

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 75: Purification of Vessels

While you are praying after Holy Communion, you have probably noticed that there is still visible action at the altar. This is called the Purification of the Sacred Vessels. As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, “After communion, there may be a song of thanksgiving or a moment of silence. Often during this time the priest or deacon purifies the sacred vessels used for Mass, although this is sometimes done after Mass, especially in places that use a large number of vessels for the distribution of Holy Communion. Even this aspect of the Mass is ritualized, as nothing in the Mass is insignificant. The sacred vessels used for the Mass are carefully purified to ensure that any particles of the Hosts are collected into the chalice so as to be consumed. While the priest purifies the Chalice he says quietly, ‘What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.’ As we believe in the real presence in the smallest particle of the Host or in even a drop of the precious Blood, this period of purification ensures the proper reverence to the Blessed Sacrament” (A Study of the Mass, p. 20).

For me as a priest, purifying the vessels is a very special time of prayer. Of course, I am thinking about how we believe Jesus is truly present in even the smallest particle or even in the smallest drop of remaining Precious Blood. I am thankful for the Lord’s generosity and his humility—that he would come to us in such a gentle and veiled way. I will often pray for specific people at the Mass and for everyone there to be strengthened as they get ready to go forth.

Reverencing the Most Precious Gift

In order to show proper reverence for our Lord’s presence under the species of bread and wine, the priest is obliged to do what he reasonably can to gather up any fragments of the host and any drops of the Precious Blood and consume them himself. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal: “Whenever a fragment of the host adheres to his fingers, especially after the fraction or after the Communion of the faithful, the Priest should wipe his fingers over the paten or, if necessary, wash them. Likewise, he should also gather any fragments that may have fallen outside the paten” (GIRM, 278). After the priest has drunk from the chalice any remaining Precious Blood, he empties the fragments from the paten into the chalice, which is purified with water. The priest then empties the chalice by drinking the water, which contains the fragments of the consecrated host from the paten and any drops of the Precious Blood remaining in the chalice.

The rite of purification might seem like a trivial detail, but it is actually a great way of bolstering our faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To see priests and deacons carefully consuming leftover particles reminds us just how precious the gift of Holy Communion is, as well as reminding us to always treat this gift respectfully—before, during, and after we have received our Lord in Communion.



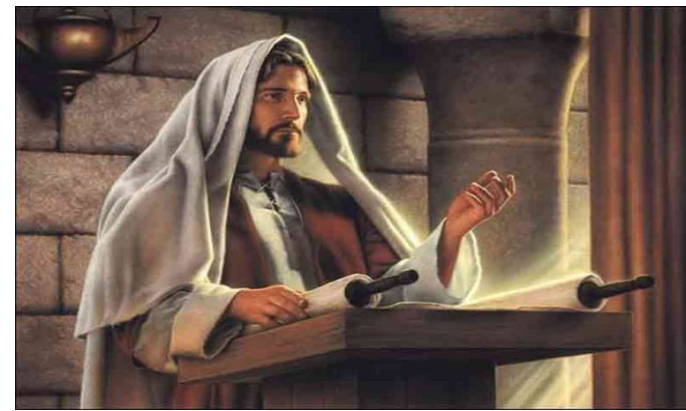
For Reflection:

1. If you have not already done so, devote some of your time of prayer after Communion to observing the purification of the sacred vessels. Unite yourself spiritually with this act of reverence for Christ’s presence.
2. Reflect on occasions in your life when you have shown reverence for another person’s body, such as caring for young children, the sick, or the elderly. Allow these human experiences to deepen your prayer and reverence towards the Real Presence.

*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 Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Luke 4:18



# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025



## Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



### FAITH FORMATION

Noreen Saenz  
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*Director of Religious Ed.*

David D. Solis Jr.  
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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.*

### 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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| PASTORAL COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR  | Mike Lopez 438.9054            |
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| ALTAR SOCIETY                | Nena Garcia 774.2604           |
| LECTORS                      | Jesus Garza 704-2269           |
| USHERS                       | Ramiro Peña 222-8857           |
| BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE        | Aurora Leal 229.6956           |
| BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY       | Sylvia Gomez 228.0822          |
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| HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY   | Diana Moreno 765.7696          |
|                              | Adriana Bernardo 543.7642      |
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Mass Intentions For The Week

**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)  
**TUESDAY January 28, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Richard H Moreno (Minerva Rodriguez)  
**WEDNESDAY January 29, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** For the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception  
**THURSDAY January 30, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** Deceased of the Parish  
**FRIDAY January 31, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** for the sick and homebound  
**SATURDAY February 1, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rodolfo V Moreno)  
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia Ortiz)  
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
**SUNDAY February 2, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Federico & Dora Peña (Oscar & Odilia Reyes)  
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Gilbert & Elvia Hernandez)  
†Adolfo Valdez (Family)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)  
**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Emilio Pena Sr. (Pena Family)  
†Candelario Zavala (Garcia Family)  
†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  
Rene & Janie Garcia

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           | \$1,902.00 |
| Loose Collection              | \$939.00   |
| Building Maintenance Fund     | \$140.00   |
| Children’s Collection         | \$11.00    |
| Online Giving                 | \$385.00   |
| Collection Total - Jan. 18/19 | \$3,377.00 |

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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† 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.

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| 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. Feb. 1<br>Sun. Feb. 2     | Lector Lectors | 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

Some people are born to write, others to speak, others to counsel. People are born with great intelligence, amazing athleticism, or incredible artistic ability. Each of us has our own gifts, as St. Paul attests to, and those gifts come from God. Scripture is a gift from God. God’s law, see in the first reading, is a gift. Preachers and pastors who teach and translate God’s law are gifts to his Church, though not always appreciated for it. Those who know the Lord in his Word and in his sacraments ought to have a humble boldness, a quiet confidence, and an unshakable joy, even in the face of adversity. As revealed in the gospel, the Word of the lord points us to the eternal Word – Jesus, himself. Additionally, God’s Word reminds us that if we fail to follow God in our hearts, our words mean little. How we live – what we say and don’t say, do and don’t do – ought to be a living testament to God who gave us our blessings and skills and our very lives because of his goodness. When people meet us, there should be no doubt that there is a God, and we are not him.

Algunas personas nacen para escribir, otras para hablar, otras para aconsejar. Las personas nacen con una gran inteligencia, una capacidad atlética asombrosa o una capacidad artística increíble. Cada uno de nosotros tiene sus propios dones, como lo atestigua San Pablo, y esos dones vienen de Dios. La Escritura es un don de Dios. La ley de Dios, como se ve en la primera lectura, es un don. Los predicadores y pastores que enseñan y traducen la ley de Dios son dones para su Iglesia, aunque no siempre sean apreciados por ello. Aquellos que conocen al Señor en su Palabra y en sus sacramentos deben tener una audacia humilde, una confianza tranquila y una alegría inquebrantable, incluso frente a la adversidad. Como se revela en el Evangelio, la Palabra del Señor nos señala la Palabra eterna: Jesús mismo. Además, la Palabra de Dios nos recuerda que si no seguimos a Dios en nuestro corazón, nuestras palabras significan poco. La manera en que vivimos –lo que decimos y lo que no decimos, lo que hacemos y lo que no hacemos– debería ser un testimonio vivo de Dios, que nos dio nuestras bendiciones, nuestras habilidades y nuestra propia vida gracias a su bondad. Cuando la gente nos conoce, no debería haber ninguna duda de que existe un Dios y de que nosotros no somos él.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
Monday: St. Angela Merici  
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas  
Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday:  
Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday:  
Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: St. John Bosco  
Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday:  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75 ;Mk 4:35-41  
Sunday: Presentation of the Lord  
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

Share the Faith

Support the Church in Latin America  
usccb.org/latin-america

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, there are many things in our world that are confusing and leave me doubting. I know that your Word endures. Send your grace to be with me as I reflect on the gift you’ve given us in sacred scripture. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

During the week, write out your hopes and plans, and then offer them to God. We should pray about our desires and our hopes daily, but always conclude with, “Lord, may your will be done.” Seek the will of God daily, even above your own will.

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.

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 [davids@iccgregory.org](mailto:davids@iccgregory.org) so we can prepare your statement.