

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 42; The Eucharistic Prayer

After the Prayer over the Offerings, we now come to the Eucharistic Prayer. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, “Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, namely, the Eucharistic Prayer itself, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the meaning of this Prayer is that the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. The Eucharistic Prayer requires that everybody listens to it with reverence and in silence” (GIRM, 78).

Here we go! For those longing for the true presence of Jesus, the time is drawing near! For those who yearn to pray well, we are invited to participate in the perfect prayer of Jesus—his perfect sacrifice and worship of the Father. Throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, we can find a great outline and model for our own prayer. By taking a closer look at the main components, we can hopefully enter more fruitfully into this wonderful prayer.

The Elements of the Eucharistic Prayer

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal continues, “The main elements of which the Eucharistic Prayer consists may be distinguished from one another in this way:

- a) The thanksgiving (expressed especially in the Preface), in which the priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year.
- b) The acclamation, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy). This acclamation, which constitutes part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is pronounced by all the people with the priest.
- c) The epiclesis, in which, by means of particular invocations, the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ’s Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it.
- d) The institution narrative and Consecration, by which, by means of the words and actions of Christ, that Sacrifice is effected which Christ himself instituted during the Last Supper, when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, and leaving with the latter the command to perpetuate this same mystery.
- e) The anamnesis, by which the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.
- f) The oblation, by which, in this very memorial, the Church, in particular that gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church’s intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all.
- g) The intercessions, by which expression is given to the fact that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and of earth, and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ.
- h) The concluding Doxology, by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people’s acclamation, Amen” (GIRM, 79; emphases added).

In the weeks ahead, we’ll be taking a closer look at the Eucharistic Prayers and these individual parts. Is anyone wondering how much longer before Holy Communion? The wait will definitely be worthwhile!

For Reflection:

- Next time you participate in Mass, see if you can identify the different elements of the Eucharistic Prayer. Even if you do not observe all eight elements described in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, take the opportunity to listen closely to the elements you do hear.
- Consider bringing the structure of the elements of the Eucharistic Prayer into your own time of reflection or meditation. For example, take time to thank God, acclaim him, implore an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, recall the institution of the Eucharist and Christ’s Paschal Mystery, offer yourself to the Father through Christ, pray for your own intentions, and give glory to God through a concluding “Glory be...”.

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



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



Jesus said,
For whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother."
Mark 3: 35

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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 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)
†Javier Martinez (Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)
†Lorenza & †Jovita Lara (Daniel Lara & Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Santos Garcia (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 11, 2024
5:30PM: Special Intentions for Joshua Martinez
WEDNESDAY June 12, 2024
8:30AM: Special Intentions for John and Veronica Martinez
THURSDAY June 13, 2024
8:30AM: Special Intentions for Joe and Victoria Martinez
FRIDAY June 14, 2024
8:30AM: Special Intentions for John and Brenda Martinez
SATURDAY June 15, 2024
5:30PM: †Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
SUNDAY June 16, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Irma Perales (Family)
†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)
†Herminia Lara & †Juana Garcia (Daniel Lara & Family)
10:00AM: *Father's Day Novena*
†Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Santos Garcia (Family)
†Ernest, †Roy and †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)
Special Intentions for David Emrich (Family)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE
Pray for the following families that will be hosting the
Traveling Divine Image this week
Claudia Valderrama


WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$2,639.00
Loose Collection	\$849.00
Children’s Collection	\$43.00
Online Giving	\$380.00
Collection Total - June 1/2	\$3,911.00

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



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OUR PARISH WEBSITE’S ONLINE
GIVING PAGE





† 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, Victoria Arredondo, Paula Avila, Rafael Baez Rosa Barrera, Elisa Claudio, Johnny Cruz, Sandra Davila, Adela Escobedo, Aurora Flores, Chris Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Violet Guerrero,	Esmeralda Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Jaime Jimenez, Adolfo Menchaca Jr., Alejandro Mora, Anastacio Mora, Noemilio Mora, Augustin Moreno III, Angie Ochoa, Carmen Ortiz, Anita Peña, Emilio Peña Sr., Luis Peña Jr., Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Julia Rodriguez, Sergio Rodriguez, Yolanda G. Rodriguez, San Juanita Saenz, Bernice Sanchez, Adan Salazar, Gracie Salazar, Raymond Smith, B Solis, Dora Tagle, Gloria Treviño, Joe Treviño, Sara Treviño, Alex Zambrano Jr., Gerri Zambrano
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NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. June 15 Sun. June 16	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	David	Louis
8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo
10:00AM	Brenda	Ophelia A
12:00PM	Alma	Lupe A.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

PROMISES

Today’s liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Gene-
sis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return
to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians prom-
ises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also
promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize
that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the
courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel prom-
ises that doing God’s will makes us “family” with Jesus, who
forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises
as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our
own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise our-
selves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless,
we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and
sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to
one another as well.

PROMESAS

La liturgia de hoy está llena de promesas. La lectura del
Génesis promete un final triunfante sobre el poder del pecado y
un regreso a una nueva creación. La lectura de la segunda carta
a los corintios promete que todo aquel que sigue a Cristo tendrá
dificultades. Sin embargo, también promete, que podemos
perseverar si reconocemos que Cristo está con nosotros,
renovándonos cada día, y dándonos el valor y la fuerza que
necesitamos para esta perseverancia. El Evangelio promete que
hacer la voluntad de Dios nos hace familia con Jesús, quien
perdona todos los pecados y triunfa sobre el mal.

Hoy podría ser un buen día para que también nosotros
hiciéramos algunas promesas. Podemos prometer dejar de
engañarnos a nosotros mismos acerca de nuestras tendencias al
egoísmo y el pecado. Podemos prometernos creer —en verdad
creer— que, aunque no estamos sin pecado, somos perdonados.
Podemos prometernos combatir el mal y el pecado
comportándonos como hermanos y hermanas no solamente con
el Señor, sino con nuestros prójimos.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121: 1-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: St. Barnabas

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua

1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Though at this moment may not find yourself discouraged in
the way St. Paul describes, time of suffering are inevitable,
and they usually catch us off guard. Use today’s second read-
ing as inspiration to write a prayer for those times of unex-
pected desolation, one that both acknowledges the suffering
at hand and invites Christ to renew and give hope. Safeguard
it by placing it in your Bible or in a book of prayer so you can
turn to it in difficult moments.

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have
a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to
home over the next several years. The mission of this is to
pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this
image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the
church. You are welcomed to sign up for it more than once.
The sign-up sheet is currently listed through November.

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.

2024 Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal Report Immaculate Conception - Gregory as of 5/31/24	
Goal	\$14,017
Pledged	\$5,033
Recurring Gifts Projected	\$1,510
Pledged Recurring Gifts Expected	\$6,543
% of Goal Pledged	47%
Difference from Goal	(\$7,474)
Collected	\$4,008
% of Goal Collected	31%
Difference from Goal collected	(\$9,709)
Donors	27
Registered Households	466
% participation	6%

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.

