### 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

#### 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 Flower's out after Mass.

### 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



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.

### **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.

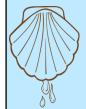
Consider a recurring online pledge. Scan the QR code to be taken to the BSA website to learn more about the appeal.



### **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



### **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.

## **VEILING OF STATUES AND ICONS DURING PASSIONTIDE**

This ancient Catholic practice stems from the former liturgical calendar in which the old Gospel reading for the 5th Sunday of Lent (i.e., the start of Passiontide) tells us on how Jesus his Himself away from the Jews when they attempted to stone Him (John 8:59).

According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus "hid Himself" from the Jews, Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His Divine nature. To help signify this mystery crucifixes and images of Christ are veiled with purple cloth on the evening before the start of the Passiontide. The same goes with the images of saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, this His servants should not appear.

### BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD BASKETS

On Saturday, April 19th at 3:30pm, We will be having the Blessing of the Easter Food in the Parish Hall. In many countries, particularly in Eastern Europe, it is traditional to prepare a basket of Easter foods to be blessed. These are usually the first foods that will be eaten during Easter Sunday celebrations. Traditions vary among countries and families but the items chosen to place in the basket represent the foods that will be eaten at the first meal and most have additional symbolic meaning.

Some items you can include in your basket are: Butter, Parsley, Horseradish, Bread, Wine, Salt & Pepper, Decorated Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Jellybeans, etc. We hope you will join us for this great Easter Custom.

# **Baptisms:**

By Appointment only

Contact Parish office for more information

# Reconciliation

Confessions are heard By appointment only: on Saturdays from -5pm and on request

Contact parish office proposed date.

Marriage

# Quincerañeras Must be enrolled and

actively participating in Religious Education Classes

# Anointing of the Sick

Anytime: contact the parish office

### Communion to the Sick / Homebound

Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



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# **Fifth** Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025



# Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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

John Womack & Co. Bookkeeper

Rev. Andrew Hejdak

**Pastor** 

### **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) 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 7:00PM

### **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 or 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

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Naida Rios 774.3778

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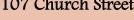
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# Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025 Quinto Domingo del Cuaresma

# Mass Intentions of For The Week



SATURDAY	April 5, 2	2025	
<b>5:30PM</b> :†Guad	lalupe V Mo	oreno (James &	& Mona Laco
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†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)

Health of Maria Gomez

**FUESDAY** April 8, 2025 5:30PM: Souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY April 9, 2025

8:30AM: Souls in purgatory

THURSDAY April 10, 2025

8:30AM: Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY April 11, 2025

7:00PM: Souls in purgatory

SATURDAY April 12, 2025
5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)

†Minerva Lopez (Sylvia Eudy)

†Mary Neph (Famly)

†Ramon V Garcia (Maria Vasquez)

†Alejandro, †Minerva & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia) †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

SUNDAY April 13, 2025

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Family)

†Antonio Rodriguez (Georgina y Hijos)

†Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Menchaca)

†Guadalupe & †Irene Reyes (Oscar & Odilia Reyes)

S.I. for Fr. Andrew

10:00AM: †Ernest, †Roy, †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)

†Emilio Pena Sr. (Lucy Pena & Family)

S.I. for Divine Mercy Apostles

12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)

†Ray Villarreal Jr (Family)

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WEEKLY STEWARDS	HIP
Envelope Collection	\$2,624.00
Loose Collection	\$579.00
Children's Collection	\$8.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$468.00
Online Giving	\$305.00
Collection Total - Mar. 29/30	\$3,984.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$439.00

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.

May God bless you now and forever.

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## Special Collections for the Month of 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	
Extra Ordinary	April	Evtus Oudi	

### 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.



5   :   !	April 12/13	Lectors	Extra Ordinary Ministers	April 19/20	Lector	Extra Ordi- nary Ministers	
Δ	5:30PM	Jesus/ Jenevieve	Juan	8:00PM	David, Jesus, Jenevieve, Louis	Juan, Amelia	
	8:00AM	Elisa/ Armando	Janie				
	10:00AM	Brenda/ David	Raymond	9:00AM	Esteban	Amparo, Janie	
1	12:00PM	Gabby/ David	Chelo	11:00AM	Jesse C, Brenda	Raymond,	

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

### DIVINE MIC DROP

Imagine what your life would look like if you believed everything the Lord said. Imagine how different your life would look if you trusted God as he asks you to. Consider the impact it would have on your daily walk if you believed, deep in your heart, how much God really loves you. Think about how radically different your life would look if your took sin more seriously and lived knowing how deadly sin really is to your soul. IF you went to Confession more, what impact would it have on your joy or your appreciation for God's mercy?

God reminds us that we are sinners in need of salvation. He forgives the sin, yes, but also commands us to "go and sin no more." Sin and salvation are really all that matter in life, as we learn from St. Paul. Though we don't deserve God's mercy, who are we to second-guess God, as we are reminded in the first reading?

We all are the woman caught in adultery, giving ourselves to sin and false lovers, rather than to God and God alone. Just as Jesus savers her, "the Lord has done great things for [all of] us, as we are reminded in the psalm. The question today is not whether you have sinned or not, but what are you going to let God do about it?

We hear in the gospel that the Pharisees are attempting to trap Jesus with this scenario (see John 8:5). Adultery was a heinous sin and punishable by death. If Jesus tells them to stone the women in accordance with the Law, he will be overstepping with the Romans, as Jews weren't allowed to enforce capital punishment (that was the Romans' job). If Jesus says they are not to stone her, he will be in contradiction to the Torah and immediately written off by the Jews. Christ's answer is genius. In his response, he shows both mercy and respect for the spirit of the Law without adhering to its letter.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: St. John the Baptist

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

### **Tuesday:**

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59

Friday: St. Stanislaus

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Lk 19:28-40 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

### MICRÓFONO DIVINO

Imagina cómo sería tu vida si creyeras todo lo que el Señor dice. Imagina cuán diferente sería tu vida si confiaras en Dios como él te lo pide. Considera el impacto que tendría en tu vida diaria si creyeras, en lo más profundo de tu corazón, cuánto Dios te ama de verdad. Piensa en cuán radicalmente diferente sería tu vida si tomaras el pecado más en serio y vivieras sabiendo lo mortal que es para tu alma. Si te confesaras más, ¿qué impacto tendría en tu alegría o en tu aprecio por la misericordia de Dios?

Dios nos recuerda que somos pecadores necesitados de salvación. Él perdona el pecado, sí, pero también nos manda: "Ve y no peques más". El pecado y la salvación son realmente lo único que importa en la vida, como aprendemos de San Pablo. Aunque no merecemos la misericordia de Dios, ¿quiénes somos para cuestionar a Dios, como nos recuerda la primera lectura? Todos somos la mujer sorprendida en adulterio, entregándonos al pecado y a falsos amantes, en lugar de a Dios y solo a Dios. Así como Jesús la salva, «el Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por [todos] nosotros, como nos recuerda el salmo. La pregunta hoy no es si has pecado o no, sino qué vas a dejar que Dios haga al respecto.

En el Evangelio, escuchamos que los fariseos intentan tenderle una trampa a Jesús con esta situación (véase Juan 8:5). El adulterio era un pecado atroz y se castigaba con la muerte. Si Jesús les ordenaba apedrear a las mujeres según la Ley, estaría sobrepasando las normas de los romanos, ya que a los judíos no se les permitía aplicar la pena capital (esa era la función de los romanos). Si Jesús les decía que no debían apedrearla, estaría en contradicción con la Torá y sería inmediatamente descartado por los judíos. La respuesta de Cristo es genial. En su respuesta, muestra misericordia y respeto por el espíritu de la Ley sin apegarse a su letra.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, so often I am judgmental of others when I, too, am a great sinner. Help me to understand how we are all on the same journey and to learn how to have sympathy for others. May I always pray for those I am tempted to judge. Teach me how to be a loving brother or sister. Amen.

### CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

There are two parts to this week's challenge. The first is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometime in the next two weeks. The second is to forgive someone you may be struggling to forgive. This may not mean repairing the relationship or even speaking to that person, but it may mean forgiving them internally.

#### TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

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

April 6 - 12: Juan & Sylvia Gomez

April 13 - 19: Edward & Angelica Lara