

ALTAR FLOWERS	
If you are willing to contribute towards the altar flowers please pick-up a Flower Donation envelope, fill out the requested information and drop the envelope in the collection basket, You can also contact the parish office for more information.	
AUGUST	In Memory of Dolores Rodela (Jessie Gonzales) Brian & Tori Garcia (Wedding Anniversary) In Memory of Lydia O Lopez (Jesse & Pat Solis) Juan & Sylvia Gomez
SEPTEMBER	In Honor of Martinez/Flores Families (Arnulfo & Terri Flores) In Memory of Sanchez/Escobedo Families
OCTOBER	In Memory of Delia Gonzales (Jessie Gonzales)
NOVEMBER	OPEN
DECEMBER	OPEN

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday: <i>St. John Vianney</i>	
Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21	
Tuesday: <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	
Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51: 3-7, 12-13 ; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14	
Wednesday: <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36	
Thursday: <i>St Sixtus; St. Cajetan</i>	
Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23	
Friday: <i>St. Dominic</i>	
Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28	
Saturday: <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	
Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20	
Sunday: <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]	

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK
Lord, thank you for this day. Thank you for inspiring me to take time to sit with your holy Word. I ask that you may open my eyes to see how it is that I store up my earthly riches and struggle to hand them over to you. Lord, please continue to give me the grace to see my ultimate goal as heaven in all things. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK
Often, we are anxious because we have too much on our plate, or we have difficulty balancing it all. Take a hard look at where you spend most of your time and what you focus it on. When you are done, offer a prayer to the Lord that he will alleviate any anxiety about your week ahead and be with you ever step of the way.

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

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CC#428	
FISCAL Year 2025, period 01 (07/01/2024) to 12 (06/30/2025)	
INCOME	YEAR TO DATE
Envelope and Loose Collections	175,310.90
Capital Campaign Donations	9,432.00
Other Collections	46,963.09
Kenedy Grant	-
Subsidies from Diocese	-
Net Income from Fundraisers	37,861.56
Interest Income	3,391.77

TOTAL INCOME	272,959.32
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EXPENSES	
Pastoral Services	52,840.25
RCIA Expenses	-
Parish Activities	-
Religious Education	1,773.15
Social Services	994.83
Plant Operations & Maintenance	47,774.02
Parish Administration	53,294.50
Fixed Expenses	48,451.87
Capital Expenses	8,871.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	214,000.40
NET INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	58,958.92

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
Funds Held in Trust	45,913.91
Loan Payable (Assessments)	54,851.09
Renovation Loan	137,048.27


TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY
<i>Pray for the following family that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week</i>
Aug. 3 - 9: Juan & Claudia Rementeria
Aug. 10 - 16: Juan & Sylvia Gomez



“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”  
  
Luke 12:15


# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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.*

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**Religious Ed. Office Hours**  
Wednesdays 4:30 - 8:45pm

**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.*

**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*

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

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Jesus Garza 704-2269

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Nena Garcia 774.2604

**LECTORS**  
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Aurora Leal 229.6956

**BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY**  
Sylvia Gomez 228.0822

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Sonya Torres 730.6165


**HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY**  
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**ST. JUDE NOVENA**  
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Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY August 2, 2025						
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)						
†Minerva Lopez (Sylvia Eudy)						
†Manuel Z Hernandez (Alice Hernandez Vega)						
†Juanita P Torres (Torres Family)						
†Andrew Guerra (Alma & Family)						
†Francis Bill (Rose De La Cruz)						
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)						
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)						
SUNDAY August 3, 2025						
8:00AM: †Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez)						
†Richard Ortiz (Family)						
†Eloisa Lozano (Family)						
†Gumersindo Montes and †Carmela Solis (Family)						
S.I. for David & Emerson Sanchez (Family)						
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Sylvia Zuniga)						
†Raymond Ryan Rodriguez (Minerva Rodriguez)						
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)						
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)						
†Adrian G Flores (Family)						
†Emilio Pena Sr. (Lucy & Family)						
†Eddie Perez, †Maria Oralía Cavazos (Family)						
Souls in Purgatory						
TUESDAY August 5, 2025						
5:30PM: Jonathan Nunez (Minerva Rodriguez)						
WEDNESDAY August 6, 2025						
8:30AM: Emilio Nunez (Minerva Rodriguez)						
THURSDAY August 7, 2025						
8:30AM: Souls in Purgatory						
FRIDAY August 8, 2025						
8:30AM: Thanksgiving to St. Matthew (Torres Family)						
SATURDAY August 9, 2025						
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)						
†Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)						
†Mary Jackson (Rose De La Cruz)						
†Flaviano & †Maria Torres (Torres Family)						
†Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)						
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)						
Thanksgiving to St. Dymphna (Torres Family)						
SUNDAY August 10, 2025						
8:00AM: †Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez)						
†Eloisa Lozano (Family)						
†Richard Ortiz (Family)						
†Gumersindo Montes and †Carmela Solis (Family)						
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Ernest Menchaca)						
†Ernesto, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)						
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)						
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Juan & Josie Flores)						
†Adrian G Flores (Family)						
†Emilio Pena Sr (Lucy & Family)						
†Anthony Lee Ortiz, †Teodoro & †Alfredo Leal (Family)						
Deceased Divine Mercy Apostles						

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$3,299.00
Loose Collection	\$995.00
Altar Flowers	\$225.00
Online Giving	\$300.00
Collection Total - July 26/27	\$4,819.00
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$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.

Our Sanctuary Lamps
This week the Sanctuary Lamps are burning in memory of:
†Juan G Gonzales (Church)
†Gabriel Claudio Sr. (Chapel)
If you would like to donated for the sanctuary lamp, please call the parish office to schedule.

Special Collections for the Month of August	
2/3 - Building Maintenance Fund	
15 - Assumption of Mary Envelope	



† 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,	Jorge Hernandez,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Rosa Barrera,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	San Juanita Saenz,
Elisa Claudio,	Guadalupe Z. Lucio	Bernice Sanchez,
Pedro Costilla Sr.,	Loli Lugo,	Adan Salazar,
Johnny Cruz,	Jim Malloy,	Gracie Salazar,
Adela Escobedo,	Mary Malloy,	Raymond Smith,
Anna Flores,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	B Solis,
Eudelia Flores,	Kasen Merrill	Gloria Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Lupe Moreno,	Joe Treviño,
Juanita Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Lile Trevino,
Luis Flores,	Ramiro Perales,	Sara Treviño,
Danny Garza,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano
Esmeralda Hernandez,	Irene Rodriguez,	
Fermin Hernandez	Julia Rodriguez,	
	Sergio Rodriguez,	

Aug. 9/10	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers	Aug. 16/17	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Jenevieve	Juan, Alma	5:30PM		Louis, Amelia
8:00AM	Elisa	Carmen, Armando	8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo, Janie
10:00AM	Brenda	Raymond, Terri F	10:00AM	Brenda	Ophelia, Terri F
12:00PM	Seniors	Jesse C., Lucy	12:00PM	Gabby	Lupe A, Josie

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Rich in What Matters to God”

(Luke 12:13–21)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace to you and your families!

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus speaks a challenging parable—a story about a rich man who stored up an abundance of possessions, only to discover too late that he was poor in the things that matter to God.

It’s a powerful reminder for all of us, especially in a world that constantly tells us to measure our worth by what we own, what we drive, or where we live. As members of our parish, most of us work hard to support our families, build a future for our children, and live responsibly. These are good and necessary things. But we must guard our hearts against the temptation to become self-centered—to live only for ourselves and forget the needs of others.

Sometimes, without realizing it, we begin to divide ourselves based on what we have or what we lack. Instead of being united as one parish family, we may compare, compete, or hold back generosity out of fear or pride. But Jesus calls us to something deeper—to be “rich in what matters to God.”

What does that richness look like?

It looks like sharing with those in need, instead of storing more for ourselves.

It looks like building relationships rooted in love, not possessions.

It looks like giving time to serve the Church, the poor, and the lonely.

It looks like trusting in God more than we trust in our bank accounts.

Dear friends, the wealth that matters most is not measured in dollars, but in compassion, mercy, generosity, and faith. This is the treasure that will never pass away.

Let us examine our hearts and ask: Am I rich in the eyes of God? Am I building bigger barns—or am I building a bigger heart?

May the Lord help us grow in love for one another, and may our parish be known not for what we have, but for how we give.

Fr. Roy

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15th at is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; This is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated here at 8:30AM & 6:30PM and followed by *Procession in the neighborhood area of McKamey Ave., North Ave., and Allison Dr. and back to the church.*

Homes along the route wishing to receive a blessing are asked to set-up a small altar outside to let us know a blessing is welcomed.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

"Ricos a los ojos de Dios"

(Lucas 12,13–21)

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes y con sus familias!

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús nos presenta una parábola que nos confronta: un hombre rico acumula grandes bienes, construye graneros más grandes, y se dice a sí mismo que ya puede descansar. Pero esa misma noche pierde la vida, y todo lo que había guardado ya no le sirve de nada.

Este mensaje nos toca de cerca. Vivimos en un mundo que nos empuja a buscar seguridad en las cosas materiales, a medir el valor de las personas por lo que tienen. Y aunque la mayoría de nosotros trabajamos duro para sostener a nuestras familias, corremos el riesgo de caer en el egoísmo o en la indiferencia.

A veces, sin darnos cuenta, dejamos que las posesiones nos dividan. En lugar de vivir como una sola familia parroquial, empezamos a compararnos, a competir o a cerrarnos a los demás. Pero Jesús nos llama a algo mucho más grande: a ser ricos en lo que vale ante Dios.

¿Y qué significa eso?

Significa compartir con el que necesita, en lugar de acumular sin medida.

Significa construir relaciones con amor, no con orgullo.

Significa dedicar tiempo a servir a la Iglesia, a los pobres y a los que sufren.

Significa confiar más en Dios que en nuestros ahorros.

Queridos amigos, la verdadera riqueza no se mide en dinero, sino en compasión, generosidad, fe y misericordia. Ese es el tesoro que perdura para siempre.

Preguntémonos hoy: ¿Soy rico a los ojos de Dios? ¿Estoy construyendo graneros... o estoy construyendo un corazón más grande?

Que el Señor nos enseñe a vivir con amor, a compartir con alegría y a caminar siempre como hermanos.

Padre Roy

DIACONATE ASPIRANCY CANDIDATES

The Diaconate formation program will begin next weekend. 16 men will begin their formation process in hopes of being ordained to the **Permanent Diaconate** with ordination being held in the Fall of 2029.

Our Parish is fortunate to have two of these candidates enrolled in the program.

**Mr. Jesus Garza Jr.,**

**Mr. David D Solis Jr.**

Please keep these men in your prayers during these next few years of their formation.