

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 41; Prayer over the Offerings

Our next “stop” in this journey through the Mass is the Prayer over the Offerings. Similar to what we saw with the Collect at the beginning of Mass, the Prayer over the Offerings gives us a summary of our offering and points our minds and hearts to the coming Eucharistic Prayer. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, “Once the offerings have been placed on the altar and the accompanying rites completed, by means of the invitation to pray with the Priest and by means of The Prayer over the Offerings, the Preparation of the Gifts is concluded and preparation made for the Eucharistic Prayer. At Mass, a single Prayer over the Offerings is said, and it ends with the shorter conclusion, that is: Through Christ our Lord. If, however, the Son is mentioned at the end of this prayer, the conclusion is: Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation Amen” (GIRM, 77).

Offering Prayers, Receiving Graces

What are we praying about at this point in the Mass? Generally speaking, if we look through these prayers, we find the following familiar words: prayers, gifts, offerings, sacrifices, and oblations. We also ask God to sanctify, accept, and transform these gifts. Fleshing out the content of these Prayers over the Offerings, Charles Belmonte writes, “we usually acknowledge our incapacity to offer to God gifts adequate to his goodness and power. We ask God to accept what we offer with sincerity. We ask some grace in connection with the mystery celebrated on that particular day, in return for the material gifts. We notice an ascending or upward-striving rhythm in the progress of the liturgical action. If we contrast this prayer with the Collect, we can perceive an increase in fervor and assurance. We know that our gifts to God will be returned to us multiplied a hundredfold” (Understanding the Mass, p. 116).

Hearing mention of sacrifice, we recall one of the great truths about the Mass: it truly is the one sacrifice of Christ. In the Mass, the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is re-presented to us. In the traditional understanding of a sacrifice, we need a priest, a victim/offering, and an altar. For Christ’s perfect sacrifice, Jesus is both the priest and victim/offering; that is, he offers himself in sacrifice on the altar of the cross. The Mass is our access to that sacrifice and its many fruits. How amazing: the sacrifice of Jesus is right there before us. No wonder the Mass is such a powerful prayer!

Uniting Our Offerings with Christ’s Sacrifice

Of course, we are not just spectators at the Mass; we don’t just sit back and watch what Jesus does. We have been invited to take part and to unite with Christ in offering our own sacrifices. As we have been reflecting on this part of the Mass, we are able to join our prayers and offerings to the perfect offering of Jesus. As Charles Belmonte says, “St. Paul exhorted the first Christians to offer every action to God. ‘Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God’ (1 Cor. 10:31), and never say or do anything except ‘in the name of the Lord Jesus’ (Col 3:17). The Second Vatican Council [in the Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, 34] encourages ordinary Christians to make their daily offering united to the [E]ucharistic sacrifice: For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, if patiently borne—all these become ‘spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ’ (1 Pet. 2:5). Together with the offering of the Lord’s body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist” (Understanding the Mass, p. 116–117). Belmonte goes on to suggest that we make offerings to God each day as an anticipation of joining in this Prayer over the Offerings. If you are up for it, I invite you to consider his challenge. Resolve to make offerings each day this coming week, and then bring those offerings to be spiritually joined to the sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday. Hopefully, you will experience deeper union with Jesus, especially the next time you are at the Mass!

For Reflection:

1. Join Father Luke’s challenge to make conscious, daily sacrifices or offerings and to bring those efforts to Mass. During the Prayer over the Offerings, unite your sacrifices of the past day(s) with Christ’s sacrifice on the altar.
2. When you face an unexpected difficulty today or this week, call to mind the Prayer over the Offerings and ask for the grace to respond to this opportunity according to God’s will. Take strength for perseverance by offering this experience “through Christ our Lord.”



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

June 2, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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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 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: *Special Intentions for Daniel & Dolores Lara 50th Wedding Anniversary*
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

TUESDAY June 4, 2024
5:30PM: †Estela Perez (Patricia Solis)

WEDNESDAY June 5, 2024
8:30AM: †Armilinda Rojo (Edwards Family)

THURSDAY June 6, 2024
8:30AM: †Cora Hernandez (Marcos & Elsa Ortiz)
†Ray Villarreal Sr
†Eddie Perez (Family)

FRIDAY June 7, 2024
6:30PM: Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society

SATURDAY June 8, 2024
5:30PM:†Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
Special Intentions for Isaiah Salinas (MaryAlice Salinas)

SUNDAY June 9, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)
†Lorenza & †Jovita Lara (Daniel Lara & 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)
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,631.00
Loose Collection	\$1,228.00
Children’s Collection	\$41.00
Online Giving	\$380.00
Collection Total - May 25/26	\$3,280.00

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:

Names remain on the prayer list for two (2) months; after which they are removed, to add/remove a name contact the parish office.

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 Jr., Gerri Zambrano
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NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. June 8 Sun. June 9	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM		Juan
8:00AM	Elisa	Pedro
10:00AM	Jenevieve	Raymond
12:00PM		Alma

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

PRECIOUS BLOOD
On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: St. Boniface

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: St. Norbert

2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 — 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

USHERS MEETING
The ushers will be having their monthly meeting **Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00PM** in the Religious Education Building.
If you are interested in joining the ushers ministry please make plans to attend or contact Ramiro Peña at 361-222-8857

FIRST FRIDAY: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS

Join us THIS Friday, June 7th for first Friday.
Sacred Heart Society will recite the rosary at 5:00PM.
Eucharistic Adoration at 5:30PM in the Church
Followed by Friday Daily Mass at 6:30PM.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE
Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week
Arnulfo & Terri Flores
Hector & Ester Flores

PRECIOSA SANGRE
En esta solemnidad centramos nuestra atención al Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Escuchamos el relato de renovación de la antigua alianza, la cual Moisés selló rociando la sangre de animales en el altar de sacrificio, así como en las personas. Jesús, cuya sangre es la sangre de la nueva alianza, derramó esa preciosa sangre en la cruz para salvarnos del pecado y prometer-nos la vida eterna. La sangre es la fuente de vida que fluye por nuestro cuerpo. La preciosa sangre de Cristo es la fuente de vida de nuestro espíritu. Que hoy, como el salmista, ofrezca-mos un sacrificio de agradecimiento al Señor, cuyo cuerpo y sangre nos fortalecen para llevar la Buena Nueva a todos los que conocemos.

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 in the Church and will continue on the following days and times

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

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.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK
Before the Passover celebration can take place, the disciples must make specific preparations. Similarly, we are invited to prepare a way for Christ before receiving him in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass by fasting an hour before we receive Com-munion, by ensuring we are in a state of grace, and by actively participating in the songs and prayers of the liturgy. The week, pick a new way you will prepare more intentionally: go to Confession, spend some time in prayer with the readings, or carve our time to arrive earlier than normal to converse with the Lord.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for June

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.