

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 40; Washing Hands

We continue our journey through the Offertory of the Mass. After the gifts are brought forward (and after the incense, when it is used), you may notice that the priest washes his hands over a dish called a lavabo (meaning, “I shall wash”) and dries them with a towel. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that this washing is a rite “in which the desire for interior purification finds expression” (GIRM, 76).

Practical and Symbolic Significance of Handwashing

To explain this handwashing in more depth, Charles Belmonte teaches, “In every Mass, a liturgical act is performed which originally was a response to a practical necessity. The celebrant washes his hands, which have touched the sundry offerings as well as the censer, before taking up the bread about to become the body of Christ. The Church has kept this ceremony of the Lavabo to express the desire of interior purification. This mystical meaning was emphasized by St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century, when he wrote: ‘This action shows that we must be free from all sin. We perform actions with our hands; to wash our hands is the nearest thing to purifying our deeds’” (Understanding the Mass, p. 114).

Even if the spiritual meaning makes sense, you may note the practical reality that the priest’s hands don’t look dirty. It is true that our offerings today are clean, but if you remember a few installments back, in the early days of the Church people would bring all kinds of things for the offertory, not just neat little containers of bread and wine. For example, someone might bring produce or chickens as gifts for the poor. Naturally, if the priest was handling these kinds of offerings, we would want him to wash his hands before continuing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

While we no longer need the practical cleaning today, the understanding of spiritual cleansing is very valuable. As the Diocese of Peoria notes, “the Church maintains this washing ritual as it expresses an inward desire to be cleansed within” (A Study of the Mass, p. 12). This desire is very clear when we see the private prayer the priest prays at this washing: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Although the priest prays this prayer privately, this is another place where all the faithful could unite in prayer, asking God to purify our minds and hearts in anticipation of being in the True Presence of Christ himself on the altar.

Uniting Ourselves to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

After washing his hands, the priest goes back to the center of the altar, extends his hands and then rejoins them, and asks the faithful: “Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.” According to our most recent directives, the faithful stand to make the response: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.” Charles Belmonte writes that “the priest begs us to unite ourselves with him in the sacrificial act as it draws nearer... the priest stresses that the sacrifice is mine (i.e., Christ offers himself—the aspect of ministerial priesthood) and yours (the entire Church offers the sacrifice—the aspect of common priesthood)” (Understanding the Mass, p. 115). The Diocese of Peoria explains, “The invitation makes a distinction between the way in which the priest makes his offering and the way in which the faithful make theirs. The Sacrifice of the Mass is not offered by the priest alone. All of us by virtue of our baptism are called upon to offer ourselves to the Father through Christ” (A Study of the Mass, p. 12).

As we have seen throughout the Offertory, there are several opportunities to unite ourselves and our sacrifices to Jesus. This is no accident! Each of these invitations helps us to be aware of what we can offer and to be attentive to what is about to happen in the Mass. Next time, we’ll see the Prayer over the Offerings draw our prayers and sacrifices together as the time of Christ’s True Presence draws ever closer.

For Reflection:

1. Accept Father Luke’s invitation to unite your prayers to that of the priest during the Lavabo. Next time you observe this rite, make the priestly prayer your own: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Be attentive in this moment to relinquish distractions and enter more fully into the Mass.
2. Outside the context of Mass, take time to pray slowly and attentively with the people’s response to the priest’s invocation after the Lavabo: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.” As you prepare to participate in Mass, renew your intention to give praise and glory to God and to seek the true good for yourself and for others.



Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



The Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
10:00am - 4:30pm

FAITH FORMATION

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Religious Ed. Office Hours
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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY (Vigil) 5:30PM
SUNDAY (en Español) 8:00AM
10:00AM & 12:00PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday (en Español) **5:30PM**
Wednesday–Friday **8:30AM**
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM
Friday Daily Mass **6:30PM**

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español)
Thursdays 7:00PM (English)
R.E. building

LA HORA DE DIOS PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us?
Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish.
If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office.
For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is available to anyone 24/7 if you would like to spend time to visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. To get the door code contact the parish office or Fr. Andrew.

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Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAY

May 25, 2024

5:30PM: †Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)
†Alvaro Lopez Sr. (Juan & Rosario Cantu)
†Dorn Dover (Rose De La Cruz)
†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

SUNDAY

May 26, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
†Irma Perales (Family)
†Salvador Arnold Solis Jr, †Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz,
†Arnaldo & †Elvira Solis (Virginia Solis & Family)
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Santos Garcia Jr (Mom and Brothers)
†Petra Flores, †Teslesforo & †Petra Gomez, †Sovieda Gar-
cia, †Frank & †George Gomez
12:00PM: **Thanksgiving to God;**
40th Anniversary of Priesthood (Fr. Andrew)

TUESDAY

May 28, 2024

5:30PM: †Bobby Lewis (Edwards Family)

WEDNESDAY

May 29, 2024

8:30AM: for the parishioners of Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY

May 30, 2024

8:30AM: †Sesilia Erminia Acosta Vasquez

FRIDAY

May 31, 2024

8:30AM: †Armilinda Rojo (Edwards Family)

SATURDAY

June 1, 2024

5:30PM: †Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)
Health of Jesus Torres (Jesse & Sonya Torres)

SUNDAY

June 2, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)

FATHER’S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes for the Father’s Day Novena are located in the entrance of the Church. This year you can also add names to the novena list online on our website. The Father’s Day Novena will begin on Sunday, June 16th and will continue for a total of 9 days. This is an excellent way to remember your Father’s, Grandfathers, Uncle’s, Brother’s who have helped shape our lives.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$2,163.00
Loose Collection	\$933.00
Building Fund	\$60.00
Children’s Collection	\$11.00
Online Giving	\$435.00
Collection Total - May 18/19	\$3,602.00

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.

May God bless you now and forever.

Special Collections for the Month of June

8/9 - Building Fund

29/30 - Peter’s Pence Collection





† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Valerie Aleman, Guadalupe G Alvarado, Victoria Arredondo, Paula Avila, Rafael Baez Rosa Barrera, Estevan Cantu Jr., Elisa Claudio, Johnny Cruz, Sandra Davila, Dominic DeLeon, Nora Dishman, Yvonne Ellison, Adela Escobedo, Adan Flores Jr. Aurora Flores, Chris Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Jesus Garza Jr., Xavier A. Gallegos, Violet Guerrero,	Esmeralda Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Mr. Kalich Jerry Lopez Sr., Raul Lucio, Teresa Lucio, Jose Antonio Lopez Jr, Jaime Jimenez, Margie Medina Adolfo Menchaca Jr., Alejandro Mora, Anastacio Mora, Noemilio Mora, Augustin Moreno III, Angie Ochoa, Carmen Ortiz, Yvonne Ortiz, Anita Peña, Emilio Peña Sr., Luis Peña Jr., Ramiro Peña, Johnny Pereida,	Elva Rivera, Jerry Rivera Sr., Julia Rodriguez, Sergio Rodriguez, Yolanda G. Rodriguez, San Juanita Saenz, Bernice Sanchez, Adan Salazar, Armando Salazar, Gracie Salazar, Stephanie Salazar, Raymond Smith, B Solis, Dora Tagle, Gloria Treviño, Joe Treviño, Sara Treviño, Ramona Vasquez, Alex Zambrano Sr., Alex Zambrano Jr., Gerri Zambrano
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NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. June 1 Sun. June 2	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	Louis	Amelia
8:00AM	Esteban	Janie
10:00AM		Terri F
12:00PM	Lupe A.	Josie

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR FAITH

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today’s solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and responsibility. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of sharing that faith with others.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: *St. Augustine of Canterbury*
1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:
1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: *St. Paul VI*
1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: *St. Justin*
Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th



PARISH PRAYER LIST

A change to the parish prayer list: any names on the list will remain on the list for six (6) weeks; after which names will be removed.

To add or remove names contact the parish office.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Hogan Family
Rosendo Ortiz

LA RESPONSABILIDAD DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy es un día para reflexionar sobre el hecho de que en el Bautismo, Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo nos hizo hijos suyos. La primera lectura del Deuteronomio nos insta a anclar en nuestro corazón la verdad de que Dios es el Señor del cielo y de la tierra y que no hay otro dios. San Pablo nos recuerda que, al haber recibido el Espíritu de adopción en el Bautismo, ahora somos hijos de Dios. En el Evangelio Jesús nos encomienda la responsabilidad de encontrar más discípulos. Estas realidades hacen de la solemnidad de hoy un día de alabanza, adoración y responsabilidad. Es un día apropiado para agradecerle a Dios el generoso regalo de la fe que recibimos en el Bautismo. También es un día para pedirle a Dios fortaleza para asumir la responsabilidad de compartir esa fe con los demás.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The **Sacred Heart Society** invites you to join them in reciting the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus beginning on **Thursday, May 30th at 8:00am** in the Church and will continue on the following days and times

Thursday, May 30th - Friday, May 31st - 8:00am
Saturday, June 1st - 5:00pm
Sunday, June 2nd - 7:30am
Monday, June 3rd - 9:00am
Tuesday, June 4th - 5:00pm
Wednesday, June 5th - 8:00am
Thursday, June 6th - 8:00am
Friday, June 7th - 5:00PM



Friday, June 7th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on Wednesday, May 29th from 4-6pm.. If you are willing to volunteer please contact Diana Moreno at 765.7696.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

One way to begin to understand the Holy Trinity is to see is as a relationship bound up intimately through love. Dive deep into the mystery this week by being intentional in your own loving relationships. Identify the ways in which your family or close friends come together, each member as a distinct person but at the same time critical to the integrity and union of the entire group. In the moments when you share love together, give glory to the Trinity with a prayer of thanksgiving for the capacity to find authentic, loving relationships with others.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

