

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 54: Intercessions

After the Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and our offering of Jesus to the Father along with ourselves, the Eucharistic Prayer also includes some Intercessions. The Diocese of Peoria teaches, “The Eucharistic prayer also intercedes or prays for various members of the Church. We always pray for the pope, the bishop and all the clergy. Intercession is also made for the Church suffering in purgatory, as we pray for the faithful departed. We pray that they soon be taken into Heaven and live in the presence of God. Intercession is also made for the entire Church, both those who are present at the Mass and those throughout the world. We pray God hears our prayers as we offer them through the Mass, we ask for His mercy and we also pray we be united so we may worship as one body as our Lord Himself desired” (A Study of the Mass, p. 16).

The Three Types of Intercessions

Diving deeper, this part of the Eucharistic Prayer brings to the forefront our unity with one another through Christ. We recall here in the presence of Christ that we are all in this together. We pray through the fruits of the Mass that each person can receive what is needed to fulfill our faithful life in Christ. What is great about the intercessions, according to Charles Belmonte, is that “the Intercessions make it clear that we celebrate the Mass in communion with the entire Church in heaven and on earth; and that we make the offering for the Church and for all her members, living and dead.” Belmonte continues, “The Intercessions are usually divided into three sections: for living Christians, for the dead, and in relation to the saints in heaven” (Understanding the Mass, p. 152–53).

Interceding for Church Leaders

Regarding our prayer for living Christians, part of our prayer is for the pope and for the bishop or archbishop of our local diocese. From Eucharistic Prayer II: “Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.” Our leaders in the clergy are part of the visible sign of unity we have together in Christ: we pray for and with our leaders who help organize and unite us. Belmonte refers to the Second Vatican Council when he says, “To be legitimate, each Mass presupposes union among the faithful, and of the faithful with their bishop, the pope, and the universal Church. Moreover, that solid union is made stronger with the celebration of the Eucharist and is a consequence of it” (Understanding the Mass, p. 154, cf. LG, 3).

Interceding for the Faithful Departed

After prayers for the living, we then pray for those who have died. From Eucharistic Prayer IV: “Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.” Eucharistic Prayers II and III have special sections that can be used for Masses for the Dead, where the name of the person for whom the Mass is offered could be prayed. As Belmonte continues, “In all Masses, the Church prays for the dead, so that on the basis of the communion existing among all of us as Christ’s members, our petition for spiritual help may bring comforting hope for our faithful departed” (Understanding the Mass, p. 155). For me as a priest, this is one of my favorite moments of the Eucharistic Prayer, especially when there is a moment of quiet in Eucharistic Prayer I: “Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.” Following these words, there is a brief silence where I think of different family members, priests who helped me through the years, and people who recently died in my parishes. If you haven’t done it before, I invite you to use that moment to think of those you love who have died in Christ. It truly is a great gift to feel united with them through the Mass!

Asking for the Intercession of the Saints

After prayers for the dead, we ask for the help of those already in the presence of God in heaven. This is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer where we might hear different saint names. From Eucharistic Prayer III: “May He make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, (with Saint N) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.” A couple of the Eucharistic prayers have the Blessed Mother and a general reference to the martyrs and other saints. Eucharistic Prayer III (as we just saw) has an option for inserting saint’s names, such as the saint of the day or a saint important to a particular parish. Of course, Eucharistic Prayer I has those two long lists of special saints... more on them to come!

For Reflection:

1. As Fr. Luke suggests, prepare to enter more deeply into the intercessory power of the Mass by calling to mind your personal intentions for the living and deceased.
2. Allow the Intercessions to form your prayer by recalling these intentions at other times during the day and throughout your week.

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	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
Contact Parish office for more information					



Twenty-Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



Humbly welcome the word that has been  
planted in you and is able to save your souls.  
James 1:21b

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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 August 31, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Souls in Purgatory  
†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)  
†Mary Jackson (Rose De La Cruz)  
†Frank Hernandez (M/M Manuel Menchaca)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez  
†Ruben H, †Juanita and †Lisa Cortez (Family)  
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

**SUNDAY September 1, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Lupe Silva, †Angie Flores, †Nora Ortiz (Family)  
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
**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. (Family)  
†Angelina Mora (Family)

**TUESDAY September 3, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** †Aureliano Zuniga Tenoch  
†Jose Luis Velazques Lopez

**WEDNESDAY September 4, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** †Angelina Mora (Solis Family)

**THURSDAY September 5, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** †Deacon Anthony Postert (Edwards Family)

**FRIDAY September 6, 2024**  
**6:30PM:** Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society


**SATURDAY September 7, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Souls in Purgatory  
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)  
†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)  
†Estella L Acuña (Acuna Family)  
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

**SUNDAY September 8, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)  
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
**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. (Family)


WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,850.00
Loose Collection	\$1,104.00
Children’s Collection	\$31.00
Online Giving	\$635.00
<b>Collection Total - August 24/25</b>	<b>\$3,620.00</b>

*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 September**  
7/8 - Catholic University of America  
14/15 - Disaster Relief Collection  
21/22 - Building Maintenance Fund





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

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
<b>Sat. Sept. 7</b> <b>Sun. Sept. 8</b>	<b>Lector</b> 	<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers</b> 
<b>5:30PM</b>	Louis	Amelia
<b>8:00AM</b>	Elisa	Pedro
<b>10:00AM</b>	Jenevieve	Raymond
<b>12:00PM</b>		Alma


**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND**

**DOERS OF THE WORD**  
The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.  
What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Monday:**  
1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,  
**Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great**  
1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:**  
1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:**  
1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:**  
1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:**  
1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145: 17-21; Lk 6:1-5  
**Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**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. Currently the image is scheduled to be picked up at the church on Saturday or Sunday and dropped off back at the church by Saturday (around the time of confessions).  
*Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week*  
**Angel G Flores**

**Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for September**  
*For the cry of the Earth*  
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



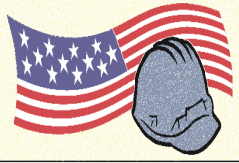
**PRACTIQUEN LA PALABRA**  
La segunda lectura de hoy comienza una serie de cinco semanas de selecciones de la Carta de Santiago que se clasifica entre las epístolas llamadas “católicas” (o universales) porque están dirigidas a un público general y no a una comunidad en particular. El texto de hoy ofrece consejos importantes para los cristianos de todas las generaciones. Dios es citado por primera vez como autor de todos los dones, y en particular, se hace referencia al don del bautismo, por el que somos las “primicias” de la nueva creación.  
Lo que sigue es un consejo basado en un entendimiento muy judío de la “palabra” como una fuerza activa, operativa en el mundo. Se nos recuerda que a menos que nosotros también nos convirtamos en “practicantes” de la palabra, nuestra profesión de fe no vale nada. Hoy y en las próximas semanas el autor nos recuerda que es igualmente importante que hacer las “obras” del amor, por ejemplo, cuidar de los “huérfanos y las viudas en sus tribulaciones”.

**CREATING AND MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE)**  
The Diocese of Corpus Christ requires that any and all persons who volunteer at the parish (or any parish) are required to complete a background check and safe environment course for the safety of our children and other vulnerable adults. If you are an active volunteer in a ministry/organization in the parish, please check to see if your blue card is up to date. They are to be renewed every three (3) years. For more information or to begin the process contact the parish office. Courses can be done online or in-person. An in-person course is currently being scheduled in the coming weeks.

**FIRST FRIDAY: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS**  
Join us **THIS Friday, September 6th 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.



**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**  
The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** this Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



**CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**  
Focus on the commandments of the Lord this week, specifically those which you struggle. Each day, read through the commandments and pray for the strength to follow them more closely.