



IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

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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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world.

In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

In just 6 days we celebrate the birth of Christ and the joyful time in the Church calendar. Hopefully, you spent time in prayer to prepare for Christ's coming. May this special season bring much joy to you and your families.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Hay un espíritu de valor en nuestras lecturas de hoy. En una época de injusticia y amenaza de invasión, el profeta Miqueas valientemente anuncia que el Dios del insignificante Israel hará surgir a un líder de un lugar tan remoto como Belén, y este líder traerá justicia y paz a todo el mundo. E

En el Evangelio, Isabel y María, mujeres marginadas, celebran osadamente que sus hijos serán instrumentos de Dios y que cambiarán al mundo. Sabremos que este valor está enraizado en la confianza de Dios. El autor de la carta a los hebreos describe la obediencia fiel de Jesús. A María se le muestra como el ejemplo de la confianza fiel en Dios. Esta es la forma en que a menudo Dios parece obrar, en las personas ordinarias y marginadas de nuestro mundo. Aquellos que parecen débiles han aprendido a confiar en la fuerza de Dios. Ellos tienen el valor de convertirse en instrumentos de la paz y justicia de Dios.

En sólo seis días celebraremos el nacimiento de Cristo y el momento más alegre del calendario de la Iglesia. Esperamos que hayáis dedicado tiempo a la oración para preparar la venida de Cristo. Que este tiempo especial os traiga mucha alegría a vosotros y a vuestras familias.

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 Dec. 18th

6:00 am † Pat and Bob Breedlove
8:00 am † Mariana Peña
5:00 pm † Emmanuel Edralin

Sun. Dec. 19th

6:00 am † Juliane Dichter
7:30 am † Jean and Roque Cruz
9:00 am † Tomas & Teresa Romero
10:45 am † Isabel Arostegui
12:30 pm Tessie and Bert Suva -Thanksgiving
2:00 pm Rosalba Rodriguez -Special Intention
5:00 pm IHM Parishioners

Mon. Dec. 20th

6:00 am † Augusta Taffuri
8:00 am Christopher A. Ellenberger - Birthday

Tues. Dec. 21st

6:00 am † Lena Dame
8:00 am Martin Ochoa-Aragon - Birthday

Wed. Dec. 22nd

6:00 am † Franz Weber
8:00 am † Macaluso Boys

Thurs Dec. 23rd

6:00 am † Mr. Forell
8:00 am † Bañuelos & Salcedo Families

Fri. Dec. 24th

6:00 am Isabella and Christopher Ellenberger
- Special Intention
8:00 am † Demesia Rodriguez
5:00 pm † Ooka Family
7:00 pm † Mary Walter
9:00 pm † Jorge Antonio Garcia Torres
11:55pm † Federico Taffuri Calderon

Mass schedule for the Holidays:

December 24th – Christmas Eve

5pm – Family Mass
7pm – English Mass
9pm – Spanish Mass
12am – Bilingual Mass

December 25th – Christmas Day

7:30am – English Mass
9:00am – English Mass
10:45am - Spanish Mass
12:30pm – English Mass
2:00pm – Spanish Mass
5:00pm - Latin Mass

December 26th – Holy Family

7:30am – English
9:00am – English
10:45am – Spanish
12:30pm – English
2:00pm - Spanish
5:00pm - Latin



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 196: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: 197: Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps)1 Sm 2:1,
4-8d Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b,
8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 200: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

Friday Night: 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Saturday: 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6
Heb1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: 17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

Primera lectura

Mi 5:1-4a En cuanto ésta oyó el saludo de María,
la criatura saltó en su seno.

Esto dice el Señor:

“De ti, Belén de Efrata,
pequeña entre las aldeas de Judá,
de ti saldrá el jefe de Israel,
cuyos orígenes se remontan a tiempos pasados,
a los días más antiguos.

Por eso, el Señor abandonará a Israel,
mientras no dé a luz la que ha de dar a luz.

Entonces el resto de sus hermanos
se unirá a los hijos de Israel.

Él se levantará para pastorear a su pueblo
con la fuerza y la majestad del Señor,
su Dios.

Ellos habitarán tranquilos,
porque la grandeza del que ha de nacer llenará
la tierra y él mismo será la paz”.

Salmo Responsorial Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Oh Dios, restáuranos, que brille tu rostro y nos
salve.

Segunda Lectura

Heb 10, 5-10

Hermanos:

Al entrar al mundo, Cristo dijo,
conforme al salmo:

No quisiste víctimas ni ofrendas;
en cambio, me has dado un cuerpo.

No te agradaron los holocaustos ni los sacrificios
por el pecado;

entonces dije—porque a mí se refiere la
Escritura—: “Aquí estoy, Dios mío;
vengo para hacer tu voluntad”.

Comienza por decir:

“No quisiste víctimas ni ofrendas,
no te agradaron los holocaustos
ni los sacrificios por el pecado
—siendo así que eso es lo que pedía la ley—;

y luego añade:

“Aquí estoy, Dios mío;
vengo para hacer tu voluntad”.

Con esto, Cristo suprime los antiguos sacrificios,
para establecer el nuevo.

Y en virtud de esta voluntad,
todos quedamos santificados por la ofrenda
del cuerpo de Jesucristo,
hecha una vez por todas.

Evangelio

Lc 1, 39-45

En aquellos días,
María se encaminó presurosa a un pueblo
de las montañas de Judea,
y entrando en la casa de Zacarías,
saludó a Isabel.

Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo,
y levantando la voz, exclamó:

“¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito
el fruto de tu vientre!

¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor
venga a verme?

Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos,
el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno.

Dichosa tú, que has creído,
porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado
de parte del Señor”.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todo poderoso, 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, creado, 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
hablo por los profetas.

Creo en la 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 del mundo. Amen.



Readings Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face and we
shall be saved.

Second Reading

Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no
delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in."

These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will."
He takes away the first to establish the second.
By this "will," we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

Gospel

LK1:39-45

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"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?"

For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."

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.



Lectura - Natividad del Señor, Misa de la Noche

Primera lectura

Isaías 9:1-3, 5-6

El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas
vio una gran luz;
sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras,
una luz resplandeció.

Engrandeciste a tu pueblo
e hiciste grande su alegría.

Se gozan en tu presencia como gozan al cosechar,
como se alegran al repartirse el botín.

Porque tú quebrantaste su pesado yugo,
la barra que oprimía sus hombros y el cetro de
su tirano,
como en el día de Madián.

Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha
dado;

lleva sobre sus hombros el signo del imperio y su
nombre será:

"Consejero admirable", "Dios poderoso",
"Padre sempiterno", "Príncipe de la paz";
para extender el principado con una paz sin
límites sobre el trono de David y sobre su reino;
para establecerlo y consolidarlo
con la justicia y el derecho, desde ahora y para
siempre.

El celo del Señor lo realizará.

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Hoy nos ha nacido un salvador: el Mesías, el Señor.

Segunda Lectura

Tt 2:11-14

Querido hermano:

La gracia de Dios se ha manifestado
para salvar a todos los hombres
y nos ha enseñado a renunciar a la irreligiosidad
y a los deseos mundanos,
para que vivamos, ya desde ahora,
de una manera sobria, justa y fiel a Dios,
en espera de la gloriosa venida
del gran Dios y Salvador, Cristo Jesús, nuestra
esperanza.

Él se entregó por nosotros
para redimirnos de todo pecado y purificarnos,
a fin de convertirnos en pueblo suyo,
fervorosamente entregado a practicar el bien.

Evangelio

Lc 2:1-14

Por aquellos días, se promulgó un edicto de
César Augusto,
que ordenaba un censo de todo el imperio.
Este primer censo se hizo cuando Quirino era
gobernador de Siria.

Todos iban a empadronarse, cada uno en su propia
ciudad;

así es que también José,
perteneciente a la casa y familia de David,

se dirigió desde la ciudad de Nazaret, en Galilea,
a la ciudad de David, llamada Belén,
para empadronarse, juntamente con María,
su esposa, que estaba encinta.

Mientras estaban ahí, le llegó a María el tiempo de
dar

a luz y tuvo a su hijo primogénito;
lo envolvió en pañales y lo recostó en un
pesebre,

porque no hubo lugar para ellos en la posada.

En aquella región había unos pastores
que pasaban la noche en el campo,
vigilando por turno sus rebaños.

Un ángel del Señor se les apareció
y la gloria de Dios los envolvió con su luz
y se llenaron de temor.

El ángel les dijo:

"No teman. Les traigo una buena noticia,
que causará gran alegría a todo el pueblo:
hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David,
un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor.

Esto les servirá de señal:

encontrarán al niño envuelto en pañales
y recostado en un pesebre".

De pronto se le unió al ángel
una multitud del ejército celestial,
que alababa a Dios, diciendo:

"¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena
voluntad!"

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que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y
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el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de
los muertos y la vida del mundo. Amen.

Readings - Nativity of the Lord Christmas Night

First Reading

Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Today is born our savior: Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord.

Second Reading

Ti 2:11-14

Beloved:
The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly
desires and to live temperately, justly,
and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great God
and savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from all
lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people
as his own,
eager to do what is good.

Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from
Caesar Augustus
that the whole world should be enrolled.
This was the first enrollment,
when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.
And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town
of Nazareth
to Judea, to the city of David that is called
Bethlehem,
because he was of the house and family of
David,

to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed,
who was with child.
While they were there,
the time came for her to have her child,
and she gave birth to her firstborn son.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and
laid him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.
Now there were shepherds in that region living in
the fields
and keeping the night watch over their flock.
The angel of the Lord appeared to them
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were struck with great fear.
The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great
joy that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and
Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling
clothes and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was a multitude of the
heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his
favor rests."

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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.
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and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. **7**

En Él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de las personas.
La luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la han vencido.
Juan 1:4-5

Querida familia de la parroquia,

Os escribimos hoy llenos del amor de Cristo por cada uno de vosotros. Nosotros, como familia parroquial, tenemos el corazón lleno de oración y con la gracia de los Sacramentos.

El Adviento, aunque es un prelude del tiempo de Navidad, es un tiempo santo que nos llama al silencio de la oración y a una conversión más profunda. Nuestras lecturas de la misa diaria nos sirven de recordatorio para volver a un estado de esperanza y mucha alegría. Realmente la venida del Niño Jesús nos llena con una brillante anticipación de la luminosidad del tiempo de Navidad.

Si tenemos una certeza en este mundo, es la presencia constante del amor de Cristo que nos impulsa (2 Cor 5,14). En efecto, cuando tenemos el amor de Dios, tenemos todos los motivos para aferrarnos a la esperanza! Es Cristo mismo quien nos acompaña, nos fortalece y nos levanta el corazón. Es su victoria sobre los poderes de las tinieblas y el pecado lo que es definitivo en nuestro camino de fe y, a través de Él, esa victoria nos pertenece.

En nombre del clero y del personal del Inmaculado Corazón de María, les deseamos a ustedes y a sus seres queridos una Navidad y un Año Nuevo muy bendecidos. Esperamos celebrar con ustedes y sus familias.

Nochebuena: 5:00pm Family Mass (English)
7:00pm (English)
9:00pm (Spanish)
11:59pm Celebration Mass at Midnight (Bilingual) – Livestreamed

Día de Navidad: 7:30am (English)
9:00am (English) – Livestreamed,
10:45am (Spanish) – Livestreamed
12:30pm (English)
2:00pm (Spanish)
5:00pm (Latin) – Livestreamed

Ustedes pueden referirse a nuestro sitio web de la parroquia (www.ihmbrentwood.com) para el horario de las misas y los enlaces de transmisión en vivo. También les agradecemos por su continuo apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia. Sin todo lo que ustedes hacen por ICM no seríamos una parroquia tan próspera.

Su presencia, oraciones y generosidad siguen siendo una fuente constante de bendiciones para toda nuestra comunidad parroquial. Por favor, continúen rezando por nosotros y estén seguros de nuestras continuas y fieles oraciones por cada una de sus familias.

En Cristo,

Padre Quang Ming Dong
su querido párroco

In Him was life, and the life was the light of people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:4-5

Dear Parish Family,

We write to you today filled with the love of Christ for each one of you. We, as a parish family, have hearts full of prayer and with the grace from the Sacraments.

Advent, although a prelude to the Christmas Season, is a holy season that beckons us to prayer silence and deeper conversion. Our Daily Mass readings serve as a reminder for us to return to a state of hope and of joyfulness anticipation. Truly, the coming of the Christ child fills us a bright anticipation of the Christmas season.

If we have one certainty in this world – it is the consistent presence of the love of Christ urging us on (2 Cor 5:14). Indeed, when we have the love of God, we have every reason to hold onto hope! It is Christ himself who accompanies us, strengthens us and lifts our hearts. It is His victory over the powers of darkness and sin that is definitive in our journey of faith and through Him that victory belongs to us.

On behalf of the Clergy and staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary, we wish you and your loved ones a most blessed Christmas and New Year. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families.

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm Family Mass (English)
7:00pm (English)
9:00pm (Spanish)
11:59pm Celebration Mass at Midnight (Bilingual) – Livestreamed

Christmas Day: 7:30am (English)
9:00am (English) – Livestreamed,
10:45am (Spanish) – Livestreamed
12:30pm (English)
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You may refer to our parish website (www.ihmbrentwood.com) for the schedule of Mass times and live streaming links. We also thank you for your continued financial support to our parish. Without all you do for IHM, we would not be such a thriving parish.

Your presence, prayers and generosity remain a consistent source of blessings to our entire parish community. Please continue to pray for us and be assured of our ongoing and faithful prayers for each of your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Quang Ming Dong,
your beloved Pastor



December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;”

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or binge-watch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God’s plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem – a town of no consequence – would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God’s will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth’s unborn child – we know to be John the Baptist – recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, “stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord.” This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah’s prophesy from today’s first reading endures: “His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.” Let’s do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God’s saving action.

INVITE/PRAY Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that’s not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.

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 December 26, 2021, please bring dry beans. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 26 de diciembre, 2021 por favor traigan frijoles secos. GRACIAS!!!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 2, 2022 - Facility Improvement
January 9, 2022 - Diocese Vocation Program

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

2 de enero 2022 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones
9 de enero, 2022 - Programa de Vocacion de la Diocesis



"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 and use our church code: CA752.
Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Angels in the Bible

The Bible is full of passages about angels who are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. Angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. 6 lessons. Starting Thursday, January 6 at 10am in the Library.

Purchase the material on Amazon, Barnes and Noble or Liturgical Press for \$16.95. Angels in the Bible by Liturgical Press - Little Rock Scripture Study. Contact Linda Scott [925-918-0631](tel:925-918-0631).
<https://litpress.org/Products/6559/Angels-in-the-Bible>

We will have Adoration this week on Thursday, December 23 from 8:30am to 5:00pm with the Holy Hour from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

There will **not** be Adoration on Friday, December 24th.



Tendremos Adoracion esta semana el jueves, 23 de diciembre de 8:30 am a 5:00pm y la Hora Santa de 5:00pm a 6:00pm.

No Habra adoracion esta semana el viernes 24 de diciembre.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We will not have confessions on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 6:00pm.

MENSAJE MPORTANTE:

No habran confesiones el martes 28 de diciembre, 2021 a las 6:00pm.

MODESTY: A reminder to everyone to dress modestly when coming to Mass. Please, men, no shorts or tank tops. Women and teenage girls, please no shorts, short dresses or low cut skimpy tops. Remember who you are coming to encounter at Mass, it is the Lord.

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MODESTIA: Les quiero recordar a cada uno de ustedes que se vistan modestamente cuando vengan a la Misa. Por favor, señores, no usen shorts or camisetitas sin mangas. Señoras y jovencitas, no usen pantalones cortos, vestidos o faldas cortas o camisetitas muy descotadas. Acuerdense a quién vienen a ver y a recibir en la Misa, es el Señor.



Go to our website to schedule your Mass intentions. You may schedule one per month and not to exceed six (6) intentions per year.

Vaya a nuestra página web para reservar sus intenciones de Misa(s). Puede reservar una por mes y no exceder de seis (6) intenciones para el año.

Are you New to Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are a very vibrant and active parish in Brentwood whose mission is, "With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions." We do this in a variety of ways through our several sacramental prep programs, social outreach, as well as our active ministries, Bible studies, and an energetic youth program. We also LOVE new parishioners. Even though we are unable at this time to gather for ministry meetings many of the ministries are finding ways to stay connected through Zoom.

If you are not yet registered, please call the parish office at 925-634-4154 and ask for Ana. She will be happy to mail you a registration form or you can go on line and register at: ihmchurch@ihmbrentwood.com.

St. Vincent de Paul continues to serve the poor

The mission of all St. Vincent de Paul Conferences is to serve the poor and Immaculate Heart of Mary continues to do just that. With Covid-19 restrictions, we now have our Food Pantry as a Drive Through, which has some challenges, but does provide food for many families in our area. The help from IHM Youth Food Drives, grants from the City of Brentwood and monetary donations from parishioners we can give even more food than before to the families who come to us for help. As usual, we offer other support to families in need, and recently have seen even more requests. We have gotten creative in contacting those we serve while still following guidelines, but we get the job done. We have helped more families during this pandemic, than in the past.

Are you recently retired and looking for ways to fill up your day? Have you always wanted to do something to serve the poor, but just haven't found a way to start? IHM St. Vincent de Paul might be the answer. We particularly need people who can help with jobs such as picking up food from the Food Bank twice a week, which does include some lifting. We are here to help, but always need more workers to share the load.

For more information call: Dale Masino 925-308-4710 or Joyce Ohanesian 925-513-7124.

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Parish events, ministry news, time sensitive information, devotions & more



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Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

+ Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes
7:30AM

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

Anointing of the Sick Unción de los Enfermos

Home Communion Comunión a los Enfermos

Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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Marriage/Matrimonios

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Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

DATE/TIME:

MEETING:

LOCATION:

Mon. Dec. 20th

8:00am	Men's Fellowship Group	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	CDA Meeting	Library
7:00pm	Escuela de La Cruz/Sp Men	Luke

Tues. Dec. 21th

6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp	Chapel
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Wed. Dec. 22nd

9:00am	Perpetual Help	John
3:00pm	Library Hour	Library

Thurs. Dec. 23rd

5:00pm	Widow and Widowers	Library
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Library
7:00pm	RCIA	
Mark		
7:00pm	CDA Prayer Meeting	Luke
7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry	John

Fri. Nov. Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve

Sat. Dec. 25th

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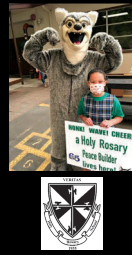
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