

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 62: Rite of Peace

After the Our Father and Embolism, as The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says, “There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament” (GIRM, 82). At this point in the Mass, the priest prays, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.” The people then reply, “Amen.”

What True Peace Is—and What It’s Not

What is true peace? Perhaps we could go to various definitions. Our Catechism says, “Peace is not merely the absence of war, and is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers” (CCC, 2304). The Catechism continues with a quotation from St. Augustine, who wrote that peace is “the tranquility of order” (CCC, 2304). “Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic ‘Prince of Peace.’ By the blood of his Cross... he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. ‘He is our peace’ [Eph 2:14]” (CCC, 2305). As Edward Sri writes, “Many people seek the security and peace of this world, which is a peace based on success, on everything going well, on avoiding problems and suffering. But this kind of peace is quite fragile and fleeting... Christ, however, offers us a deeper, longer lasting peace—one that the world does not give. When we allow Jesus to be the foundation of our lives and live according to his plan for us, he gives us an internal, spiritual peace that can withstand life’s many disappointments, trials, and sufferings. This is the kind of peace of heart that also builds true unity within marriages, families, communities, parishes, and nations. And this is what the priest prays for at this moment of the liturgy” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 130–31).

Hopefully, we have had moments of true peace in our hearts that remind us of how generously Jesus has loved us. For anyone who hasn’t, the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist certainly invites us to that peace for which we long. As we prepare to receive the Prince of Peace truly present in Holy Communion, perhaps it seems fitting that the Rite of Peace occurs at this moment in the Mass. According to Charles Belmonte, “When we pronounce our ‘Amen,’ we must realize that we are asking not only for our personal peace but also for peace for the whole Church... During the Last Supper, our Lord made his disciples aware of the importance of peace, the fruit of charity. Many times he spoke of unity, of the spirit of service, of humility, of charity. These are virtues and dispositions of the soul which can thrive only in an atmosphere of peace.” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 173–74).

Peace As Preparation for Communion

So, without a doubt, peace is an ardent desire and need for us as Christian people. This is true at all times of our lives, but especially at the Holy Mass. In the Mass, there are many wonderful gifts and graces; we certainly are going to receive those graces more fruitfully if our hearts are at peace and open to Christ, as opposed to being distracted and upset over things that happen to us. This is most true when the time for Holy Communion comes. We are preparing to receive the most wonderful gift: we can’t have a distracted heart! So, we make sure, by a prayer and a gesture, that we really are ready to go forward to receive Our Lord.*

Fr. Guy Oury, reflecting on the Rite of Peace in the Mass, says, “Through the sign of peace, we ask for peace and unity within the Church, and beyond its visible boundaries, for the whole human family. And since in our gatherings we are a cell of the Church, we express our mutual love before receiving together the one Bread that makes us one. These are the two components of the rite: a prayer for the peace and unity of the Church and an exchange of the sign of fraternal converse, if not with the whole world, at least with our nearest neighbors” (The Mass, pp. 111–12). So, we aren’t just making sure things are ok with people in our pew; we are also making a symbolic gesture of peace for the whole world! Next week, we’ll take a look at some different ways to offer the Sign of Peace, and why this is not the time for “high fives” and making plans for later in the day!

For Reflection:

- 1. Consider St. Augustine’s description of peace as “the tranquility of order.” Pray with a Scripture passage that describes the peace of the ordered city or kingdom of God, such as Isaiah 32, Isaiah 54, Psalm 122, or Revelation 21.
- 2. Peace is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which St. Paul lists in his Letter to the Galatians (5:22). Implore the Holy Spirit for this fruit in your own life and the grace and guidance to share this gift with others.

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:	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	Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.				

The blind said, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Mark 10:51-52



Thirtieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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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 <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 5:30PM Friday Daily Mass 6:30PM	MASS INTENTIONS <i>ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office.</i> For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday. <i>Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.</i>	ALTAR SOCIETY Nena Garcia 774.2604
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Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY October 26, 2024
5:30PM: Souls in Purgatory
†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
†Dorn Dover (Rose De La Cruz)
†David Solis Sr (Pat, David, Gabby)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)
†Epifania L Salinas, †Delia L Gonzales, †Estella L Acuña

SUNDAY October 27, 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)
†Emilio Pena Sr. (Family)
†Raquel Nuñez Ochoa (Family)

TUESDAY October 29, 2024
5:30PM: †Eugenio Flores (Family)

WEDNESDAY October 30, 2024
8:30AM: †Delia L Gonzales (Jesse Gonzales)

THURSDAY October 31, 2024
8:30AM: †Estella L Acuña (Family)
†Esequiel Solis Sr. (Family)

FRIDAY November 1, 2024
8:30AM: for the parishioners of Immaculate Conception
6:30PM: Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society

SATURDAY November 2, 2024
10:00AM: All Souls Novena
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAY November 3, 2024
8:00AM: All Souls Novena
†Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Fidel & †Alma Labeaga (Genoveva Labeaga)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Santos Garcia (Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Lino Cruz Sr (Family)
†Gloria Cristel Cadriel (Mom & Siblings)
12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)
†Emilio Pena Sr (Family)
†Ray Villarreal Sr. (Elena Villarreal)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,770.00
Loose Collection	\$1,459.00
Children’s Collection	\$8.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$120.00
Online Giving	\$605.00
Collection Total - Oct. 19/20	\$3,962.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$696.00

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 October

26/27 - Hurricane Relief (Emergency Collection, Catholic Charities USA)

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

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Nov. 2 Sun. Nov. 3	Lector Lectors	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Louis	Amelia
8:00AM	Estaban	Janie
10:00AM	Jesse L	Terri F.
12:00PM	Lupe A	Josie

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord’s kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God’s love and care for us. “Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves” (Psalm 126:5–6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ss. Simon & Jude
Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19: 2-5, 6; Lk 6: 12-16

Tuesday:
Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:
Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:
Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144 1-2,9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul’s)
Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40,

Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Be bold in your prayer. Spend time reflecting on the areas in your life you tend to keep from God, especially those requests that you are often too timid to make known. Offer these prayers to the Lord. To take it a step further, consider trying a new form of prayer this week, such as lection divina or an Ignatian examen, or praying in a new posture (such as hands open) or location (perhaps outside).

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, you make all things work for my good. I know this, but sometimes, I don’t believe it. Help me in my unbelief. Lord, help me to see the good things you do for me each and every day. Open my eyes and heart to the workings of your hand, and inspire me to offer all praise back to you. Amen.

LA ESPERANZA Y PROMESA DE REDENCIÓN

El profeta Jeremías anuncia el fin del exilio en Babilonia. Describe cómo los débiles y los tristes ahora regresarán con alegría. Éste es el pueblo dispersado de Dios: los ciegos y cojos; preñadas y paridas. Serán guiados por un camino llano para que nadie tropiece. La bondad y misericordia del Señor están con este pueblo débil y deshecho.

Aquí y en el Salmo 126 (125) encontramos imágenes poéticas extremadamente hermosas del amor y cuidado que Dios tiene por nosotros. “Los que sembraban con lágrimas, / cosechan entre cantares. Al ir, iba llorando, / llevando la semilla; / al volver, vuelve cantando, / trayendo sus gavillas” (Salmo 126[125]:5-6). Si bien Dios tuvo que castigar a Israel por sus muchos pecados, nunca se olvidó de ellos aun cuando estaban dispersos, y los llevó de regreso a la tierra de sus ancestros para que prosperaran y fueran felices de nuevo. En esto encontramos la esperanza y la promesa de nuestra propia redención al reunimos, desde todos los rincones del mundo, para celebrar el gran banquete de Dios.

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 family that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week
Joe & Eudelia Flores

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

The Feast days of All Saint’s & All Souls’ are approaching, below you will find the Mass times for both days. Please take the time to mark these days in your calendar.

All Saint’s Day - Friday, November 1st
8:30AM & 6:30PM

All Souls’ Day - Saturday, November 2nd
9:30AM Rosary at Gregory Cemetery
Followed by
10:00AM Mass at Gregory Cemetery

The All Souls Novena will be from November 2nd - 10th (Mass will be celebrated on Mondays also)
Envelopes for the Novena are in your offering envelope mail-out and in the entry of the church.