



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 of Mary,

"God has a plan!" More often than not, these words are said to us when we have been handed a large disappointment. In these cases, we're stuck wondering whether our dreams for ourselves were really contrary to God's larger plan, or perhaps whether God even does have something in mind for us. In the Scriptures this week, the central proclamation of the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and the angel (and even the evangelist Matthew) is that God indeed does have a plan, for us and for our salvation. In this iteration of "God has a Plan," it is because God has already done something good, that God has indeed been working on our behalf since time began. The lector is privileged to proclaim this same good news from the ambo sharing God's great message of hope today. God's inbreaking into history will be celebrated in less than one week.

If we believe in a God who is active in the world around us, then we ought to look for signs of that activity. We might not see an angel as Joseph did, but we might be able to recognize God's loving presence in the unexpected kindness of a stranger, the beauty of a sunrise that seems crafted just for us, a feeling of consolation in a difficult challenge, and in a myriad of other places. All things can point to the presence of the God who created them.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas Familias de Inmaculado Corazón de María,

"¡Dios tiene un plan!" La mayoría de las veces, estas palabras se nos dicen cuando nos han dado una gran decepción. En estos casos, nos quedamos preguntándonos si nuestros sueños para nosotros mismos eran realmente contrarios al plan más amplio de Dios. O quizá si es el plan más amplio de Dios, o quizá si realmente tiene algo en mente para nosotros. En las Escrituras de esta semana, la proclamación central del profeta Isaías, el apóstol Pablo y el ángel (e incluso el evangelista Mateo) es que Dios realmente tiene un plan, para nosotros y para nuestra salvación. En esta versión de "Dios tiene un Plan", es porque Dios ya ha hecho algo bueno, que realmente ha estado trabajando en nuestro favor desde que los tiempos comenzaron. El lector tiene el privilegio de proclamar esta misma buena noticia desde el ambón, compartiendo hoy el gran mensaje de esperanza de Dios. La infiltración de Dios en la historia se celebrará en menos de una semana.

Si creemos en un Dios que está activo en el mundo que nos rodea, entonces deberíamos buscar señales de esa actividad. Puede que no veamos un ángel como lo hizo José, pero podríamos reconocer la presencia amorosa de Dios en la bondad inesperada de un desconocido, la belleza de un amanecer que parece hecho solo para nosotros, una sensación de consuelo en un desafío difícil y en una infinidad de otros lugares. Todas las cosas pueden apuntar a la presencia del Dios que las creó.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

**Regular
Mass
Schedule.
Holiday and
Feast Days
may be
different.**

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 (Español)
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**

Saturday, December 20th

6:00am † Sergio and Leda Antonioli
 8:00am † Christopher A. Ellenberger - Birthday
 5:00pm † Alicia Silva and Richardo Hernandez
 † Robert Bob Abad
 † Felipe Mercado

Sunday, December 21st

6:00am Jency Charles - Birthday
 7:30am IHM Crafters - Thanksgiving
 † Carmen Julia Serna
 9:00am † Carmen Julia Serna
 † Jose and Esperanza Pimentel
 10:45am Jose, Alexis and Miguel Mendoza, Jr. - Birthday
 † Maria de la Luz and Filomena Villarreal
 12:30pm † Irene Vega
 Danielle and Jim Adler - Birthday
 2:00pm Rafael, Eva and Ramon Gallardo – Special Intention
 † Warren William Siu Colindres
 5:00pm IHM Parishioners

Monday, December 22nd

6:00am † Herminigilda Del Rosario
 † Angel Punzalan
 8:00am † Guillermo Martinez
 † Petronila Montoya

Tuesday, December 23rd

6:00am † Frederick and Molly Ellenberger
 † Fiorucci Family
 8:00am † Gene, LaRae and Christopher Buxa
 † Sandra Patino-Patroni

Wednesday, December 24th

6:00am † Mellie Donor
 † Bienvenido Jimenez Cruz
 8:00am † Angelita, Whitey and Carol Morris
 † Enrico Antonioli

Thursday, December 25th

All Masses IHM Parishioners

Friday, December 26th

8:00am † Rosa Serrano

Saturday, December 27th

8:00am † Macaria Almavan



The Chapel and the Parish office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. The dates we will be closed are December 24, 25 and 26. Returning on Monday, December 29 and December 31, January 1 and 2.

La capilla y la oficina parroquial estarán cerradas por Navidad y las vacaciones de Año Nuevo. Las fechas en las que cerraremos son el 24, 25 y 26 de diciembre. Regreso el lunes 29 de diciembre a las 9:00 de la mañana. También estaremos cerrados el 31 de diciembre, 1 y 2 de enero. Volveremos a la oficina el lunes 5 de enero.

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

Jim and Lee Huckstein, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow Ryan McCleod, Robert Wallpe, Chris Heuer, Tom Kane, Dawn Lanphere, Adrian Rojo, Mayen Lown, Solangue and Nicole Patroni-Patiño, Gianna Lawrence, Gabriel Ibarra, Jesus Flores, Manuel Dizon, Jason Castro, Harvey Lopez, Cheryl Engberson, Nico Gracia Medrano, Giselle Honore, Ron and Pat Reagan, Steven Klovee, Tammy Tomasa, Terence Cruz Gonzales, George Verret. *** James Sablan, Bert Suva, Jill Vance, Jodi Waters, George Zannarini, Gloria Almeida, Frank Vargas, Melia Galan, Claire Murray, Danielle Scott, Ella June Scott, Jose Garcia, Anneliese Warren ** Jose Rosado, Ezequiel Sandoval, Dave Esser, Antonia Fernandez, Javier Bañales, Janet Heitzmann, Tony Sarmento, Billie Cole, Aida Gutierrez, John Relova, Francisco Sanchez, Fran Alcorn, Robert Kostinow, Trudy Zacher, Humberto Gomez, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Rich Ingram, Joyce Toste, Cherry Hall, Robert Pacioni, Christian Basheer, Alice, Lolita Navat, Dolores McLean, Sandy Robinson *** Sonia Perez, Carola Mosca, Diomedes S. Rada, Virginia Ceremony, Jason Crowell, Franchesca Taylor, Colby Edwards, Michael Shannon, ** Linda Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Connie Ponce, Anthony Valentino, Michael Clancy, Jr., Vincent Vera, Mike Smith, Marge and Larry Cragle, Maria Luisa Cortez, Mary Ellen Dethlefsen, Alma Robison, Charles Smith, Hector Aguirre Garcia, Carlos Lopez, Joan Birke, Leticia Villanueva, Irene Manata, Norma Aguila, Nancy Pak, Josefa Cruz, Brad Taylor, Fidel V. Lu, Barbara Hunt, Rosario Diaz, Ruth Arana, Lucinda Brainerd, Shannon Garcia, Seth and Charles Heitzman, Michael Garcia, Margaret Vega, Mary Westjohn, Maycheal Julian.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

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

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

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

Wednesday: Christmas Eve
 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Thursday: 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6
 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Friday: 696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17
 Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday: 17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 95:128:1-5
 Col 3:12-21
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI VENI EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.
el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24 • Timothy Smith

Let the Lord en - ter, let the Lord
en - ter, the King of glo - ry.

1. All creation is the work of God.
The earth and all creatures
belong to the Lord.
From mountains to valleys,
from ocean to land,
the Lord God made them all.
2. Who will climb the sacred mountain,
the holy place of God?
3. Those who have not done evil,
whose hearts are pure,
whose eyes are not blind.
3. God will send a blessing
to honor his faithful ones.
Lord, this is the people
who seek the face of Jacob's God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Wisdom

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The virgin shall conceive and bear a son /
and they shall name him "Emmanuel" R.*



Preparation of the Gifts

Come To Us, Emmanuel

Deanna Light

Come to us, Em - man u - el, come and set us
free! Come to us, Em - man - u - el,
come and set us free!

1. You are God from God, you are light from light.
You are rising sun, you are radiant dawn.
You are Lord of our longing,
you are Spirit of fire.
Come and set us free.
2. You are Lord of lords, you are Prince of Peace.
You are Spotless Lamb, you are saving love.
You are source of redemption,
you are fountain of grace.
Come and set us free.
3. You are Lord of Heaven and Lord of Earth.
You are Lord of life, you are Lord of love.
You are Alpha-Omega,
our beginning and end.
Come and set us free.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Wisdom

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

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Great Amen

Mass of Wisdom

Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Lamb of God

Mass of Wisdom

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

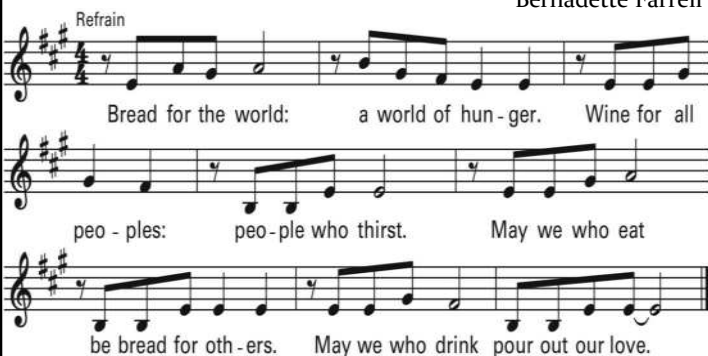
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Communion Hymn

Bread for the World

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Refrain



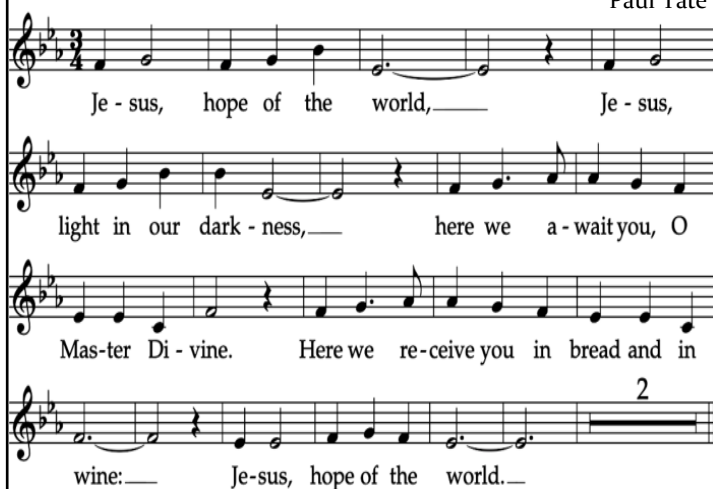
Bread for the world: a world of hun-ger. Wine for all
peo - ples: peo-ple who thirst. May we who eat
be bread for oth-ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people, you are waiting there
on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there
to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,
at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in our human greed,
you walk among us begging for your ev'ry need.

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Jesus, Hope of the World

Paul Tate



Je - sus, hope of the world, — Je - sus,
light in our dark - ness, — here we a - wait you, O
Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re-ceive you in bread and in
wine: — Je-sus, hope of the world. —

1. Come to us, O Son of God! *Come, Lord Jesus!*
Come to us, O Son of Man! *Come, Lord Jesus!*
Come, Son of God! Come, Son of Man!
Shepherd your people in love!
2. Come to us, O Promised King! *Come, Lord Jesus!*
Come to us, O Promised Peace! *Come, Lord Jesus!*
Come, Promised King! Come, Promised Peace!
Come and be Lord of our hearts!
3. Come to us, O Rising Sun! Come, Lord Jesus!
Come to us, O Endless Light! Come, Lord Jesus!
Come, Rising Sun! Come, Endless Light!
Shatter the darkness of death!
4. Come to us, O Heart's Desire! *Come, Lord Jesus!*
Come to us, O Saving Love! *Come, Lord Jesus!*
Come, Heart's Desire! Come, Saving Love!
Banish our doubt and our fear!

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Holy Mary, Revealing Your Son

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Recessional Hymn

Immaculate Mary

LOURDES HYMN

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.
2. Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
3. To you by an angel, the Lord God made known
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son.



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a.
A - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a. 5

Entrada

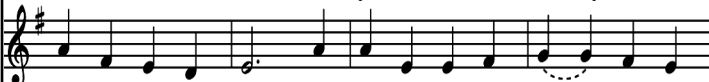
Oh Ven, Oh Ven Emmanuel

Tradicional de Francia

Estrofas



1. Oh ven, oh ven, Em - ma - nu - el, Que das la ley y
2. Oh ven, Sa - bi - du - ri - a de Dios, Sa - li - da de la
3. Oh ven, Se - ñor del pue - blo de Is - ra - el, Que en zar - za ar - dien - te ha -
4. Oh ven, Ra - íz del Tron - co de Je - sé, Al - za - do co - mo
5. Oh ven, oh ven, oh Lla - ve de Da - vid Y ce - tro de la
6. Oh ven, O - rien - te, luz y res - plan - dor, Sol de jus - ti - cia
7. Oh ven, de las na - cio - nes tú e - res Rey, Y de la J - gle - sia,

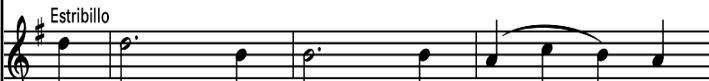


1. e - res nues - tro Rey. Ven, Es - pe - ra - do, ven, Re - den -
2. bo - ca del Se - ñor, Que or - de - nas con fir - me - za y sua - vi -
3. blas - te con Moi - sés, Y en Si - na - í le dis - te la
4. sig - no sal - va - dor. A Ti los pue - blos cla - man, Se -
5. ca - sa de Is - ra - el. De las ti - nie - blas y es - cla - vi -
6. e - res tú, Se - ñor. Ven e j - lu - mi - na la os - cu - ri -
7. Pie - dra an - gu - lar. Del ba - rro nos for - mas - te u - na



1. tor, Ven a tu pue - blo, Dios y Sal - va - dor.
2. dad, Y con pru - den - cia guí - as nues - tro an - dar.
3. ley. Oh, ven y lí - bra - nos con tu po - der.
4. ñor. Ven a li - brar - nos, ya no tar - des más.
5. tud. Li - be - ra a los cau - ti - vos con tu luz.
6. dad. Li - bé - ra - nos de la som - bra mor - tal.
7. vez. Oh, ven a res - ca - tar la hu - ma - ni - dad.

Estribillo



¡A - lé - gra - te, oh Is - ra -



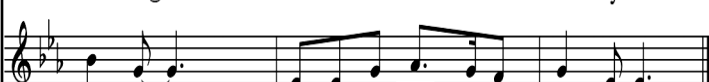
el! ¡Ven - drá, ven - drá Em - ma - nu - el!

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 24 • Ronald Krisman



Va a en - trar el Se - ñor: Él es el Rey de la



Glo - ria, Él es el Rey de la Glo - ria.

Del Señor es la tierra y cuanto la llena,
el orbe y todos sus habitantes:
él la fundó sobre los mares,
él la afianzó sobre los ríos. R.

¿Quién puede subir al monte del Señor?
¿Quién puede estar en el recinto sacro?
El hombre de manos inocentes

y puro corazón. R.
Ése recibirá la bendición del Señor,
le hará justicia el Dios de salvación.
Éste es el grupo que busca al Señor,
que viene a tu presencia, Dios de
Jacob. R.

Aclamación del Evangelio

Misa Sol de Justicia



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo /
y le pondrán el nombre de "Emmanuel" R.



Preparación de las Ofrendas

La Virgen Sueña Caminos

Carmelo Erdozain

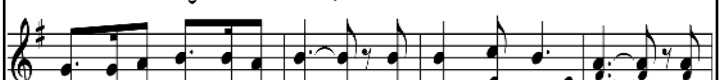
Estrofas



1. La Vir - gen sue - ña ca - mi - nos, es - tá a la es - pe - ra; la
2. En es - tos dí - as del a - ño el pue - blo es - pe - ra que
3. La tar - de ya lo sos - pe - cha: es - tá a - ler - ta. El



1. Vir - gen sa - be que el Ni - ño es - tá muy cer - ca.
2. ven - ga pron - to el Me - si - as a nues - tra tie - rra.
3. sol le di - ce a la lu - na que no se du - er - ma.



1. De Na - za - ret a Be - lén hay u - na sen - da; por
2. En la ciu - dad de Be - lén lla - ma a las puer - tas, pre -
3. A la ciu - dad de Be - lén ven - drá u - na es - tre - lla, ven -



1. e - lla van los que cre - en en las pro - me - sas.
2. gun - ta en las po - sa - das y no hay res - pues - ta.
3. drá con to - do el que quie - ra cru - zar fron - te - ras.



Los que sue - ñan y es - pe - ran la bue - na nue - va,



a - bran las puer - tas al Ni - ño que es - tá muy cer - ca.



El Se - ñor cer - ca es - tá; Él vie - ne con la paz.



El Se - ñor cer - ca es - tá; Él tra - e la ver - dad.

Santo

Misa Sol de Justicia

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor Dios del universo.
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.

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Aclamación Conmemorativa

Misa Sol de Justicia

Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.
Ven, Señor, oh ven, Señor,
ven, Señor Jesús.

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Gran Amén

Misa Sol de Justicia

Amén, Amén, Amén.
Amén, Amén, Amén.

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Cordero de Dios

Misa Sol de Justicia

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
danos la paz, danos la paz,
danos, danos, danos la paz.

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Comunión

Emmanuel, Oh Rey de Gloria

Juan Sosa

1. Pastor de la casa de Israel,
oh Sol, resplandor, Luz de lo Alto,
oh Llave de David, oh Rey de las Naciones,
Renuevo del Tronco de Jesé.

Estribillo

Emmanuel, oh Rey de Gloria, ven a salvarnos, no tardes más.
Emmanuel, oh Rey de Gloria, ven a salvarnos, no tardes más.

2. Brotaste de los labios del Altísimo.
Brillaste con tu luz entre las sombras.
Ven, salva al que formaste de la tierra.
Libera a los que viven en tinieblas.
3. Buscando posada te encontramos
en rostros que esperan tu llegada.
No son extranjeros, sino hermanos,
que buscan en ti, Señor, la paz.
4. En cada corazón hay esperanza
cuando Dios renace entre nosotros.
Y acoge entre sus brazos a un mundo dividido,
uniéndolo en su amor, justicia y paz.

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Madre de la Iglesia

Juan Riera

Estribillo

Rue-ga por no - so-tros, Ma - dre de la I - gle - sia,
Vir - gen del Ad - vien-to, es-pe-ran-za nues-tra.
De Je-sús la au - ro - ra, del cie - lo la puer-ta,
rue - ga por no - so - tros, Ma-dre de la I - gle - sia.

1. Madre de los pueblos, de la mar estrella,
llévanos a Cristo, danos sus promesas.
Eres, Virgen Madre, de la gracia llena,
del Señor la esclava, del mundo la Reina.
2. Alza nuestros ojos hacia tu belleza,
guía nuestros pasos a la vida eterna.
Virgen del Adviento, esperanza nuestra,
llévanos a Cristo, danos sus promesas.

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Maranatha

Juan Riera

Salida

Del Cielo Ha Bajado

Tradicional de Francia

Estrofas

1. Del cie-lo ha ba - ja - do la Ma-dre de Dios. Can -
2. Del ver - bo di - vi - no, de Cris-to Je - sús, San -
3. Oh Vir-gen sin man-cha, oh Ma-dre de a - mor, El
4. Tú e - res el or - gu - llo de Dios cre - a - dor, Y el
5. Las gra-cias e - ma-nan del tro-no de Dios, Y
6. La lu-na-hu-mi - lla - da tus plan-tas be - só, Y el
7. Pues so-mos tus hi - jos, o - ye nues-tra voz; De -

Estribillo

1. te - mos el A - ve a su con-cep - ción. A - ve, a -
2. tí - si - ma Ma-dre, Ma - rí - a, e-res tú.
3. án - gel te o - frez - ca mi sa - lu - ta - ción.
4. fru - to más dig - no de la re-den - ción.
5. to - das con - flu - yen en tu co - ra - zón.
6. mun-do te a - do - ra ves - ti - da del sol.
7. fién - de - nos siem-pre en la ten - ta - ción.
ve, a - ve Ma-rí - a. A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma-rí - a.

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

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

Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish — as though asking these things would take away from God's ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today's first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign — "let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise — that "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God *wants* us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

God brings about his plan of salvation in an extraordinary way: The virgin Mary conceives Jesus in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God does all the spiritual heavy lifting here, notice that our Gospel tells us that he also desired and asked for Joseph's cooperation. "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home," the angel tells Joseph. The Gospel tells us that Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." In our work of evangelization, God does the heavy lifting: it's God who moves the hearts of others to seek him. But the amazing thing is that God still wants us to be part of the way his plan unfolds. We, too, cooperate with God's work of sharing the faith and bringing salvation to others by our actions and obedience.

PRAY

As we begin this final week of Advent, the Church continues to pray with the O Antiphons, which we hear in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Listen to the refrain, which speaks of Israel's immense longing to be set free and for her savior to appear. As you reflect on the first reading and upon this hymn, bring your own deepest desires to the Lord. Spend some time in prayer asking for what you need to draw closer to God.

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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.

Twelve Days of Christmas – Part I

This week, the Season of Advent ends, and the Season of Christmas begins. Most of us have heard the English song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," but not many understand what it means. The Twelve Days of Christmastide are the days beginning on Christmas, December 25, and ending on January 5, the day before the Epiphany of the Lord, traditionally January 6th. In the United States and some other countries, the Epiphany is moved to the Sunday following New Year's Day, this year on January 4th. The following Sunday, January 11, is the Baptism of the Lord and the last day of the Season of Christmas. In 567, the Council of Tours declared the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany a sacred and festive season. It also established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the feast.

Over the next two weeks, we will examine the meaning of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The song was originally a poem written by Catholic Clerics. In the sixteenth century, being a Catholic in England was dangerous. Catholics often used codes to pass on the teachings of the faith. This song is an example of that.

The First Day – A Partridge in a Pear Tree: The partridge is a bird that is known to sacrifice its life for its babies. The bird represents Jesus, who was willing to sacrifice His life for us. The pear tree represents His Cross.

The Second Day – Two Turtle Doves: Turtle doves mate for life, so they symbolize connection and fidelity. The two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments.

The Third Day – Three French Hens: These three hens represent the three theological virtues of **faith, hope, and charity (love).**

The Fourth Day- Four Calling Birds: These represent the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Fifth Day- Five Golden Rings: These represent the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch or Torah. These are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

The Sixth Day - Six Geese A-Laying: These represent the six days of Creation that the Bible begins with.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Doce días de Navidad – Parte I

Esta semana termina la Temporada de Adviento y comienza la Navidad. La mayoría hemos escuchado la canción en inglés "Doce días de Navidad", pero pocos entienden lo que significa. Los Doce Días de Navidad son los días que comienzan en Navidad, el 25 de diciembre, y terminan el 5 de enero, el día antes de la Epifanía del Señor, tradicionalmente el 6 de enero. En Estados Unidos y algunos otros países, la Epifanía se traslada al domingo siguiente al día de Año Nuevo, este año el 4 de enero. El domingo siguiente, 11 de enero, es el Bautismo del Señor y el último día de la Navidad. En 567, el Concilio de Tours declaró los doce días desde Navidad hasta la Epifanía como temporada sagrada y festiva. También estableció el deber de ayuno de Adviento en preparación para la fiesta.

Durante las próximas dos semanas, examinaremos el significado de la canción "Los doce días de Navidad." La canción fue originalmente un poema escrito por clérigos católicos. En el siglo XVI, ser católico en Inglaterra era peligroso. Los católicos a menudo usaban códigos para transmitir las enseñanzas de la fe. Esta canción es un ejemplo de ello.

El primer día – Una perdiz en un peral: La perdiz es un ave conocida por sacrificar su vida por sus crías. El pájaro representa a Jesús, que estuvo dispuesto a sacrificar su vida por nosotros. El peral representa Su Cruz.

El segundo día – Dos tórtolas: Las tórtolas se aparean de por vida, así que simbolizan la conexión y la fidelidad. Las dos tórtolas representan el Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento.

El tercer día – Tres gallinas francesas: Estas tres gallinas representan las tres virtudes teologales de **fe, esperanza y caridad (amor).**

Cuarto día: Cuatro pájaros llamando: Estos representan los cuatro Evangelios: Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan.

El quinto día - Cinco anillos dorados: Estos representan los primeros cinco libros del Antiguo Testamento, el Pentateuco o Torá. Estos son Génesis, Éxodo, Levítico, Números y Deuteronomio.

El sexto día - Seis gansos poniendo: Estos representan los seis días de la Creación con los que comienza la Biblia.

¡Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros!

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of December 28, please bring peanut butter and jelly. THANK YOU!

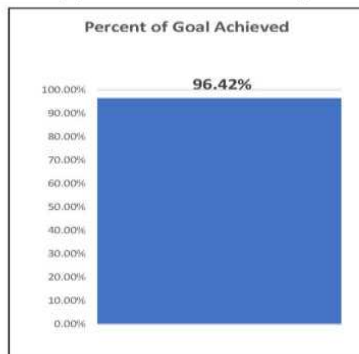
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Para el fin de semana del 28 de diciembre, por favor traigan creme de maní o mermelada. GRACIAS!



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SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 4, 2026 - Facility Improvement

January 18 - Diocese Vocation Program
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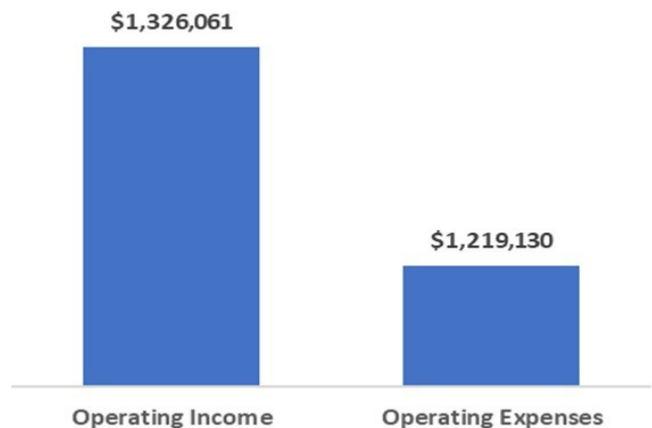
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4 de enero - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones

18 de enero - Programa de Vocación de la Diocese

IHM Quarterly Financial Update

Immaculate Heart of Mary YTD Sept. 2025



If you would like more information regarding the budget, please contact Joyce at (510-410-1931).

Posada Parroquial

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
16 – 23 de Diciembre 2025, 7pm.

16 de Dic: Catequesis y COV #2

17 de Dic: Legión de María y Guadalupanas

18 de Dic: Emmaus

19 de Dic: COV's 1,3,4,5,7

20 de Dic: Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

21 de Dic: Escuela de la Cruz

22 de Dic: Coros, Minist. de San José y COV #8

23 de Dic: Divina Misericordia-COV #6 y MFC

A Posada reenacts Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they sought shelter the night Jesus was born. Each night, participants form a procession with candles praying and singing special songs as they go from house to house asking for "posada" (lodging). When they are finally welcomed in, everyone joins in prayer, carols, and a joyful celebration, often with food, piñatas, and music, symbolizing the Christian call to hospitality and preparation for the coming of Christ.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH ADVENT CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS 2025

Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass)

December 16-24 — 6:00am Morning Masses

a 9-day novena of morning Masses
in preparation for the Birth of Christ
(Philippines)

Las Posadas (The Bethlehem Inns)

December 16 — 6:00pm Festivities

December 17-23 — 7:00pm Festivities

procession and festivities commemorating
Mary & Joseph's travel to Bethlehem to find shelter
(Mexico/Latin America)



We would like to thank you for a wonderful year. We are blessed to have such amazing parishioners who are devoted to Our Lord and his Blessed Mother Mary.

May the light of God's love shine upon you this Christmas and guide you to a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Quang, Fr. Candelario, Fr. Huong and the IHM Parish Staff

Important Announcements



On Tuesday, December 16, confessions will be moved to 7:00pm for our Advent Penance Service.

On Tuesday, December 16, Posadas will take place at 6:00pm and at 7:00pm from December 17-23.

Several items belonging to the Church have been taken from the vestibule. Items in Church used for information or decoration should not be removed. Please notify the office if you have an issue.

BEWARE! We have had items stolen or vandalized around the property. If you notice any issues please report them to the office right away!

The Chapel and the Parish office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. The dates we will be closed are December 24, 25 and 26, returning on Monday, December 29. We will also be closed December 31, January 1 and 2. We will be back in the office on Monday, January 5.

El martes 16 de diciembre, las confesiones se trasladarán a las 19:00 para nuestra Penitencia de Adviento Servicio.

El martes 16 de diciembre, Posadas tendrá lugar a las 18:00 y a las 19:00 del 17 al 23 de diciembre.

Varios objetos pertenecientes a la Iglesia han sido retirados del vestíbulo. No se deben retirar los objetos en la iglesia que se usen para información o decoración. Por favor, avisa a la oficina si tienes algún problema.

¡CUIDADO! Nos han robado o vandalizado objetos en la propiedad. Si notas algún problema, ¡por favor repórtalo a la oficina cuanto antes!

La capilla y la oficina parroquial estarán cerradas durante las vacaciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo. Estaremos cerrados los días 24, 25 y 26 de diciembre. Regresando el lunes 29 de diciembre. También estaremos cerrados el 31 de diciembre, 1 y 2 de enero. Volveremos a la oficina el lunes 5 de enero.

YOUTH CORNER

For the youth – and young at heart!

As a reminder to our teens - In our youth programs recently we have covered helpful hints for Mass. Here they are once again to refresh our memory!

Mass Helpful Hints

- DO** – Come to Mass with an open heart. Through scripture, music and the homily, God is speaking to you. Try to listen and hear something encouraging.
- DO** – Turn your phone on silent or turn it off completely. If it is a distraction, leave it in the car – Mass is only 1 hour.
- DO** – Try to prepare for Mass ahead of time
 1. Read the readings at www.usccb.com. Look under daily readings.
 2. Remember to fast for 1 hour before Mass.
 3. If you need to, make sure to go to Confession beforehand.
 4. Decide what you will wear – Give thought to what you will wear– appropriate modest dress at Mass is important.
 5. Leave your house early enough to arrive BEFORE Mass begins.
 6. When you arrive, remember you are in a Sacred space. Bless yourself with Holy Water and make sure to genuflect before entering your pew and sitting down.
- DO** - Pray before Mass & after Mass – Bring God your petitions (needs) and your thanksgivings (what you're grateful for).
- DON'T** - Bring your coffee/snacks into Mass.
- DON'T** - Leave early – the Priest should always be the first one out! Wait for him to exit.
- DON'T** - Receive the Eucharist casually, receive with reverence and respect.
- DON'T** - Take the host out of the hand of the Priest/Eucharistic minister – receive on your tongue or in your hand. If you take communion in your hand, IMMEDIATELY put the Eucharist in your mouth. Respond with "Amen" which means, 'I believe'.
- DON'T** - Treat the time after communion as a talking or social time. It is a time to pray and reflect and give thanks to God for coming to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Lastly, let's try to remember that we do not come to Mass to be entertained.
We come to give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives.

Retiro de Emaús

El ministerio de Emaús está ofreciendo el Retiro de Emaús para hombres y mujeres de la parroquia.

¿Qué es lo grandioso de hacer este retiro?

Este retiro está basado en las Escrituras en el pasaje del Evangelio de San Lucas 24:13-35. El tema principal de este retiro es descubrir o redescubrir a Jesús en nuestras vidas. Es un retiro que libera las distracciones de la rutina diaria. Le va a hacer posible que abra su corazón y pueda escuchar a Jesús y al Espíritu Santo. Los invitamos a que dediquen este tiempo y participen en esta jornada con Jesús que empieza el viernes por la tarde y termina el domingo en la tarde. Se proveerá transporte de ida y vuelta de la iglesia Inmaculado Corazón de María en Brentwood y el centro de retiros. Para más información e inscribirse, por favor de llamar a los coordinadores:

Retiro de Hombres en Español se llevará a cabo el

9, 10, y 11 de enero del 2026

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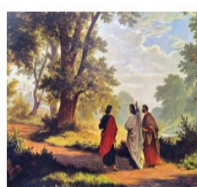
27 y 28 de febrero y 1 de marzo del 2026

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Women's Faith Sharing

Please join us January 8, at 10:00am, in the Library as we continue our study of Foundations in Faith. For the next 10 weeks we will explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Drawing from the riches of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, it highlights how our faith is rooted in the teachings of Christ and his apostles.

Optional workbook or online access can be purchased at Ascensiopress.com.

For more information contact linda222572@google.com



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Confessions / Confesiones

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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
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Thursday/Jueves and Friday/Viernes
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Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

Mon. December 22

8:45am	Men's Fellowship Group	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library

Tues. December 23rd

12:00pm	Food Bank	Parking Lot
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp	Chapel
6:00pm	Confessions	Church

Wed. December 24th

Christmas Eve

Thurs. December 25th

Merry Christmas

Fri. December 26th

7:00pm	Divine Mercy Cencle/Sp	Library
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Sat. December 27th

3:30pm	Confessions	Church
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All names will be removed from the Prayer List at the end of December. If you wish to have a name replaced on the Prayer List please call the office at: 925-634-4154 or stop by the office to add a name. We want to pray for those in need and continue to pray for them but need to clean the list at the end of the year.

Todos los nombres serán eliminados de la Lista de Oración a finales de diciembre. Si desea que un nombre aparezca en la Lista de Oración, por favor llame a la oficina al: 925-634-4154 o pase por la oficina para añadir un nombre. Queremos orar por los necesitados y seguir orando por ellos, pero necesitamos limpiar la lista al final del año.

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The Spanish and English Altar Server Ministries are accepting new applicants. To be eligible, your family must be registered in the parish, you must have made First Communion, and have a willingness to serve our Lord at the altar. If you are interested, please contact Tim Guernsey at tguernsey@sbcglobal.net, or call 925-457-4519



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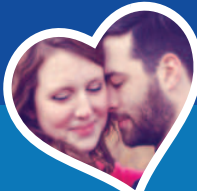
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ON CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025

5:00pm English Mass
7:00pm English Mass
9:00pm Spanish Mass
12:00am Bilingual Mass
Midnight Mass

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2025

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



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