by prophesying,  
but never again prophesy in Bethel;  
for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple."  
Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet,  
nor have I belonged to a company of prophets;  
I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores.  
The LORD took me from following the flock,  
and said to me,  
Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

### Reponsorial Psalm

Ps: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness. Lord, let us see your kindness.

### Second Reading

Eph 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him,  
before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.  
In love he destined us for adoption to himself  
through Jesus Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will,  
for the praise of the glory of his grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.  
In him we have redemption by his blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions,  
in accord with the riches of his grace that he  
lavished upon us.  
In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to  
us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor  
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of  
times,  
to sum up all things in Christ,  
in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen,  
destined in accord with the purpose of the One  
who accomplishes all things according to the  
intention of his will,  
so that we might exist for the praise of his glory,  
we who first hoped in Christ.  
In him you also, who have heard the word of  
truth, the gospel of your salvation,  
and have believed in him,  
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,  
which is the first installment of our inheritance  
toward redemption as God's possession,  
to the praise of his glory.

### Gospel

Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send  
them out two by two  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.  
He instructed them to take nothing for the  
journey but a walking stick—  
no food, no sack, no money in their belts.  
They were, however, to wear sandals  
but not a second tunic.  
He said to them,  
"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until  
you leave.  
Whatever place does not welcome you or listen  
to you,  
leave there and shake the dust off your feet  
in testimony against them."  
So they went off and preached repentance.  
The Twelve drove out many demons,  
and they anointed with oil many who were sick  
and cured them.

### 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.



July 11, 2021 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

I don't know about you, but even for the quickest of errands I don't like to leave my house without my smartphone. Nor would I go on a road trip without my trusty mini-Diet Coke and a snack or two. So I'm struck by what Jesus tells the Apostles when he sends them on their mission to share the Good News: "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." While it may be hard for us to imagine striking out with only the sandals on our feet, to me this reading is more about what the Apostles *did* have than what they went without: They had a companion (Jesus sent them two by two) and the spiritual blessings Saint Paul refers to, including a relationship with Jesus and absolute trust in him. Today's readings remind us to set aside distractions and spend time deepening our relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and participating in the sacramental life of the Church. In doing so, we, too, can join in the mission of the early disciples by giving our lives to Jesus and sharing his message with others.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

I find the phrase "the new evangelization" somewhat ironic. After all, evangelization is not new, it goes back to the earliest days of the Church, which wouldn't exist had it not been for the disciples. The "new" part reminds us that we today also share in this mission. The U.S. Catholic bishops describe it succinctly: "The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel." This call is both simple, and challenging, but we don't have to be perfect. After all, just as God called Amos, a humble shepherd, and Jesus called the Twelve, a motley group of fishermen, he calls us. Like them, our first "task" isn't a task at all - it is placing God and our relationship with Jesus at the center of our lives. Only then can we effectively share the Gospel with others, inviting our brothers and sisters to a life in Christ - to become part of God's adopted family.

**WITNESS** At the end of Sunday Mass, we often hear the words: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." As we are sent forth, let us ask God to show us how we can share the Gospel with others during the week ahead. Then pay attention to where the Spirit leads us in answering our prayer.

**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

## Information/Información

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

For the weekend of July 18, 2021, please bring Mac and cheese. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 18 de julio, 2021, por favor traigan macarron con queso. GRACIAS!!!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 25, 2021 - Bishop's Appeal  
August 1, 2021 - Facility Improvement

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

25 de julio 2021 - Apelacion del Obispo  
Agosto 1, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones



"People rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart."  
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week.

No more envelopes to find before you go to Mass, no more scrambling thru your purse for your donation.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)  
and use our church code: **CA752**.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### Banns of Marriage/Amonestaciones

This is to announce that Natividad Tello Clark and Rossana Talavera Bolanos are planning to get married in the Parish of San Jose de Bolanos in the Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepcion in the State of Coahuila, Mexico on December 25, 2021. If anyone knows of any reason why this couple should not be married, please contact the parish office at: 925-634-4154.

Este anuncio es para avisar que Natividad Tello Clark y Rossana Talavera Bolanos estan planeando casarse en la Parroquia San Jose de Bolanos, Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepcion en el Estado de Coahuila en Mexico el 25 de diciembre del 2021. Si algunos de ustedes saben de alguna razon por la cual esta pareja no se debe casar, por favor avisen a la oficina de la parroquia al 925-634-4154.

### CONTRA COSTA FOOD BANK



The Contra Costa Food Bank Mobile Produce Distribution Program distributes FREE produce on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the IHM parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm to families in need. This program is only for low-income families.

For more information, please call Ralph at: 925-437-3509.



**NOTE:** New Wednesday Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help schedule starting July 7, 2021 — first Wednesdays of the month will be in the evening at 6:00PM with Benediction. (There will be NO morning novena on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays). Other Wednesdays of the month will be in the morning after the 8:00AM Mass.

We now have a code for the website **FORMED.ORG** - Simply open a web browser and type in: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). - Go to the lower right hand side and click on "Register" and follow the prompts. Our IHM code is: **CM7TFZ**

This is a dynamic website that has all things Catholic, on demand, all the time! Check it out!!!

### Donate Your Car or Any Vehicle!



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Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ



## Como Podria Alguien Permanecer Alejado? REGRESO A LA EUCARISTIA 29 de junio, 2021

ustedes" (Luxas 22:15). cuando la gente pregunta: "Porque debemos ir a Misa?", yo respondo: "Porque Jesus te esta esperando allí en la Iglesia y quiere estar contigo—allí mismo-en la Sagrada Eucaristia". Se trata de un encuentro personal con Jesús que vivimos como individuos y como una comunidad, en la celebración de la Misa: La celebración de la Eucaristia es el momento y el lugar en el cuál podemos permitirle a Cristo que nos ame, y podemos devolverle Su amor.

¿Sabiendo esto, como podría alguien permanecer alejado?

Estamos saliendo de un año y medio de "ayunar" de la participación plena, personal y activa en la Eucaristia por las precauciones que debimos adoptar por la pandemia de COVID-19. Por eso el Señor nos vuelve a decir, como lo hizo con los apóstoles en la Última Cena "Cuanto he anhelado estar con ustedes!" Y como los sacerdotes también hemos anhelado estar con ustedes para conmemorar juntos la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor.

No puedo expresarles lo feliz que me sentí al ver a tanta gente regresar a Misa para la Semana Santa y la Pascua de este año, y desde el pasado 15 de junio con el levantamiento de la mayoría de las restricciones de COVID-19, para Misas diarias y dominicales. Me sentí como San Pedro durante la Transfiguración, cuando dijo: "Señor, es bueno que nosotros estemos aquí!"

Al participar en la Misa, podemos estar juntos a Jesús en el momento en que El entrega Su vida por Sus amigos. Tú y yo somos esos amigos. Jesús amó a Sus apóstoles "hasta el fin" (Jn 13, 1), y nos amara "hasta el fin".

Cuando Cristo enseñó: "Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y agobiados por la carga, y yo les dare alivio", creo que nos animaba a acercarnos a El donde está más intensamente presente, en Su propio cuerpo y sangre en el altar del sacrificio de cada Misa. Quizás eso explique el estudio de los sociólogos que encontraron que todos los grupos socioeconómicos de ó sufrieron más ansiedad, mas estrés y más depresion durante la pandemia excepto uno: los que asisten a la iglesia con regularidad.

Cuando Cristo dijo a los apóstoles en la Última Cena, "Hagan esto en memoria mia", no solo les estaba dando una instrucción a los apóstoles para que celebrarán la Eucaristia, sino que tambien nos invitaba a todos, hermanos y hermanas cristianas a acercarnos juntos al altar, para escucharlo hablar con nosotros de las Escrituras y recibirlo dentro de nuestro cuerpo y nuestro Corazón. En los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II leemos que la comunión con el Cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo nos transforma en lo que recibimos. Nos divinizamos. Santo Tomás de Aquino enseño que "El efecto propio de la Eucaristia es la transformacion de los seres humanos en Dios" (Santo Tomas de Aquino, Sent. I, dist. 12, q.a.I.). ¿Nos damos cuenta de lo que esto significa?

Nuestra creencia en la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristia viene de las Escrituras. Jesús afirma Su presencia real al decir: "Este es mi cuerpo; esta es mi sangre" (Lc 22:19-20; Mt 26: 26-28; Mc 14: 22-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-25). La Iglesia siempre ha guardado y preservado fielmente esta enseñanza de una generación a la siguiente, a pesar de que las herejias diluyan o incluso nieguen la presencia real de Cristo en la Sagrada Comunión. Jesús mismo enseñó lo importante que era para El que vinieramos a celebrar la Eucaristia y a recibirlo en la Sagrada Comunión:

*"Yo les aseguro: Si no comen la carne del Hijo del hombre y no beben la sangre, no podrán tener vida en ustedes. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna y yo lo resucitaré el última día. Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él. El Padre, que me ha enviado, posee la vida y yo vivo por el, así también él que me come vivirá por mí."*

Como escribe recientemente el obispo Robert Barron: "Simplemente, desde este lado del cielo, no hay una comunión mas íntima posible con el Señor resucitado."

Así que regresemos a El en la Misa, en persona, uniéndonos como una comunidad de adoración, para ser alimentados con Su palabra en las escrituras y Su cuerpo y sangre en la Sagrada Comunión.

**Dado que la salud espiritual siempre ha sido considerada como una prioridad, estoy restableciendo la ley que fue dispensada debido a la pandemia. Nuestra solemne obligación de asistir a Misa los domingos y los días santos de obligación volverá a entrar en vigor en la Diócesis de Oakland a partir del domingo 15 de Agosto de 2021, día en que celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de Nuestra Señora al Cielo.**

En la Liturgia Divina de las Iglesias Católicas orientales, en el momento del signo de la paz, cada uno le dice a su prójimo: "Cristo esta entre nosotros." Y la respuesta es: "El está y siempre estará." Regresemos a su Presencia con alabanza: Aclamémosle con "cánticos." (Salmo 95:2).

Si bien es cierto que una enfermedad, una dolencia o razones verdaderamente graves podrían impedirnos y, por lo tanto, dispensarnos siempre de nuestra obligación de asistir a la Iglesia para participar en la Misa, cualquier ausencia casual de la Misa sin una razón seria lleva la carga de un pecado delirado contra Dios y el prójimo (y debe ser llevado a la Confesión antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión). Desde mucho antes de la pandemia, la Iglesia siempre ha reconocido que existen razones "serias" o "graves" que impiden que los católicos asistan a Misa. Por ejemplo, si una persona está enferma o confinada en su hogar, o vive/visita áreas del mundo donde el acceso a la Misa es limitado, o surge una situación que impide viajar (una tormenta de nieve o una llanta pinchada), dichas personas no estarían sujetas a esta obligación. En el caso de una pandemia, las razones serias o graves incluirían:

- Cualquiera que este enfermo, sintomático o haya estado expuesto recientemente al coronavirus. Proteger la salud de los demás es un acto de caridad Cristiana y un deber moral entre nosotros.
- Cualquier persona con factores de riesgo importantes para la salud que le obliguen a evitar los espacios públicos, o si cuida a alguien con factores de riesgo significativos.
- Cualquiera que no pueda asistir a Misa por causas ajenas a su voluntad, por ejemplo, un padre que cuida a un niño enfermo o si el sacerdote esta enfermo.





Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ



## How Could Anyone Stay Away? A RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST June 29, 2021

*"How I have longed to celebrate this Passover with you" (Luke 22:15). When people ask, "Why should we go to Mass?" I answer, "Because Jesus is waiting for you*

there in the Church, and He wants to be with you—right there—in the Holy Eucharist." It is about a personal encounter with Jesus that we have as individuals AND as a community, in the celebration of the Mass. The celebration of the Eucharist is the time and place where we can allow Christ to love us, and we can return His love.

Knowing this, how could anyone stay away? We are coming off a year and half of "fasting" from full, personal and active participation in the Eucharist because of the COVID pandemic precautions. Hence the Lord says again to us, as He did to the Apostles at the Last Supper, "How I have longed to be with you!" And how we priests have longed to be with you also to celebrate together the Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

I cannot tell you how happy I was to see many people coming back to Mass for Holy Week and Easter this year, and since the June 15 lifting of most COVID restrictions, for daily and Sunday Masses. I felt like St. Peter at the Transfiguration when he said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here!"

By participating in the Mass, we can be with Jesus at the moment He lays His life for His friends. You and I are those friends. Jesus loved His Apostles "to the end" (Jn 13:1), and He will love us "to the end."

When Christ taught "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest," I believe He was encouraging us to come to HIM where He is most intensely present, in His own Body and Blood on the altar of sacrifice at every Mass. Maybe that explains the sociologists' study that found all socio-economic groups of people suffered more anxiety, more stress, and more depression during the pandemic, except one—those who attend church regularly.

When Christ said to the Apostles at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me," He was not only giving a command to the Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist—he was also inviting all of us Christians brothers and sisters, to come together at the altar, to listen to Him speaking to us in the Scriptures, and to receive Him inside our bodies and our hearts.'

In the documents' of the Second Vatican Council, we read that communion with the Body and Blood of Christ changes us into what we receive. We become divinized, St. Thomas Aquinas taught "The proper effect of the Eucharist is the transformation of human beings into God" (Aquinas, Sent. IV, dist. 12, q. 2, a. I.). Do we realize this?

Our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is scriptural, Jesus meant it when He said "This is my Body; this is my Blood" (Lk 22:19-10; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-25). The Church has always guarded and preserved this teaching faithfully from one generation to the next, despite heresies diluting or even denying the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion.'

Jesus Himself taught how important it was to Him that we come to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Him in Holy Communion.

*"Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him in the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink...Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:53-57).*

As Bishop Robert Barron recently wrote, "There is simply, this side of heaven, no more intimate communion possible with the risen Lord.'

So let us come back to Him at Mass in person, joining together as a worshipping community, to be fed with His word in Scripture, and His blood in Holy Communion.

**Since the Church always has our spiritual health as her primary consideration, I am reinstating the law which was dispensed because of the pandemic. Our solemn obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will come back onto force in the Diocese of Oakland on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven!**

**In the Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Catholic Churches, at the sign of peace, each person says to their neighbor, "Christ is among us." And the response is, "He is and always will be." Let us come back into His presence "singing for joy" (Psalm 95:2.)**

While it is true that illness, infirmity or truly serious reasons may impede and therefore always dispense us of our obligation to come to church for Mass, any causal absence from Mass without serious reason carries the burden of a willful sin against God and neighbor and should be brought to Confession before receiving Holy Communion. Long before this pandemic, the Church has always recognized that there are "serious" or "grave" reasons that prevent Catholics from attending Mass. For example, if a person is sick or homebound, or living/visiting areas of the world where access to the Mass is limited, or a situation arises that prevents travel (snowstorm or flat tire), such persons would not be bound by the obligation. In the case of this pandemic, serious or grave reasons would include:

- Anyone who is sick, symptomatic, or has been recently exposed to the coronavirus. Protecting the health of others is an act of Christian charity and our moral duty to one another.
- Anyone with significant health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces, or if you care for someone with significant risk factors.
- Anyone who cannot attend Mass through no of their won, for example, a parent caring for a sick child, or if the parent is sick.

## Information/Información



### TEEN CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Confirmation for teens ages 14 and up will begin accepting registration online at the IHM website on July 1st. **Registration will close July 31st.** No registrations will be accepted after this date. This will allow parents four weeks to register for the program.

The Confirmation program is a two year process and will begin with a parent & student meeting in late August.

If your student was enrolled for year one last school year, they will need to **re-register for year two.**

If you have additional questions please email Julie Figueroa at: [ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com).

Please note the youth office is currently closed and will reopen July 1st. Thank you!

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



**Faith Formation ages 6 to 13 are July 1, 2021 till August 15, 2021 online at our IHM website.** If you can not complete a form on the website and submit it you can call the office and make an appointment with Linda Kortuem, 925-634-4154 Ext.117 or email: [lkortuem@ihmbrentwood.com](mailto:lkortuem@ihmbrentwood.com).

1. First Communion preparation first year and second year program, **we will need a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.**
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3. RCIC for children from 7yrs old to 17 yrs. old who have not been Baptized, First Communion, and Confirmation or First Communion and Confirmation for 13 to 17 ages of the older child **we will need a copy of your child's Baptism certificate for those who are Baptized.**

### Banns of Marriage/Amonestaciones

This is to announce that Maria Concepcion Fajardo and Gustavo Martinez Castro are planning to get married in the Parish of La Purisima Virgen in Zamora Michoacan, Mexico on December 19, 2021. If anyone knows of any reason why this couple should not be married, please contact the parish office at 925-634-4154.

Este anuncio es para avisar que Maria Concepcion Fajardo y Gustavo Martinez Castro estan planeando casarse en la Parroquia de la Purisima Virgen en Zamora, Michoacan, Mexico el 19 de diciembre del 2021. Si algunos de ustedes saben de alguna razon por la cual esta pareja no se debe casar, por favor avisen a la oficina de la parroquia al 925-634-4154.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! The utility van that is used to make weekly trips to the food bank to pick up food for our "Neighbors in Need" is on its last leg. We are reaching out to our parishioners to see if anyone has a connection with a dealership that would be willing to donate a new or gently used utility van for our needs so that we can continue to do this important ministry and possibly gain some advertising with their name on the van. If you can help, please contact the SVdP Society at our email:

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### New Ministry! Come Join!

Are you looking for a stress-free way to give some of your time and talent to your parish with little training, few if any meetings, and no set time commitment? Do you enjoy light gardening like deadheading roses, trimming small bushes, and weeding? The God's Groundskeepers ministry is for you! Over the past year, our Church has gone through a "vegetation makeover", is looking beautiful, and now needs some consistent TLC. We take care of the plants around the Plaza, Church building, and the Meditation Garden. We let the professionals do the rest! The only requirements are that you be a registered parishioner, and be at least 18 years old, or if under 18 attend with a parent. If you are interested, please call Tim at: 925-457-4519 or text him at: [tguernsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tguernsey@sbcglobal.net). Thank you and hope to see you soon!

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Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM  
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Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes  
7:30AM

### **Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario**

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

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### The Story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition—which may not be historical—that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

### Reflection

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word *sister* is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

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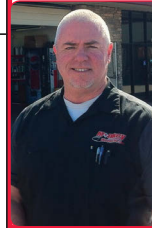
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