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

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena are located in the Entrance of the Church and in your offering envelope mailouts. The Novena will begin on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day) During the Nine days Masses will be offered for All Mother's Living or Deceased.

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.

ley, Horseradish, Bread, Wine, Salt & Pepper, Decorated Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Jellybeans, etc. We hope you will join us for this great Easter Custom.

Contact Parish office

for more information

-5pm and on request

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.





RELATED FACT

At the end of this Palm Sunday gospel, we hear that when the women from Galilee "had seen the tomb and the way in which [Jesus's] body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils." After the dramatic and brutal retelling of the Crucifixion, it may appear an oddly precise set of details to end on, but from it we can glean a few historic truths. First, Jewish custom at the time would have been to first wash the body, then anoint it with a mixture of perfumes and spices in hopes of slowing the decaying process. Next, the body would be wrapped in a linen sheet or shroud that had aromatics also placed within the folds to alleviate the natural smell of death. It's worth noting, though, that the women were pressed for time; it was unlawful to do any work on the Sabbath, which would begin at sundown and was fast approaching; thus we hear only about the spices. Further, that they returned to his body so urgently with the spices attests to the fact that not only did they know and see the lifeless body was truly dead but, also, they did not anticipate the Resurrection that would occur just a short time later. This is St. Luke reiterating through a cultural lens the reality of Jesus's death and quashing any conspiracy theories that Jesus had survived the Crucifixion through an elaborate hoax.

Some items you can include in your basket are: Butter, Pars-Reconciliation **Baptisms:** Marriage By Appointment only

Contact parish office

proposed date.

Quincerañeras Must be enrolled and actively participating

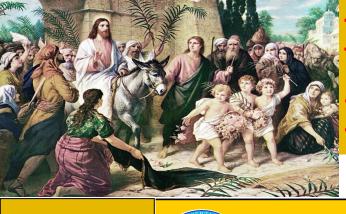
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Education Classes

Sick Anytime: contact the

parish office

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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025



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) 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

WEEKLY PARISH

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) Ř.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.

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Anointing of the Communion to the Sick / Homebound Confessions are heard By appointment only: on Saturdays from

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2025 Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"

Mass Intentions (For The Week



April 12, 2025 SATURDAY

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)

Health of Ramiro Perales (Solis/Flores Families)

April 13, 2025 SUNDAY

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)

Health of Maria Gomez

TUESDAY April 15, 2025

5:30PM: NO MASS; Chrism Mass @ Cathedral 10:00AM

WEDNESDAY April 16, 2025

8:30AM: Souls in purgatory **THURSDAY April 17, 2025**

7:00PM: for the sick and homebound

FRIDAY **April 18, 2025**

6:00PM: NO MASS: Good Friday Liturgy

SATURDAY **April 19, 2025**

8:00PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rodolfo Moreno)

†Minerva Lopez (Sylvia Eudy)

†Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family)

†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)

SUNDAY April 20, 2025

9:00AM: for the people (Pro-Populo)

11:00AM:†Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Menchaca Sr.)

†Emilio Pena Sr. (Lucy Pena & Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Ray Villarreal Jr (Family)

†Jose, †Elodia, †Joey & †Elva Valencia (Family)

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$2,498.00
Loose Collection	\$956.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$677.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$132.00
Online Giving	\$475.00
Collection Total - Apr. 5/6	\$4,738.00

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

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

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.



1 :- 1	April 19/20	Lectors	Extra Ordinary Ministers	April 26/27	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
I	8:00PM	David, Jesus, Jenevieve, Louis	Juan, Amelia	5:30PM	Chelo	Juan
λ.				8:00AM	Armando	Carmen
/ I	9:00AM	Esteban	Amparo, Janie	10:00AM	Gabriel	Cindy
ļ	11:00AM	Jesse C, Brenda	Raymond,	12:00PM	Jesse C	Lucy

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

CONVICTED

Meek, humble, small, servant. These are qualities that we may find no merit in, but time and time again, Jesus proved to us the power of humility. For it is there that we give God permission to work through us.

The first and second readings give us insight into Christ's humility despite suffering. The readings depict him as a man emptied, "taking the form of a slave," allowing himself to be beaten and bruised. And the ancient psalm (the first line of which Jesus speaks from the Cross) speaks of this pain, yet concludes with a humble cry to God for help. It is this great humility of Christ that led him to the Cross and opened the doors of salvation to everyone. It is this same humility that we are called to imitate.

In the gospel, it is the criminal on the cross next to Christ that sees this humility and is the first to imitate Jesus's radical example. The criminal recognizes his own fault in the mirror of Christ's innocence. When he admits his own fault, he allows God to work through him, and he is reconciled. His admittance of being "condemned justly" give him the humility to say, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And that is the humility that leads him into paradise.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7: Ps 27:1-3, 13-14: Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9: Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass

a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; **i)** Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

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

> April 13 - 19: Edward & Angelica Lara April 20 - 26: Christina Kohley

CONDENADO

Manso, humilde, pequeño, siervo. Estas son cualidades que quizás no merezcamos, pero una y otra vez, Jesús nos demostró el poder de la humildad. Porque es ahí donde le damos permiso a Dios para que obre a través de nosotros.

La primera y la segunda lectura nos dan una idea de la humildad de Cristo a pesar del sufrimiento. Las lecturas lo representan como un hombre despojado, "tomando la forma de siervo", dejándose golpear y magullar. Y el antiguo salmo (cuyo primer verso Jesús pronuncia desde la cruz) habla de este dolor, pero concluye con un humilde clamor a Dios pidiendo ayuda. Es esta gran humildad de Cristo la que lo llevó a la cruz y abrió las puertas de la salvación a todos. Es esta misma humildad la que estamos llamados a imitar.

En el Evangelio, es el criminal en la cruz junto a Cristo quien ve esta humildad y es el primero en imitar el ejemplo radical de Jesús. El criminal reconoce su propia culpa en el espejo de la inocencia de Cristo. Cuando admite su propia culpa, permite que Dios obre a través de él y se reconcilia. Su admisión de ser 'justamente condenado" le da la humildad para decir: "Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando vengas a tu reino". Y esa es la humildad que lo lleva al paraíso.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, your ways are so mysterious, but they are perfect. Although it is sometimes hard to see how your plan is being fulfilled, help me to have faith to trust in you. Even as I carry my cross, whatever it may be, may I call out to you in gratitude, for you are so good to me and you love me so much. Help me to enter into this Holy week with an open heart and mind. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

This week, find thirty minutes to reread this gospel and gaze up a crucifix. As you do, remember St. Anthony of Padua's words, "Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the cross can a man better understand how much he is worth."

Parish Office Holy Week and Easter Schedule

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on

- Thursday, April 17 for Holy Thursday
- Friday, April 18 for Good Friday
- And Monday, April 21 for Easter

