

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 44; The Preface as Thanksgiving

Last week, we took a closer look at the opening dialogue of the Preface, and especially how it invites us to give thanks to God. As we said earlier, the word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” Charles Belmonte indicates that the preface is an appropriate beginning of the Eucharistic prayer, since it “is basically an act of thanksgiving in a literary form between prayer and hymn. It seeks to move the faithful to praise and joy” (Understanding the Mass, p. 128).

Thanksgiving for Every Day of the Year

For me as a priest, the Preface is one of my favorite parts of the Mass, especially when I take time to really pray through the phrases. The Preface is one of the variable parts of the Mass, where there are many options that can change from week to week. Our current Missal has about 50 regularly used Prefaces grouped together, including ones for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Sundays of Ordinary Time, Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, Funerals, and some “Common” Prefaces that can be used on days where another specific Preface isn’t called for. In addition to these, there are many more Prefaces in the Missal, including some specially designed for certain Eucharistic Prayers and those that are used on specific celebrations such as Christ the King or the Most Holy Trinity. There are even some special Prefaces for civic holidays, such as Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July in the United States. Each of these Prefaces will highlight special truths of a particular celebration or season of the year.

Following the response of the people in the Preface dialogue, “It is right and just,” I enjoy how the priest begins praying the Preface with, “It is truly right and just.” We are encouraging each other in giving thanks. These words of the priest communicate, “Yes! Let us continue giving thanks—it is right and just!” I often will pray those words with emphasis, as we transition to the next part of the Preface that will highlight special truths for us.

Special Truths Proclaimed in the Preface

For example, Preface I of Advent says, “For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.”

As another example, in Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist, we hear, “For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial. As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean.”

Since they are so good, and since we are in the Eucharistic Revival, here are the key phrases from Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist, “For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise. Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity. And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.”

No doubt, those are prayers packed with great truths! If we aren’t attentive to this part of the Mass, we could really miss out on some great highlights that help ready our hearts for the ultimate prayer of thanksgiving—the Holy Eucharist—the perfect sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father. If you haven’t noticed the Preface in a while, I give you a challenge for the next time you are at Mass: see if you can notice any of the main themes of the Preface. It is a great summary of the celebration of the day, and a fitting preparation for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer to come!

For Reflection:

1. Embrace Father Luke’s challenge to pay closer attention to the Preface next time you participate in Mass. Surprise your celebrant by engaging him in conversation about the main themes of the Preface after Mass!
2. Allow the Preface to form you and shape your day by listening for one word or phrase from the Preface to carry with you after Mass.

This article was written by Fr. Luke Spannagel and published on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog Webpage.



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



# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024



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10:00am - 4:30pm



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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.*

### EUCHARISTIC 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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They were filled with great awe and said to one another,  
“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”  
Mark 4: 41



Mass Intentions For The Week

**SATURDAY June 22, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** *Father's Day Novena*  
†Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)  
†Diana Schicker (Family)  
†David Solis Sr. (Pat, David, Gabby)  
†Alvaro Lopez Sr (Juan & Rosario Cantu)  
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)  
†Ruben, †Juanita & †Lisa Cortez (Family)  
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

**SUNDAY June 23, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** *Father's Day Novena*  
†Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Irma Perales (Family)  
†Juan Manuel Lozano (Family)  
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)

**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Guadalupe & †Martha Perales (Severo Perales)  
Special Intentions for Ofelia Rivera (Sonya Torres)

**12:00PM:** †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

**MONDAY June 24, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** *Father's Day Novena*

**TUESDAY June 25, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Special Intention for Carmen Molina

**WEDNESDAY June 26, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Bryan Hartnett

**THURSDAY June 27, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Cody Droege

**FRIDAY June 28, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Frank C Reyna

**SATURDAY June 29, 2024**  
**5:30PM:**†Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)  
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

**SUNDAY June 30, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Irma Perales (Family)  
†Juan Manuel Lozano (Family)  
†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)  
†Salvador Arnold Solis Jr., †Arnaldo and †Elvira Solis (Virginia Solis)

**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Ramon, †Jesus, †Concepcion, †Francisca Flores,  
†Genoveva Landa, †Rosario Salazar (Raymond Flores)

**12:00PM:** †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)


WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,957.00
Loose Collection	\$724.00
Children's Collection	\$21.00
Building Fund	\$160.00
Online Giving	\$305.00
Collection Total - June 15/16	\$3,167.00

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  
29/30 - Peter's Pence Collection



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† 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,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo,	Jorge Hernandez,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Paula Avila,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	San Juanita Saenz,
Rafael Baez	Jaime Jimenez,	Bernice Sanchez,
Rosa Barrera,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Adan Salazar,
Elisa Claudio,	Alejandro Mora,	Gracie Salazar,
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Sandra Davila,	Noemilio Mora,	B Solis,
Adela Escobedo,	Augustin Moreno III,	Dora Tagle,
Aurora Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Gloria Treviño,
Chris Flores,	Carmen Ortiz,	Joe Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Anita Peña,	Sara Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Luis Peña Jr.,	Alex Zambrano Jr.,
Juanita Flores,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano
Violet Guerrero,	Julia Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. June 29 Sun. June 30	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	David	Louis
8:00AM	Elisa	Janie
10:00AM	Brenda	Raymond
12:00PM		Jesse C.

### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

#### THE WIND AND THE SEA

Living along the shores of Lake Superior—the “big lake,” as the locals call it—you can often hear the advice, “Respect the lake; don’t take it for granted.” People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today’s Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

#### EL VIENTO Y EL MAR

Los que conocen bien el Lago Superior le tienen un saludable respeto, y siempre están alerta sobre sus caprichosos cambios de ánimo. Muchos barcos hundidos y muchos botes hechos astillas son testigos de lo que el lago puede hacer cuando está de mal humor.

Las lecturas de este domingo nos evocan memorias de ese lago, del poderoso río Mississippi o del océano mismo. ¿Quién, fuera de Dios, podrá controlar esas aguas poderosas, o imponerles límites, diciendo “Hasta aquí llegarás”? El lago que describe el Evangelio de hoy era un lago en el que se levantaban súbitas tormentas, en las que los vientos huracanados agitaban olas enormes.

Pero estas fuerzas tan poderosas se someten a la voluntad de Dios. Los marineros y los pescadores le tienen un saludable respeto al poder de las aguas. Pero más todavía respetan el poder del Creador del viento y del mar.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday: St. John the Baptist**  
Is 49: 1-6; Ps ; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1: 57-66,80

**Tuesday:**  
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:**  
2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria**  
2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday: St. Irenaeus**  
2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps ; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday: Ss. Peter & Paul**  
Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

#### HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY



The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on Wednesday, June 26th from 4pm until we run out of supplies If you are willing to volunteer please contact Diana Moreno at 765.7696.

#### 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.

#### TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

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

**Jessie Gonzales**  
**Juan & Lucy Escobedo**

#### JULY MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Andrew will be taking his vacation during the month of July. During this time Fr. Zenon will be celebrating all Masses. Masses will be celebrated at their usual days and times. Confessions will still be heard on Saturdays (*unless otherwise announced*). If you have any emergency pastoral emergencies, please contact the parish office.

#### CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

*Write out a prayer of trust and surrender to God regarding the situation(s) in your life.*

Take the prayer you penned in your response to the journal prompt above and write it out in your own handwriting. Put it on your refrigerator, bathroom mirror, or nightstand. Pray it every morning when you wake, every night before your fall asleep, and/or throughout the day. Pray as often as necessary until your feel your trust in the Lord grow.

#### ABOUT PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.



#### Be a Witness of Charity

Support the Peter's Pence Collection

#### 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.