

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 45; Sanctus

Last time, we took a closer look at the Preface, which in many ways sets the tone for the Eucharistic Prayer. At the end of the Preface, as the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “we join with the choirs of heaven in singing the endless song of praise. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Liturgy is both a foretaste and promise of the heavenly Liturgy. The Liturgy on earth is united to the Liturgy in heaven, and this is made vividly clear when we join them in song. ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ is a heavenly superlative acclamation of praise and worship” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 13).

A Foretaste of Heaven

This next part of the Mass is called the Sanctus, perhaps more commonly referred to as the Holy, Holy, Holy. As is true with many parts of the Mass, we can find these words in the Holy Scriptures. The prophet Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord on a throne with angels singing, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts!” (Is. 6:3). In St. John’s vision of heaven, the four living creatures continuously exclaim, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come” (Rev. 4:8). Perhaps we will also recognize the second part of the Sanctus from the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Mt. 21:9).

Charles Belmonte recalls how the Sanctus reminds us of the beautiful presence of the angels at the Mass: “We join our own voices with those of the hosts of angels in awe, wonderment, and great enthusiasm... St. John Chrysostom describes the presence of angels during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with these words: ‘The angels surround the priest; all the temple, especially the sanctuary, is populated with celestial hosts of angels who honor God, present on the altar’” (Understanding the Mass, p. 131). Have you ever thought of this? In a very real way, the Sanctus helps to remind us that our participation in the Mass is truly a foretaste of heaven. When we gather as the Body of Christ for the Mass, united with Jesus truly present, the WHOLE Body is present there! That means every member of the Christian faithful is present with us—all those around the world, all those from various times (including those who have gone before us), and all those who are gathered together in heaven around the throne of God... including the heavenly hosts of angels! Imagine telling your friends on Monday: “All the angels of heaven were at my church on Sunday!” It’s true!

Singing with the Angels

With this wonderful image in mind, when we sing the Sanctus, we are joining in the praise the angels are singing for God. What exactly is this song of praise? Charles Belmonte relates that a certain “Cardinal Bona (seventeenth century) explains that this hymn contains three praises and two petitions: First, we extol the holiness, power, and supreme dominion of God, when we say, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of [hosts].’ Then, we praise his glory which shines forth in all creatures, when we say, ‘Heaven and earth are full of your glory.’ Third, we laud Christ by saying, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ While saying this, we invite him to come to our souls with the same affection and devotion with which his Blessed Mother received him at the annunciation. The two petitions are: ‘Hosanna in the highest;’ we say it twice, asking for our salvation and everything that leads to it. The first petition is addressed to God, and the second to Christ” (Understanding the Mass, p. 133–134).

If praising the Lord with the angels is this exciting, just imagine how joyful we will be when Jesus is truly and substantially present on the altar!

For Reflection:

1. Read slowly and prayerfully through Isaiah 6 and/or Revelation 4. Place yourself in the scene the Scripture passage describes and imagine the experience of participating in worship with the angels. Allow this experience to inform your next participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
2. In preparation for Mass, ask your Guardian Angel to guide you into fuller participation. Renew your awareness of the angels’ presence during the Sanctus.

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



Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024



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Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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10:00am - 4:30pm

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Wednesdays 4:30 - 8:45pm

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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Mass Intentions For The Week

**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)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Ernest & Linda Garcia)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)  
Special Intentions for Albert Cavazos (Sonya Torres)  
Health of Lino Cruz (Family)

**TUESDAY July 2, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Special Intention for DeWayne & Cheryl Long

**WEDNESDAY July 3, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** For the parishioners of Immaculate Conception

**THURSDAY July 4, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Merle Henry Solito

**FRIDAY July 5, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Bobby Lovallo

**SATURDAY July 6, 2024**  
**5:30PM:**†Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)  
†Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family)  
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

**SUNDAY July 7, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)  
†Aurora & †Jose Javier Mendoza (Family)  
†Lorenza & †Jovita Lara (Daniel Lara & Family)

**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Gloria Cadriel (Mom and Family)  
†Guadalupe & †Israel Perales (Severo Perales)

**12:00PM:** †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Ernest & Linda Garcia)  
Health of Lino Cruz (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,664.00
Loose Collection	\$829.00
Children’s Collection	\$9.00
Building Fund	\$60.00
Online Giving	\$385.00
Collection Total - June 22/23	\$2,947.00

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

Special Offering

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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,
Johnny Cruz,	Anastacio Mora,	Raymond Smith,
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. July 6 Sun. July 7	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

O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through earthquakes and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, “Why?” This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today’s Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, “Why?” At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: “Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper.” Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St. Junipero Serra

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday:

Am 3: 1-8; 4:11-12; Ps: 5: 4-8; Mt 8: 23:-27

Wednesday: St. Thomas

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

Thursday:

Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; St. Anthony Zaccaria

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: St. Maria Goretti

Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Fourth of July

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day Holiday. We will re-open again on Monday, July 8th.

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 December.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

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

Patricia Galvan

AYÚDAME, SEÑOR

Hoy escuchamos lecturas que nos acercan al misterio de sufrimiento y muerte. En los últimos años hemos sido testigos de la devastación de vidas y propiedades a manos de tsunamis y huracanes. Muchos elevaron su lamento a Dios y preguntaron: “¿Por qué?” Esta es una expresión sincera de ira hacia un Dios que creemos da la vida. Cuando perdemos a un ser querido, puede que nos preguntemos por qué la presencia de Cristo no es suficiente para hacer que esa persona resucite, incluso de entre los muertos, como la pequeña niña del pasaje del Evangelio de hoy. Entonces alzamos la voz y preguntamos: “¿Por qué?” En momentos como estos, debemos acudir a la oración del salmista: “¡Escucha Señor y ten piedad de mí; Señor, socórreme”. Recemos para que nuestro luto algún día se convierta en danza

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

Each morning this week, pray these words, asking God to give you eyes that are focused on eternity:

“Eternal Lord, you who existed before creation and will continue to exist for all of time, grant me the ability to see that you want this eternal life for me as well. Please be with me in every decision I make today, so that what I do here on earth won’t hinder me but instead prepare my heart and soul for eternal life with you. Amen.”

ABOUT PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.

THANK YOU!!!

The Family of Emilio Peña Sr. would like to express their gratitude for your kindness, sympathy, food and meals, sharing of your stories and memories of Emilio during this most difficult time. It is great to know that he was loved by so many in this community.

-Lucy Peña and Family

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

