




MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**SAVE THE DATE.** We will be having a despedida for Fr. Andrew on Sunday, June 29th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm in the parish hall. all are invited. The planning process has started and we are asking for volunteers for his special celebration.


There are several sign-up sheets located on the table in the entry of the church in the coming weeks. Please sign-up as you are able to; there is a sign-up sheet for food items, volunteering: set-up, serving, and cleaning as well as a sheet to sign-up if you are able to contribute monetarily. For more information on how you can help contribute to this celebration you can contact Sylvia Zuniga at 361-813-3023.

Thank you Fr. Andrew for 7 years of service to the parish, 22 years to people of the Diocese of Corpus Christi and 41 years as a priest.

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement Fr. Andrew.



Support the **Catholic Communication Campaign**



Connect with Christ

**ABOUT NEXT TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Corpus Christi to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

<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> Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office
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**FIRST FRIDAY: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS**

Join us **THIS Friday, June 6th** for first Friday. Sacred Heart Society will recite the rosary at 5:00PM. Eucharistic Adoration at 5:30PM in the Church Followed by Friday Daily Mass at 6:30PM.

**USHERS MEETING**

The ushers will be having their monthly meeting **Sunday June 1st at 2:00PM** in the Church.

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

*Ordination to the Priesthood*

Holy Mass celebrated by **The Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD** Bishop of Corpus Christi

**Please notice the changed location:**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025,**  
10 am at **Most Precious Blood Church**  
3502 Saratoga Blvd - Corpus Christi, TX 78415



Deacon Javier Ebertowski  
St. John the Baptist, Corpus Christi



Deacon Luis Lozano Jr  
St. Gertrude, Kingsville



Deacon Jim Craig  
St. John Nepomucene, Robstown

**CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST & PROCESSION**

June 21/22: Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)

Mass schedule for that weekend:

**Saturday, June 21st - 5:30PM** (Regular time)

**Sunday, June 22nd - 9:00AM** - Bi-lingual Mass

*Followed by: Eucharistic Procession around parish ground*

- 12:00PM - English Mass (regular Mass)

**Special Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for June**

*That the world might grow in compassion.*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world..



# The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025



## Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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*Pastor*

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*Administrative Asst.*

John Womack & Co.  
*Bookkeeper*

**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.  
*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 – Friday **8:30AM**

**First Friday of the Month**

Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM

1st Friday 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

**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.

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

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“Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
Acts 1:11



Mass Intentions For The Week


**SATURDAY May 31, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rodolfo V Moreno)  
†Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Menchaca)  
†Diana Schicker (Family)  
†Mia Emily Solis (Solis Family)  
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)  
**SUNDAY June 1, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Tomas Rangel Sr. (Gina Lopez & Family)  
†Richard Ortiz Sr. (Janie Ortiz & Family)  
†Eloisa Lozano (Family)  
†Gerardo Lozano (Gregorio Lozano & Family)  
†Margarita, †Manuela & †Leonardo Beltran (Family)  
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Roy Menchaca)  
†Ezequiel Rodriguez (Rodriguez Family)  
**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Lucy Pena & Family)  
**TUESDAY June 3, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** Souls in Purgatory  
**WEDNESDAY June 4, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** Souls in Purgatory  
Special Intentions for Ava Aleman (Family)  
**THURSDAY June 5, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** Souls in Purgatory  
**FRIDAY June 6 2025**  
**6:30PM:** Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society  
†Adan & †Aurora Escobedo  
†Anselmo & †Lupe Sanchez  
**SATURDAY June 7, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rodolfo V Moreno)  
†Minerva Lucey (Sylvia Eudy)  
†Luis & †Jovita Lara (Gregorio & Estefana Lozano)  
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)  
**SUNDAY June 8, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Janie Ortiz & Family)  
†Eloisa Lozano, Javier Martinez (Family)  
†Jesus & †Debra Lozano(Gregorio Lozano & Family)  
†Margarita, †Manuela & †Leonardo Beltran (Family)  
†Jose, †Herminia, †Lorenza Lara, †Adela Guerrero, †Diana Guzman  
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Roy Menchaca)  
†Eddie Perez (Jerry & Ofelia Rivera & Family)  
†Ernesto, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Elvira Hinojosa)  
**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Lucy Pena & Family)  
†Alfonso C Zavala (Gracie Garcia & Family)

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY  
Pray for the following family that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week  
June 1 - June 7: Ernest & Lupe Alvarado  
June 8 - June 14: Tony & Bernice Sanchez

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$2,130.00
Loose Collection	\$839.00
Online Giving	\$561.00
Collection Total - May 24/25	\$3,530.00
Retired & Infirmed Priest Collection	\$20.00

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 June

31/1 - Catholic Communications Campaign

7/8 - Building Maintenance Fund

28/29 - Peter’s Pence Collection



† 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.

Victoria Arredondo, Paula Avila, Rosa Barrera, Elisa Claudio, Pedro Costilla Sr., Johnny Cruz, Adela Escobedo, Aurora Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Luis Flores, Danny Garza, Esmeralda Hernandez,	Fermin Hernandez Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Jaime Jimenez, Loli Lugo, Jim Malloy, Mary Malloy, Adolfo Menchaca Jr., Kasen Merrill, Lupe Moreno, Angie Ochoa, Ramiro Perales, Jerry Rivera Sr., Irene Rodriguez,	Julia Rodriguez, Sergio Rodriguez, Yolanda G. Rodriguez, San Juanita Saenz, Bernice Sanchez, Adan Salazar, Gracie Salazar, Raymond Smith, B Solis, Gloria Treviño, Joe Treviño, Sara Treviño, Gerri Zambrano
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June 7/8	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers	June 14/15	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Louis	Amelia	5:30PM	Jenevieve	Juan
8:00AM	Elisa	Carmen	8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo
10:00AM	Jenevieve	Raymond	10:00AM	Brenda	Ophelia
12:00PM	Chelo	Jesse C	12:00PM	Gabby	Lupe A

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

DON’T JUST STAND THERE

Jesus ascends into heaven. The disciples stare blankly into the sky. *What in the world just happened? And what in the world does this mean?*

The beauty of Ascension Sunday lies in the details. First, we hear how Jesus ascended to heaven with his glorified body, bearing the marks of his Crucifixion – the “many proofs after he has suffered” that the first reading mentions. Jesus affirms this in the gospel, saying that the apostles would be eyewitnesses to the Messiah’s Death and Resurrection. Jesus headed to the heavenly “sanctuary” we hear mentioned in the second reading from Hebrews, where Christ our High Priest and Christ our sacrificial lamb are one. At the end of that reading we also hear that Jesus will “appear a second time,” which leads us to the next important detail – namely, that Jesus will return. His disciples did not know the day or hour, only that it would happen. Those are the big-picture lessons from this feast day, pointing us to another important fact: Jesus’s bodily Ascension opens the door for our bodily resurrection at the end of time.

Those realities are great news and should be seen (and heard) as empowering. This is not time to rest on laurels or promises, but to act! Note that as the apostles stare at the sky as if they just saw a double rainbow, an angels tells them that time is limited. They shouldn’t “just stand there”; they have to work to do in spreading the Gospel before Jesus comes again! Many will be called, in fact, to be *martyrs* (the Greek word for “witnesses”). In a similar way today, we also have work to do in inviting others to know the God who invites us into the throne room of heaven. Heaven came to earth to bring earth back to heaven! So, in the spirit of the angel from the first reading, don’t just stand around – there’s work to do this week in proclaiming the risen Lord! Let’s go do it!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ss. Marcellinus & Peter

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1- 11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: St. Boniface

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: St. Norbert

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

NO TE QUEDES AHÍ PARADO

Jesús asciende al cielo. Los discípulos miran fijamente al cielo. *¿Qué acaba de pasar? ¿Y qué significa esto?*

La belleza del Domingo de la Ascensión reside en los detalles. Primero, escuchamos cómo Jesús ascendió al cielo con su cuerpo glorificado, con las marcas de su crucifixión: las "muchas pruebas después de su sufrimiento" que menciona la primera lectura. Jesús lo afirma en el Evangelio, diciendo que los apóstoles serían testigos oculares de la muerte y resurrección del Mesías. Jesús se dirigió al "santuario" celestial que se menciona en la segunda lectura de Hebreos, donde Cristo, nuestro Sumo Sacerdote, y Cristo, nuestro cordero sacrificial, son uno. Al final de esa lectura también escuchamos que Jesús "aparecerá por segunda vez", lo que nos lleva al siguiente detalle importante: su regreso. Sus discípulos desconocían el día y la hora, solo que sucedería. Estas son las lecciones generales de esta fiesta, que nos señalan otro hecho importante: la Ascensión corporal de Jesús abre la puerta a nuestra resurrección corporal al final de los tiempos.

Estas realidades son una gran noticia y deben ser vistas (y escuchadas) como empoderadoras. ¡No es momento de dormirse en los laureles ni de promesas, sino de actuar! Observen que, mientras los apóstoles miran al cielo como si acabaran de ver un arcoíris doble, un ángel les dice que el tiempo es limitado. No deben "quedarse parados"; ¡tienen que trabajar para difundir el Evangelio antes de que Jesús regrese! Muchos serán llamados, de hecho, a ser *mártires* (la palabra griega para "testigos"). De manera similar, hoy también tenemos trabajo que hacer para invitar a otros a conocer al Dios que nos invita a la sala del trono celestial. ¡El cielo vino a la tierra para traer la tierra de vuelta al cielo! Así que, en el espíritu del ángel de la primera lectura, no se queden de brazos cruzados: ¡hay trabajo que hacer esta semana para proclamar al Señor resucitado! ¡Vamos a hacerlo!

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

My dear Lord, give me the eyes to see your great and glorious Ascension in a new way today. I rejoice in your promises because you always fulfill them. You always come through, Lord. May I have the same faith as the apostles to approach you “with a sincere heart and in absolute trust” (Heb. 10:22). Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

This week, reflect on what it means to be “absolutely trusting” of God. Do you need more trust that he *does* understand how you are feeling when you are angry or upset? Do you need more trust that everything *is* in his control? Do you need to trust that he *won’t* lead you somewhere he can’t protect you? What do you need from God in order to grow in this absolute trust of him? Ask yourself first and then make your request known to God.

FATHER’S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes for the Father’s Day Novena are located in the entrance of the Church. The Father’s Day Novena will begin on Sunday, 15th and will continue for a total of 9 days. This is an excellent way to remember your Father’s, Grandfathers, Uncle’s, Brother’s who have helped shape out lives.