

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:
Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:
Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: *St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions*
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16- 21; Mt10:7-15

Friday: *St. Benedict*
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

We are in need of people to serve as lay liturgical ministers at **ALL** Masses and throughout our community of faith.

Lectors,
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and
Ministers to visit the Homebound

Qualifications:

- Be a Catholic and have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation)
- Live your life in accordance with the Teachings of our Catholic Faith.
 - Be at least 16 years old
- Be willing to attend training and actively participate in the ministry with respect, knowledge and reverence.

Please prayerfully consider joining one of these important ministries. It is a real and meaningful way for the laity to participate in the Holy Mass.

If you are interested in joining please contact the parish office for more information.

USHERS MEETING

The ushers will be having their monthly meeting **Sunday July 13th 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

Baptisms: By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Reconciliation Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	Marriage By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	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 <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.**

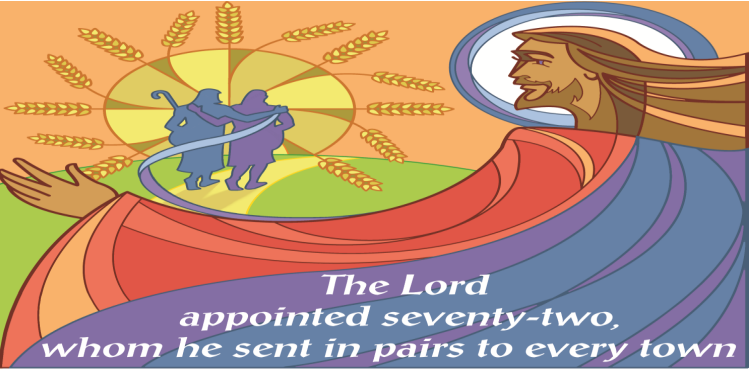
Consider a recurring online pledge. Scan the QR code to be taken to the BSA website to learn more about the appeal.

2025 Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal Report
Immaculate Conception - Gregory as of 06/27/25

Goal	\$16,408
Pledged	\$4,960
Recurring Gifts Projected	\$1,805
Pledged Recurring Gifts Expected	\$6,765
% of Goal Pledged	41%
Difference from Goal	(\$9,643)
Collected	\$4,410
% of Goal Collected	27%
Difference from Goal collected	(\$11,998)
Donors	24
Registered Households	466
% participation	5%

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you do not currently receive offering envelopes and would like to you can contact the parish office or you can grab of the white “Welcome” envelopes and check the option that says “I do not have envelopes and would like to receive them” fill it out with the requested information and place it in the collection basket during the offertory. Also if you have moved recently or have changed your mailing address please let us know so we can update it in our system.



The Lord appointed seventy-two, whom he sent in pairs to every town



Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 6, 2025



Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



Rev. Roy J Kalayil
Pastor

David D. Solis Jr.
david@icgregory.org
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.

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. Roy.

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"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.
Luke 10: 2

Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY July 5, 2025
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)
†Minerva Lopez (Sylvia Eudy)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)
SUNDAY July 6, 2025
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Janie Ortiz & Family)
†Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez)
†Irma & †Cristian Perales (Perales Family)
†Jose & †Juan Lara, †Jose Montes, †Tranquilino Garcia,
†Andrew & †Juan Martinez (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Roy Menchaca)
†Gloria Kristel Cadriel (Mom & Daughters)
†Agapito Torres (Noemi Espinosa & Family)
†Loy & †Paula Avila (Family)
Souls in Purgatory
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
TUESDAY July 8, 2025
5:30PM: Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY July 9, 2025
8:30AM: Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY July 10, 2025
8:30AM: Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY July 11, 2025
8:30AM: Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY July 12, 2025
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)
†Mary Neph (Family)
†Andrew Guerra (Alma Guerra & Family)
†Hermelinda Delgado Alcoser [5th ann.] (Alice Delgado)
†Alejandro, †Minerva, †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)
SUNDAY July 13, 2025
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz Sr. (Janie Ortiz & Family)
†Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez)
†Irma & †Cristian Perales (Perales Family)
†Jose & †Juan Lara, †Jose Montes, †Tranquilino Garcia,
†Andrew & †Juan Martinez (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Aldolfo Menchaca)
†Agapito & Maria Frances Torres (Noemi Espinosa & Family)
†Loy & †Paula Avila (Family)
†Ernest, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)
†Adrian G Flores (Family)
Souls in Purgatory

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$2,770.00
Loose Collection	\$1,939.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Online Giving	\$300.00
Collection Total - June 28/29	\$5,029.00
Peter's Pence Collection	\$571.00

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 July

5/6 - Building Maintenance Fund

19/20 - Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa



† 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, Rosa Barrera, Elisa Claudio, Pedro Costilla Sr., Johnny Cruz, Adela Escobedo, Anna Flores, Aurora Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Luis Flores, Danny Garza, Esmeralda Hernandez,	Fermin Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Jaime Jimenez, Guadalupe Z. Lucio, 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, Lile Trevino, Sara Treviño, Gerri Zambrano

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

In 2014, Taylor Swift released a song called “Shake It Off”, and it’s pretty possible that if it were published two thousand year earlier, the disciples could’ve used it as a theme song for their ministry of spreading the Gospel.

In this gospel passage, Jesus sends out seventy-two of his followers to do great work; they were to cast out demons and heal the sick. But that wasn't the only aspect of the ministry they did; the disciples prepared the towns ahead for Jesus’s preaching. By now, the reputation of Jesus was spreading , and people knew the things Jesus had done. Remember, some people loved Jesus, others drove him out of their cities, and others simply begged him to leave (see the pig incident in Mark 5: 1-17). The disciples weren’t always received with open arms, either. They probably faced persecution in some areas, even though they had the ability to heal the sick.

The message is too important to get hung up on or become frustrated with people that aren't ready to hear it. Rather than get discouraged by the persecution, Jesus challenges the disciples to shake it off and avoid even carrying the dust from the town with them on the journey, let along the memory. Our faith is something to rejoice over, as we see in the first reading. It is worth sharing and, as St. Paul tells us, the only thing really worth boasting about. Don’t let little rejections or persecutions stop you from sharing your faith—shake it off and move on.

When St. Paul tells the Galatians (in the second reading), “I bear the marks of Jesus,” he is not referring to the stigmata (as some have claimed over the centuries). Here, St. Paul uses a cultural example: slaves of the time were “branded” as a mark of their ownership. Paul describes his own bruises and scars, from his various hardships and brushes with death, as a branding. They are the marks of Jesus that identify him as a follower and servant of Christ.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples he sends out to bring “no money bag, no sack, no sandals.” This may seem an odd list of prohibited items before a missionary journey. In this seemingly strange command, Jesus is inviting and ordering the disciples to rely on God’s providence shown through the Mediterranean hospitality. Those who do not provide for nor receive the disciples reveal a great deal about themselves and their prideful, hardened hearts.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, it is so easy sometimes to hold on to negativity and self doubt. Even when it is difficult to see, you always affirm my gifts and the good that I do. May I learn how to avoid dwelling on my past mistakes or failures and to move forward with the confidence that my work for your kingdom (although sometimes small) does mean something, and that I am valued. Teach me this in a new way today, Lord. Amen.



En 2014, Taylor Swift lanzó una canción llamada "Shake It Off", y es muy posible que si se hubiera publicado dos mil años antes, los discípulos la hubieran usado como tema musical para su ministerio de predicar el Evangelio.

En este pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús envía a setenta y dos de sus seguidores a realizar una gran obra: expulsar demonios y sanar enfermos. Pero ese no fue el único aspecto de su ministerio; los discípulos prepararon las ciudades para la predicación de Jesús. Para entonces, la reputación de Jesús se estaba extendiendo y la gente conocía lo que había hecho. Recordemos que algunos amaban a Jesús, otros lo expulsaban de sus ciudades y otros simplemente le rogaban que se fuera (véase el incidente del cerdo en Marcos 5:1-17). Los discípulos tampoco siempre fueron recibidos con los brazos abiertos. Probablemente enfrentaron persecución en algunas zonas, a pesar de tener la capacidad de sanar enfermos.

El mensaje es demasiado importante como para obsesionarse con él o frustrarse con quienes no están listos para escucharlo. En lugar de desanimarse por la persecución, Jesús reta a los discípulos a sacudirse la cabeza y a evitar incluso llevar consigo el polvo del pueblo en el viaje, dejando que el recuerdo los acompañe. Nuestra fe es motivo de alegría, como vemos en la primera lectura. Vale la pena compartirla y, como nos dice San Pablo, es lo único de lo que realmente vale la pena jactarse. No dejen que los pequeños rechazos o persecuciones les impidan compartir su fe; sacúdanla de encima y sigan adelante.

Cuando San Pablo les dice a los Gálatas (en la segunda lectura): “Llevo las marcas de Jesús”, no se refiere a los estigmas (como algunos han afirmado a lo largo de los siglos). Aquí, San Pablo usa un ejemplo cultural: los esclavos de la época eran “marcados” como señal de su propiedad. Pablo describe sus propias heridas y cicatrices, de sus diversas dificultades y roces con la muerte, como una marca. Son las marcas de Jesús que lo identifican como seguidor y siervo de Cristo.

En el Evangelio, Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que no traigan “bolsa, ni alforja, ni sandalias”. Esta lista de artículos prohibidos antes de un viaje misionero puede parecer extraña. En este mandato aparentemente extraño, Jesús invita y ordena a los discípulos a confiar en la providencia de Dios, manifestada a través de la hospitalidad mediterránea. Quienes no proveen ni reciben a los discípulos revelan mucho sobre sí mismos y sus corazones orgullosos y endurecidos.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Try to find a quiet place and spend fifteen minutes thinking about what lie about yourself you have been holding on to. Ask the Lord to take that lie from you and remind you of the truth. Once you’ve spent a few minutes in prayer, look up Taylor Swift’s song “Shake It Off” on YouTube, turn up the volume, and dance! Not joking—it will be very rewarding to your soul.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for July
For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

