

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, April 15th - Holy Tuesday**  
Chrism Mass *at Corpus Christi Cathedral 10:00AM*  
*No 5:30PM Daily Mass at Parish*

**Wednesday, April 16th - Holy Wednesday**  
Daily Mass –**8:30AM**

**Thursday, April 17th - Holy Thursday**—*NO 8:30AM Mass*  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper –**7:00PM**  
Eucharistic Adoration - **8PM - 12AM**

**Friday, April 18th - Good Friday**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet (*Novena day 1*) - **3PM**  
Stations of the Cross - **3:30PM**  
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Distribution of Holy Communion - **6:00PM**  
Eucharistic Adoration til **11PM**

**Saturday, April 19th - Holy Saturday**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet (*Novena day 2*) -**3pm**  
Blessing of the Food - **3:30PM**  
Easter Vigil Mass - **8PM** (*NO 5:30PM Mass*)

**Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
Regular Sunday Schedule **9AM** (Spanish); **11AM**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet (*Novena day 3*) - **3pm**

**ABOUT TODAY’S SECOND COLLECTION**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



<b>Baptisms:</b> By Appointment only  Contact Parish office for more information	<b>Reconciliation</b> Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	<b>Marriage</b> By appointment only:  Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	<b>Quincerañeras</b> Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> Anytime: contact the parish office	<b>Communion to the Sick / Homebound</b>  <i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office
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**BISHOP’S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

If you have not made your pledge please prayerfully consider. You support of the appeal supports Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Faith Formation, Clergy, Families, Those in Need and Parishes, our parish goal is \$16,408.

Consider a recurring online pledge. Scan the QR code to be taken to the BSA website to learn more about the appeal.

**2025 Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal Report**  
**Immaculate Conception - Gregory as of 3/21/25**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$16,408</b>
Pledged	\$2,160
Recurring Gifts Projected	\$3,180
Pledged Recurring Gifts Expected	\$5,340
% of Goal Pledged	33%
Difference from Goal	(\$11,068)
<b>Collected</b>	<b>\$2,160</b>
% of Goal Collected	13%
Difference from Goal collected	(\$14,248)
Donors	18
Registered Households	466
% participation	4%

**“YOU ARE HERE WITH ME ALWAYS; EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS”**  
- LUKE 15:31

**Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**  
for the Diocese of Corpus Christi

**USHERS MEETING**

The ushers will be having their monthly meeting **Sunday, April 6th at 2:00PM** in the Religious Education Building.

If you are interested in joining the ushers ministry please make plans to attend or contact Ramiro Peña at 361-222-8857

**This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.**

**Luke 15:24**

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
*Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi*

**Rev. Andrew Hejdak**  
*Pastor*

David D. Solis Jr.  
*davids@iccgregory.org*  
**Administrative Asst.**

John Womack & Co.  
**Bookkeeper**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**10:00am - 4:30pm**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Noreen Saenz  
*reoffice@iccgregory.org*  
**Director of Religious Ed.**

David D. Solis Jr.  
**Asst. Director of Religious Ed.**

**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 –Thursday 8:30AM**  
**First Friday of the Month**  
**Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM**  
**Fridays during Lent**  
*Stations of the Cross 6:30PM*  
**Friday 7:00PM**

**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

**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.*

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR**  
Mike Lopez 438.9054

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR**  
Chris Flores 244.0245

**CHOIR COORDINATOR**  
Naida Rios 774.3778

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**  
Jesus Garza 704-2269

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
David D. Solis Jr. 643.4505

**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

**DIVINE MERCY APOSTLES**  
Sonya Torres 730.6165

**HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY**  
Diana Moreno 765.7696

**SACRED HEART SOCIETY**  
Amelia Flores 443.9811

**ST. JUDE NOVENA**  
Jerry & Ofelia Rivera 876.7147

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Mass Intentions For The Week

**SATURDAY March 29, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Guadalupe V Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)  
†Minerva Lopez (Sylvia Eudy)  
†Diana Schicker (Family)  
†Gilbert, †Jesus & †Jose Avila (Family)

**SUNDAY March 30, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Family)  
†Antonio Rodriguez (Georgina y Hijos)  
†Estefana Menchaca (Gracie & Manuel Menchaca)  
†Irma & †Cristian Perales (Perales Family)  
†Jose Javier Mendoza and †Mathias Cardoza (Family)  
†Juan Fonseca, †Maria de la Luz, †Jurado & †Maria Rendiz (Celia Diaz)  
Para la salud de Gregorio Diaz (Celia Diaz)  
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Menchaca)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)  
†Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza  
†Graciela Moreno & †Rachel Hinojosa (Family)  
**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)  
†Aurelio & †Eulojia Avila (Family)  
Health of Maria Gomez

**TUESDAY April 1, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** *Souls in purgatory*

**WEDNESDAY April 2, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** *Souls in purgatory*

**THURSDAY April 3, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY April 4, 2025**  
**7:00PM:** Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society  
†Adan & †Aurora Escobedo  
†Anselmo & †Lupe Sanchez  
†Sofia E & †Richard E Alvarez (Joe & Mary Salinas)

**SATURDAY April 5, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Guadalupe V Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)  
†Minerva Lopez (Sylvia Eudy)  
†Estefana Menchaca (Manuel & Gracie Menchaca)  
†Sofia E & †Richard E Alvarez (Joe & Mary Salinas)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

**SUNDAY April 6, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Family)  
†Antonio Rodriguez (Georgina y Hijos)  
†Irma & †Cristian Perales (Perales Family)  
†Guadalupe & †Irene Reyes (Oscar & Odilia Reyes)  
**10:00AM:** †Emilio Pena Sr. (Lucy Pena & Family)  
**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)  
†Ray Villarreal Jr (Family)

**BAPTISMAL CLASS**

We will be having our next baptismal class here on **Thursday, May 8th at 7pm.**

You **Must** register for the class at the parish office, to attend.

April 5/6	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers	April 12/13	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Louis	Amelia	5:30PM	Jesus/ Jenevieve	Juan
8:00AM	Esteban	Janie	8:00AM	Elisa/ Armando	Janie
10:00AM	Jesse L	Terri F.	10:00AM	Brenda/ David	Raymond
12:00PM	Lupe A	Josie F.	12:00PM	Gabby/ David	Chelo

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,860.00
Loose Collection	\$662.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$597.00
Online Giving	\$485.00
Collection Total - Mar. 22/23	\$3,624.00

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.  
May God bless you now and forever.

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO BE TAKEN TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE'S ONLINE GIVING PAGE

**Special Collections for the Month of March**  
**29/30** - Catholic Relief Services

**April**  
**5/6** - Building Maintenance Fund  
**18** - Holy Land Collection  
**26/27** - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

† 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	Jorge Hernandez,	Julia Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo	San Juanita Hinojosa,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Paula Avila	Jaime Jimenez,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Rosa Barrera	Jim Malloy	San Juanita Saenz,
Elisa Claudio	Mary Malloy	Bernice Sanchez,
Johnny Cruz	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Adan Salazar,
Adela Escobedo	Alejandro Mora,	Gracie Salazar,
Aurora Flores	Anastacio Mora,	Raymond Smith,
Eudelia Flores	Noemilio Mora,	B Solis,
Guadalupe Flores	Joe Morales,	Dora Tagle,
Juanita Flores,	Lupe Moreno,	Gloria Treviño,
Luis Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Joe Treviño,
Esmeralda Hernandez,	Ramiro Perales	Sara Treviño,
Fermin Hernandez	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

**LOST AND FOUND**

“This hurts me more than it hurts you” is more than a parent-ing cliché uttered after delivering a just punishment. It is a deep spiritual truth about our Father in heaven. Sin doesn’t just break a rule; it breaks a relationship. Sin does not keep God from loving us, but it does destroy our ability and capacity to receive and experience God’s love.

The first reading is a cause for celebration in the book of Joshua. Israel is God’s child, and their forty-year punishment has finally drawn to a close. It’s a new day, and the Father is happy to begin a new chapter with his offspring. Just as we see the prodigal son’s father welcoming him home, we see the Lord welcome Israel. It’s in this same way that we too, are reconciled with God, who looks at us as a new creation. Though we are sinners, God views us as saints in the making. God’s mercy is unyielding and constant, and his invitation to love and be loved by him is eternal. This is why we “*taste and see the goodness of the Lord*” as every single Mass and in his sacramental Church.

The gospel story would make orthodox Jews of the day cringe, as they considered swine to be ceremoniously and inherently “unclean” animals. The fact that the younger son not only cared for them but thought to share their food is a sign of intense betrayal to Jewish law and a greatly disgraceful act.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:**  
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday: St. Francis de Paola**  
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:**  
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday: St. Isidore**  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer**  
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for Easter Lilies are located on the table in the entrance of the Church. If you would like to donate for the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please pick-up a envelope on your way out after Mass.

**TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY**

Pray for the following family that will be hosting the *Traveling Divine Image this week*

**March 30 - April 5:** Gabriel & Cindy Gomez  
**April 6 - 12:** Juan & Sylvia Gomez

**PERDIDO Y ENCONTRADO**

“Esto me duele más a mí que a ti” es más que un cliché parental pronunciado después de un castigo justo. Es una profunda verdad espiritual sobre nuestro Padre celestial. El pecado no solo rompe una regla; rompe una relación. El pecado no impide que Dios nos ame, pero sí destruye nuestra capacidad de recibir y experimentar su amor.

La primera lectura del libro de Josué es motivo de celebración. Israel es hijo de Dios, y su castigo de cuarenta años finalmente ha llegado a su fin. Es un nuevo día, y el Padre está feliz de comenzar un nuevo capítulo con su descendencia. Así como vemos al padre del hijo pródigo dándole la bienvenida, vemos al Señor recibir a Israel. Es así como también nosotros nos reconciliamos con Dios, quien nos ve como una nueva creación. Aunque somos pecadores, Dios nos ve como santos en formación. La misericordia de Dios es inquebrantable y constante, y su invitación a amar y ser amados por él es eterna. Por eso “*probamos y vemos la bondad del Señor*” en cada misa y en su Iglesia sacramental. El relato evangélico estremecería a los judíos ortodoxos de la época, quienes consideraban a los cerdos animales ceremonial e inherentemente “inmundos”. El hecho de que el hijo menor no solo los cuidara, sino que también compartiera su comida, es una señal de profunda traición a la ley judía y un acto sumamente vergonzoso.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Heavenly Father, you diligently search for us, even when we are lost. You are never let us wander alone, and not only do you wait for us to return to you but you run toward us to carry us home. Send your Holy Spirit to guide my prayer today. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

Take ten minutes night to reflect on the moments of that day when you chose to walk away from God and the times when you failed to thank God. You may choose to write this down in a journal. Share some of these with a close friend, and ask for his or her prayers. If you want some extra structure for this reflection, look up the Ignatian Daily Examen online.

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

We will be having our Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, April 10th at 7pm. Several Priests will be here for confessions.

**Stations of the Cross STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

You are invited to join us as we walk the way of the cross on **Fridays at 6:30pm** during the Lenten Season. Immediately followed by Friday Daily Mass in the Church.

**Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April**  
*For the use of the new technologies*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.