

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 74: Private Silent Prayer

After the wonderful moment of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, what should we do next? You got it: pray! According to the Diocese of Peoria, “After we receive the Most Holy Eucharist we return to our pew... This is a most opportune time to pray and talk with our Lord, whom we have just received” (A Study of the Mass, p. 20). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs us that this period may be given over to quiet prayer or to singing: “When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the Priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired, a Psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation” (GIRM, 88). Depending on your parish traditions, there probably has been a Communion hymn or antiphon, which began after the priest received Communion. Your parish might also have a tradition of singing a Post-Communion hymn, sometimes called a hymn of thanksgiving. Many authors recommend that, in addition to these, there also be a period of silence.

The Importance of Silence

Fr. Guy Oury says that a period of silence is important: “The whole Church, the whole community, should take time to give silent thanks. It is important to do so, even if this has to be done after dismissal. This is the moment, if ever, to introduce a time of silence, as recommended also at other moments of the celebration. On the whole, however, the Eucharistic Prayer is much less silent than in the past, and the silence that favors recollection is a value not to be lost. Thanksgiving is absolutely indispensable in its collective form and its personal form. Sacramental effectiveness of the Eucharist does not work automatically. It requires dispositions. Mass itself is a thanksgiving, but thanksgiving does not cease with reception of Communion. It continues, and may extend to a hymn or a psalm said in common. There is much singing in the course of Mass, but at this moment it is well to let the peace of silence fall over the assembly” (The Mass, p. 123).

So, what kind of prayer is fitting during this time? Fr. Oury notes an anonymous author writing in Syria around the year 300 AD who gives us an example: “After receiving the precious Body and the precious Blood of Christ we give thanks to him for making us worthy to share in his holy mysteries and ask him that this partaking be not for judgment and condemnation but for salvation and the benefit of soul and body, for the preservation of piety, for the remission of sins and for the life of the world to come” (The Mass, p. 117). Perhaps this is a moment of prayer where thanks pour forth from our hearts as we recognize the wonderful gift we have been given. Maybe it is a moment to ask that we be strengthened for what we are facing. Hopefully, it is a moment to say from our hearts that we truly want to live in God’s love.

Silent but Active Prayer

Whatever our prayer is, Fr. Joseph McGloin reminds us that this time of silence shouldn’t be mindless and passive: “So, although this is a time of silence, it isn’t a time to prop ourselves upright, either kneeling or sitting, and doze off to dream of the upcoming day or the past night. It isn’t a time, either, to say, ‘Ok, Lord, do your thing,’ and then settle back to wait passively for Him to do it. That would be about as polite as welcoming a visitor into our home and then just sitting there while they entertained and feasted us. No, this moment of union with God after Holy Communion ought to be the most active, wonderful part of the Mass for us. We talk to him and we listen. His talk will be quiet talk—the way he almost always communicates with men... He wants to teach us, especially at this intimate moment, to love him in return. This will mean an active response on our part. Silent prayer doesn’t mean just sitting back in regal passivity, waiting for the gifts to be laid at our feet. A lady once complained to Fr. Walter Farrell, the great Dominican writer, that she couldn’t seem to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. ‘I begin a Hail Mary,’ she told him, ‘and then I look at the tabernacle and start to think about how good God is, and I never do finish my Hail Mary.’ She couldn’t pray? Here was a perfect prayer. And Mary would be the first one to admit that. The very purpose of our devotion to Mary (and all the saints) is to lead us to adoration of her divine Son” (How to Get More Out of the Mass, pp. 137–9).

So, let us use well this opportunity for prayer after Communion and grow closer to the Lord we have just received!

For Reflection:

1. Review the Lord Jesus’ teaching on prayer in Matthew 6:5-8. Bring this attentiveness to personal prayer to God the Father to your time of prayer after receiving Communion.
2. What is your parish’s practice of prayer during and following Communion? Participate actively in this time of prayer, and feel free to speak with your pastor if you have suggestions about the use of hymns or silence during 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	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.			



Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025



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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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[Jesus’ mother said to the servers]


“Do whatever he tells you.”

John 2:5



Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAY

January 18, 2025

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

†Macario Barrera (Rosa Barrera)

†Robert & Marion Schicker (Michael Schicker)

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)

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

SUNDAY

January 19, 2025

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Sylvia & Rogelio Zuniga)

Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)

†Emilio Pena Sr. (Lucy Pena)

†Angelina & †Joel Mora, †Aaron Gobble (Family)

TUESDAY

January 21, 2025

5:30PM: †Emilio Nunez (Minerva Rodriguez)

WEDNESDAY

January 22, 2025

8:30AM: †Jonathan Nunez (Minerva Rodriguez)

THURSDAY

January 23, 2025

8:30AM: Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY

January 24, 2025

8:30AM: S.I. for Fr. Andrew (Rose De La Cruz)

SATURDAY

January 25, 2025

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

†Diana Schicker (Michael Schicker)

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

Th to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAY

January 26, 2025

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Sylvia & Rogelio Zuniga)

†Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza (Idolina Esparza)

†Graciela Moreno, †Rachel Hinojosa (Idolina Esparza)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)

†Emilio Pena Sr. (Lucy Pena)

†Angelina & †Joel Mora, †Aaron Gobble (Family)

S.I. - Special Intentions

† - Repose (Eternal Rest)

Th - in Thanksgiving

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Pray for the following family that will be hosting the

Traveling Divine Image this week

Christina Kohley

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$740.00
Loose Collection	\$1,686.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$709.00
Online Giving	\$225.00
Collection Total - Jan. 11/12	\$3,360.00

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 January

25/26 - Church in Latin America



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OUR PARISH WEBSITE'S ONLINE

GIVING PAGE



† 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. Jan. 25 Sun. Jan. 26	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	Gabby	Juan
8:00AM	Armando	Carmen
10:00AM	Gabriel	Cindy
12:00PM	Jesse C	Lucy

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

God is so good to us. We don't have a Lord who merely meets our expectations and needs. No, we have a God who constantly and consistently exceeds our needs! God give us what we need, and then some! So, why does God do this? Why does he always go above and beyond and spoil us? The answer is simple, really. God is madly in love with us. Christ, the groom, is passionately in love with his bride, the Church, and wants to spoil her with riches.

We see the courting and wedding imagery clearly in Isaiah's prophecy; God cannot help but overwhelm us with his love. God is so worth of praise and adulation, and today's psalm erupts in praise and in worship of his goodness. St. Paul, too, in our second reading, is trying to raise the attention of the church in Corinth to recognize how blessed they are, overflowing with spiritual gifts meant to build up the Body of Christ and his kingdom on earth.

The gospel is a shining example of a groom so in love with his bride that he'd turn stink-water into sauvignon in a miraculous act of love and desire to bring God glory. Jesus consistently chose wedding imagery to explain the depths of God's love for his people – so a wedding was a fitting backdrop for his first public miracle.

Dios es tan bueno con nosotros. No tenemos un Señor que simplemente satisface nuestras expectativas y necesidades. No, tenemos un Dios que constantemente y consistentemente excede nuestras necesidades. Dios nos da lo que necesitamos, ¡y más! Entonces, ¿por qué Dios hace esto? ¿Por qué siempre va más allá y nos mimas? La respuesta es simple, en realidad. Dios está locamente enamorado de nosotros. Cristo, el novio, está apasionadamente enamorado de su novia, la Iglesia, y quiere mimarla con riquezas.

Vemos claramente las imágenes del cortejo y la boda en la profecía de Isaías; Dios no puede evitar abrumarnos con su amor. Dios es tan digno de alabanza y adulación, y el salmo de hoy estalla en alabanza y adoración a su bondad. San Pablo también, en nuestra segunda lectura, está tratando de llamar la atención de la iglesia en Corinto para que reconozca cuán bendecida es, rebosante de dones espirituales destinados a edificar el Cuerpo de Cristo y su reino en la tierra. El evangelio es un ejemplo brillante de un novio tan enamorado de su novia que convirtió el agua apestosa en sauvignon en un acto milagroso de amor y deseo de glorificar a Dios. Jesús siempre escogió imágenes de bodas para explicar la profundidad del amor de Dios por su pueblo, por lo que una boda fue un contexto apropiado para su primer milagro público.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: St. Agnes

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28,

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: St. Francis de Sales

Heb 8:6-13; Ps ; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on

Wednesday, January 29th from

4pm until we run out of supplies.

2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2024 contribution statement for your income tax purposes. Please contact the Parish Office or send an email to [dauids@iccgregory.org](mailto:dauids@iccgregory.org) so we can prepare your statement.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of the sacraments, particularly that of Marriage. Thank you for the honor and blessing you give to a man and a woman as they participate in and become a reflection to the world of the love of the Blessed Trinity. Thank you, too, for the ways that you love and adore me just as a groom delights in his bride. I ask this day that you continue to reveal your abundant love and care for me and that I may experience this love in new ways. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Jesus loves us in abundance and holds nothing back. He gives us his mother as our intercessor, and he listens and acts upon her requests. Pray the Angelus prayer, which you can easily find online, every day (at noon, if possible), and ask for Mary's intercession in your life. Prayer with the confidence that Jesus listens to his mother.

BLESSED PALM BRANCHES

If you have any Blessed Palm Branches from Palm Sunday last year or any previous year, you can bring them to the parish office or drop them off in the basket in the entrance of the Church. These palm branches can be used to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Those blessed by celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey. Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 9:30a.m. at Corpus Christi Cathedral. Contact the parish office to register. Deadline is January 31, 2025.