

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 49; Consecration

After the calling down of the Holy Spirit, we are now ready for the Consecration. As Charles Belmonte reminds us, “What mankind has been waiting for through centuries is now going to take place among us” (Understanding the Mass, p. 138). At this moment of the Mass, the priest takes the bread and chalice of wine that will become the Body and Blood of Jesus. We hear the words of Jesus: “Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.” And soon after, “Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.” Let’s pause for a moment and think about what just happened in the Mass: Jesus himself, Almighty God, Second Person of the Trinity, through the hands and voice of the priest, is now truly, really, and substantially present on the altar!

Jesus Becomes Truly Present to Us

After the Consecration, the priest raises the host and chalice above the altar in a moment of silence. This elevation is a wonderful moment of prayer and adoration. We are gazing upon Jesus truly with us, and in that moment, we can adore him for all he has done for us: that he would be willing to come and dwell among us. That he would be willing to bear the burden of our sins on the cross so we could be forgiven. That he loves us so much that he remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Praise him!

Following the elevation, the priest places the host and the chalice on the altar, and then he genuflects in adoration to the Lord Jesus present on the altar. In this moment during the Mass, I often recall a very influential priest in my life. He shared that anytime he would make a genuflection, he would pray the words of St. Thomas from Divine Mercy Sunday, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). He said that praying these words always reminds him of who is truly present in front of him, that Jesus is truly in our midst!

The Difference between Adoration and the Mass

Going even deeper on the moment of elevation, Charles Belmonte explains, “Three things are intended by the elevation of the sacred host: [1] To expose Jesus Christ, now present on the altar, to the adoration of the faithful. [2] To re-present the elevation of Jesus Christ’s body on the cross... [3] To offer to God in silence this only one Victim of our salvation.” Belmonte continues, “During the elevation, we should glance at the Eucharistic species in adoration. But we should also remember that we have come to Mass not only to worship Jesus Christ present in the sacrament of the altar. That could be done equally well in the Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. We come to Mass also to offer Jesus Christ on the cross with the priest and the entire Church, and to offer ourselves to God with Jesus Christ and as part of the Mystical Body. In other words, we come mainly to share in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As part of the Church, we are united to Christ in the act wherein he himself offers his sacrifice to his Father” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 142–143). As we have said before during the Offertory, the Mass truly is an invitation for us to share in the sacrifice of Jesus. We will come back to that as we continue through the Eucharistic Prayer.

In Persona Christi during the Consecration

One more thing on the Consecration: did you notice anything different about how the priest says those words of Jesus during the Consecration? As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “The priest speaks in the first person because he is acting in the person of Christ [this is called in persona Christi]. At his ordination, the priest is configured to Christ the High Priest in such a way that he acts in his person as he continues the priestly work of Christ here on earth. It was Christ himself at the Last Supper who commanded his apostles to continue this great mystery and sacrifice of love throughout the ages. The same Word that created the heavens and the earth in the beginning, and the same Word that became flesh in the womb of Mary, is the same Word that commands the bread and wine to be the very Body and Blood of Christ” (A Study of the Mass, p. 15). For me as a priest, this is always one of the most humbling and awe-inspiring moments. I’ll never forget nearly 20 years ago at my first Mass of Thanksgiving, holding the Sacred Host—truly Jesus—and marveling in wonder: “Lord, how did you just do that... with these hands... with this voice... amazing!”

For Reflection:

1. Do you associate a particular prayer with genuflecting? Take time to reflect on and select a phrase from Scripture or another prayer to enrich your practice of genuflecting in adoration before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
2. Consider adopting the phrase “My Lord and My God!” (John 20:28) as a silent prayer during the elevation of the Eucharist. If not this phrase, then what would you like to say to Jesus at this time?

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



# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



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**Religious Ed. Office Hours**  
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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Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,  
"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?"

John 6: 8-9



Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAY

July 27, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)  
†Johnny & †Alejandro Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)  
†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez  
†Jose O & †Anita Lucio, †Julia Muniz (Family)

SUNDAY

July 28, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)  
†Aurora & †Jose Javier Mendoza (Family)  
†Jovita & †Lorenza Lara (Daniel Lara & Family)  
†Jose Manuel Chirino & †Cesar Agosto Mata (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Lorna Gomez (daughter)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Guadalupe & †Martha Perales (Severo Perales)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Adrian G Flores (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Annette Freeman)  
†Jose O & †Anita Lucio, †Julia Muniz (Family)

TUESDAY

July 30, 2024

5:30PM: Special Intentions for Meredith Maxwell

WEDNESDAY

July 31, 2024

8:30AM: †Maria R Flores

THURSDAY

August 1, 2024

8:30AM: 9th Anniversary of Dedication of Church

FRIDAY

August 2, 2024

6:30PM: Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society

SATURDAY

August 3, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno)  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAY

August 4, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)  
†Jovita & †Lorenza Lara (Daniel Lara & Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Maximino Acuña (Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Guadalupe & †Juanita Perales (Severo Perales)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Adrian G Flores (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Annette Freeman)  
†Ray Villarreal Jr. (Family)  
†Alfonso C & †Candelario C Zavala (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection

\$1,607.00

Loose Collection

\$685.00

Online Giving

\$395.00

Collection Total - July 20/21

\$2,687.00

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

\$413.00


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 August

3/4 - Building Fund

15 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Envelope



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,

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,

Luis Peña Jr.,

Jerry Rivera Sr.,

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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,


Gerri Zambrano

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS SCHEDULE


Sat. Aug. 3

Sun. Aug. 4

Lector



Extra Ordinary Ministers



5:30PM

Louis

Amelia

8:00AM

Esteban

Janie

10:00AM

Jesse L.

Terri F.

12:00PM

Lupe A

Josie

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: St. Peter Chysologus

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

MILAGRO SEMANAL


Esta semana señala el comienzo de una especie de “desvío litúrgico”. Hemos estado escuchando el Evangelio según san Marcos durante este año litúrgico (Ciclo B). Hoy comenzamos a escuchar una larga sección del Evangelio según san Juan que empieza con el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y peces. Este milagro es un preludio de las declaraciones del Señor, que comenzaremos a escuchar en algunas semanas, en las que Jesús se llama a sí mismo el “Pan de Vida”. Cada semana somos testigos de un milagro en la Misa. No vemos la multiplicación de panes. Lo que vemos con los ojos de la fe es el milagro de la transformación de elementos comunes, pan y vino, en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor. Una vez que hemos recibido al Señor, comienza la multiplicación, porque en la Eucaristía se nos fortalece para multiplicar nuestros esfuerzos por alimentar a los pobres, darles refugio a los que no tienen hogar y brindarles consuelo a los afligidos.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Jesus retreats to the mountain by himself at the end of the gospel reading. This week, follow Jesus’s example and carve out time for prayer when you can be all alone by yourself. Each day, return to that space to be in the presence of the Lord. During your prayer, reflect on the areas of your life overcome by doubt in God’s ability to provide, and make these areas an offering to God. Close your prayer with “God, I trust in you.”

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am & 6:30pm



FIRST FRIDAY: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS

Join us THIS Friday, August 2nd 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.


USHERS MEETING

The ushers will be having their monthly meeting Tuesday, August 6th 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

BISHOP’S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Consider a recurring online pledge. Scan the QR code to be taken to the BSA website to learn more about the appeal.



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.

