

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 64: Lamb of God

Continuing through the Communion Rite, we have prayed the Our Father and exchanged a holy and reverent Sign of Peace. What comes next? As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains, “The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name [Breaking of the Bread was a common name for Mass in the early Church], signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again. The fraction or breaking of bread is begun after the sign of peace and is carried out with proper reverence, and should not be unnecessarily prolonged or accorded exaggerated importance... The priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious” (GIRM, 83).

The Lamb of God in Scripture

You may be thinking, Hold on, Father! What about the Lamb of God? Well, as we will see, at this moment of the Mass a couple of actions will be overlapping. At this point in the Mass, we either sing or say the Agnus Dei: “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.” The Roman Missal instructs that the first phrases may be repeated if needed, but the final time always ends with “grant us peace.” As John the Baptist heralded, Jesus is the Lamb of God—the one true sacrifice offered out of love for us for the forgiveness of sins. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “The slaughtered lamb is of extreme importance throughout Sacred Scripture. The prophecy of Jeremiah is that the suffering Servant of the Lord would be like a ‘lamb led to the slaughter.’ The Book of Revelation states that enthroned on the Heavenly Altar is the Lamb of God showing the marks of being slain for our offenses. For the Jewish Passover, the lamb was the prescribed animal of sacrifice. The sacrifice of Jesus is the new Passover. In fact, as the Gospel of John details, Jesus is the Lamb of the new Passover” (A Study of the Mass, p. 18).

The Meaning of the Lamb of God

In greater depth, Charles Belmonte states, “The figure of the ‘Lamb of God’ is full of meaning and is helpful to enkindle our devotion before Communion. The Lamb foretold by Isaiah and announced by St. John the Baptist should wipe out our sins through his obedience to God’s will: ‘Innocent, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughterhouse, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers’ (Isa 53:7)... [T]his lamb was also foreshadowed by the paschal lamb the Jews sacrificed on the eve of their departure from their slavery in Egypt. The expression of John the Baptist reminds us of the lamb of which the Jews celebrated the Passover every year, the pledge of the reconciliation of man with God. St. John the Evangelist, who was at the foot of the cross, observed that Jesus’ legs were not broken as in the case of the two thieves. We find in this detail some similarity with the prescription of God for the Paschal lamb: ‘You must not break any bone of it’ (Ex 12:46) ... Finally, the Agnus Dei [Lamb of God] is also a nuptial hymn to celebrate the wedding of the Lamb with his bride, the Church, in peace and unity, as is described in the Book of Revelation. There, on the altar, the Lamb lies alive, but as if slain. Twenty-four elders are around the Lamb. They are clothed in white robes and crowned with gold. Thousands of angels hymn the sacrifice and triumph of the Lamb. Certainly, each Mass is only a prelude and a token of the future adoration of the Lamb in eternity” (Understanding the Mass, p. 180–81).

So, just like so many of the other Mass parts we have reviewed, the Lamb of God is filled with meaning and symbolism, all of which are pointing directly to Jesus Christ, truly present on the altar: his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Just before we are ready for Holy Communion, these words remind us of Who is present on the altar and that, in his great love, he offered himself in sacrifice to save us from our sins. Here is the One who fulfills the prophecies of old. Here is the One for whom hearts have been longing. Here is the One whose perfect sacrifice draws us together in love and opens a sharing in the beauty and perfection of heaven. What a great Savior! How blessed are we that he is truly present in our midst!

For Reflection:

1. Meditate on one or more of the lamb-related passages Fr. Luke features in this week’s reflection: Ex 12; Isa 53; Jn 1:19–51; Rev 5. Give thanks to the Father for revealing the Lamb of God to us.
2. Pray with an image of the Lamb of God in art, such as Francisco de Zurbarán’s Agnus Dei, the Van Eyck brothers’ Ghent Altarpiece, or Josefa de Ayala’s The Sacrificial Lamb. Allow this visual experience of prayer to help you perceive Christ’s presence at 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	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.	Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.			



Thirty-Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



This poor widow put in more than all the  
other contributors to the treasury  
Mark 12:43

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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

November 9, 2024

5:30PM: All Souls Novena

†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)

†Jose & †Guadalupe Lopez (Dora Torres)

Special Intentions for Ray Casares Jr. & Dwayne Salinas (Family)

SUNDAY

November 10, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Irma Perales (Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

10:00AM: All Souls Novena

†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)

†Ray Villarreal Sr. (Elena Villarreal)

†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

Special Intentions for Divine Mercy Apostles

TUESDAY

November 12, 2024

5:30PM: For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

WEDNESDAY

November 13, 2024

8:30AM: for the sick & homebound of the parish

THURSDAY

November 14, 2024

8:30AM: for the deceased of the parish

FRIDAY

November 15, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Fr. Andrew (Rose De La Cruz)

SATURDAY

November 16, 2024

5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Frank Hernandez (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Christopher Chavez (Family)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)

†Pedro & †Concepcion Lopez (Dora Torres)

SUNDAY

November 17, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Irma Perales (Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Santos Garcia (Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Ernest, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)

†Olivia, †Brijida & †Patricia Escobedo (Avila Family)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Adrian G Flores (Family)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)

†Emilio Pena Sr (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection\$2,468.00

Loose Collection\$902.00

Children’s Collection\$96.00

All Saints Envelopes (Nov.1)\$562.00

Building Maintenance Fund\$20.00

Online Giving\$370.00

Collection Total - Nov. 2/3\$4,418.00

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 November

9/10 - Building Maintenance

16/17 - Campaign for Human Development



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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. 16

Sun. Nov. 17

Lector



Extra Ordinary Ministers



5:30PM

David

Louis

8:00AM

Esteban

Amparo

10:00AM

Brenda

Ophelia

12:00PM

Gabby

Lupe A.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today’s Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn’t mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus’ way of service, even if it requires giving one’s livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God’s care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life “to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him” (Hebrews 9:28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St. Martin of Tours

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: St. Josaphat

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: St. Albert the Great

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, how easily I forget that you don’t want fancy attire, lofty honors, or prominence in society from me. Instead, your desire is that I give you my entire livelihood. Lord, help me to be like the widow who, in her great humility, gave God every-thing she had. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Detachment come through recognizing that God alone satisfies the desires of our hearts. No clothing, relationship, grade, job, social status, trophy, or wealth can grant our lives true or lasting peace. Practice detachment this week by letting go of something that brings your worldly comfort. Maybe give up a favorite food, simplify an outfit, fast from a meal, refrain from boasting on social media, or give a little more than usual in this Sunday’s collection. Make it an offering to the Lord that from your poverty you might grow in faith.

LLAMADOS A SER DISCÍPULOS

La vocación central en el Evangelio según san Marcos es la vocación, o el llamado de ser discípulos. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos brinda por lo menos un ejemplo de qué significa la vocación de ser discípulo y un ejemplo de lo que no significa. Una viuda pobre nos muestra que ser un buen discípulo significa seguir el camino de servicio de Jesús, incluso si implica entregar todo lo que tenemos para vivir (o incluso nuestra vida). Los letrados nos muestran con su mal ejemplo que ser un buen discípulo implica la vocación de hacer llegar el cuidado de Dios a los más necesitados.

En nuestra lectura del libro de los Reyes otra viuda y su hijo corren peligro de morir. Ellos también entregan lo poco que tienen, pero son recompensados por Elías con comida suficiente para un año. Y la lectura de la carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que Jesús sacrificó su vida “para salvación de aquellos que lo aguardan” (Hebreos 9:28).

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

Gabriel & Cindy Gomez

BAPTISMAL CLASS



We will be having our next baptismal class here on **Thursday, November 14th** at **7pm**. You **Must** register for the class at the parish office, to attend.

Veterans Day





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LAS POSADAS



We have begun our search for “Yes” homes for our “Las Posadas”. The following dates are still available: **Tuesday, December 17th, Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday December 19th,** If you would like to host one of these nights please contact the parish office. So we can make arrangements.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

