

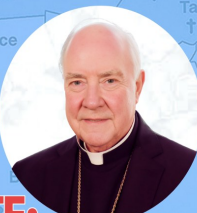


ALTAR FLOWERS	
If you are willing to contribute towards the altar flowers please pick-up a Flower Donation envelope, fill out the requested information and drop the envelope in the collection basket, You can also contact the parish office for more information.	
AUGUST	Brian & Tori Garcia (Wedding Anniversary) In Memory of Lydia O Lopez (Jesse & Pat Solis) In Memory of Joann & Michael Ray Naranjo ( 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	In Honor of Menchaca Family In Memory of Felicitas Solis (Solis Family)
DECEMBER	In Memory of Victor C Rojas (Ester DiGioacchino )






# STATE OF THE DIOCESE



**NEW DATE:**  
**Thursday, October 30, 2025**  
**6:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**Richard M. Borchard**  
**Fairgrounds**

Buy your tickets now at [diocesecc.org/stateof](http://diocesecc.org/stateof)  
\$15/\$7 for children (meal included)  
Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds, Robstown, TX



Aug. 30/31	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers	Sept. 6/7	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Jesus	Louis, Alma	5:30PM	Louis	Amelia,
8:00AM	Elisa	Janie, Amparo	8:00AM	Esteban	Janie, Carmen
10:00AM	Brenda	Raymond, David	10:00AM	Jesse L	Terri F,
12:00PM	Gabby	Jesse C, Chelo	12:00PM	Lupe A	Josie, Jesse C

<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>  <i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office
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### LECTORS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers at **6:30PM** on **Tuesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 28th.**

You only need to attend 1 of the meetings. Current ministers please make arrangements to attend. New members are welcomed to join.




Lectors

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!!!!

Registrations for Religious Educations Classes will be held on the following Wednesdays:  
**August 27th from 5:00PM - 8:30PM in the Religious Education Building.**

Classes will begin on Wednesday September 3





### BAPTISMAL CLASS

We will be having our next baptismal class here on **Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30PM.**


You **Must** register for the class at the parish office, to attend.

### HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on **Wednesday, August 27th** from 4pm until we run out of supplies.



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO BE TAKEN TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE'S ONLINE GIVING PAGE



### TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

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

**Aug. 24 - 30:** Daniel & Dolores Lara  
**Aug. 31 - Sept. 6:** Tony & Bernice Sanchez

RENOVATION LOAN	
Initial Loan Amount	\$370,000.00
Amount paid	\$232,951.73
<b>Current balance (as of June 30, 2025)</b>	<b>\$137,048.27</b>



# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



## Immaculate Conception Church

*Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi*



Rev. Roy J Kalayil  
*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) 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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**JAMAICA COMMITTEE**  
Mike Lopez 438-9054

**CHOIR COORDINATOR**  
Naida Rios 774.3778

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**ALTAR SERVERS**  
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Nena Garcia 774.2604

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**BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY**  
Sylvia Gomez 228.0822

**DIVINE MERCY APOSTLES**  
Sonya Torres 730.6165

**HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY**  
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Adriana Bernardo 543.7642

**SACRED HEART SOCIETY**  
Amelia Flores 443.9811

**ST. JUDE NOVENA**  
Jerry & Ofelia Rivera 876.7147

**BL.CARLOACUTIS YOUTH MINISTRY**  
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And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:29




Mass Intentions For The Week

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 23, 2025</b>
<b>5:30PM:</b>	†Guadalupe V Moreno (James & Mona Lacour) †Candido Cuevas (Family) †Aurora Flores (Juan Flores & Family) †Robert Quintanilla II (Quintanilla Family) †George Seeley (Rose De La Cruz) †Juan Moreno Jr. (Solis Family) †Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family) †Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel †Alejandro, †Minerva & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia) †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family) Thanksgiving to Holy Angels (Torres Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 24, 2025</b>
<b>8:00AM:</b>	†Eloisa Lozano (Family) †Richard Ortiz (Family) †Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez) †Gumersindo Montes and †Carmela Solis (Family) Souls in Purgatory
<b>10:00AM:</b>	†Estefana Menchaca (Ernest Menchaca) †David Solis Sr. (Pat, David, Gabby) †Jesse & †Jessica Avila (Avila Family) Souls in Purgatory
<b>12:00PM:</b>	†Lelia Guzman (Family) †Emilio Pena Sr (Lucy & Family) †Juan C Flores Jr (Juan & Josie) †Enrique Escobedo (Family)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 26, 2025</b>
<b>5:30PM:</b>	Souls in Purgatory †Eliseo Garcia Sr. (Lisa Garcia)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 27, 2025</b>
<b>8:30AM:</b>	Souls in Purgatory
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 28, 2025</b>
<b>8:30AM:</b>	Souls in Purgatory †Joe Daniel Morales (Minerva Rodriguez)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 29, 2025</b>
<b>8:30AM:</b>	Souls in Purgatory S.I. for Fr. Roy
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 30, 2025</b>
<b>5:30PM:</b>	†Guadalupe V Moreno (James & Mona Lacour) †Candido Cuevas (Family) †Aurora Flores (Juan Flores & Family) †Concepcion, †Ester & †David Rangel (Danny Rangel) †Lupe & Paula Lopez (Esteban & Lydia) †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family) †Ruben, †Juanita & †Lisa Cortez (Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 31, 2025</b>
<b>8:00AM:</b>	†Eloisa Lozano (Family) †Richard Ortiz (Family) †Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez) †Gumersindo Montes and †Carmela Solis (Family)
<b>10:00AM:</b>	†Estefana Menchaca (Ernest Menchaca) Eugenio & Esperanza Esparza (Family) Graciela Moreno & Rachel Hinojosa (Family) †Alfredo Gomez, †Alfredo, †Angelita & †Ramiro Flores
<b>12:00PM:</b>	†Lelia Guzman (Family) †Emilio Pena Sr (Lucy & Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,453.75
Loose Collection	\$2,284.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$92.00
Assumption of Mary, August 15th	\$774.00
Altar Flowers	\$100.00
Online Giving	\$450.00
<b>Collection Total - August 16/17</b>	<b>\$5,143.75</b>

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.  
May God bless you now and forever.



The Sanctuary Lamp which burns near the tabernacle as the reminder of our Lord’s presence in the Most Holy Eucharist burns for:

**the healing of all the sick (Church)**  
**the homebound (Chapel)**


If you would like to donated for the sanctuary lamp, please call the parish office to schedule.

**Special Collections for the Month of September**

6/7 - Building Maintenance Fund

13/14 - Catholic University of America

20/21 - Disaster Relief 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,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	Julia Rodriguez,
Rosa Barrera,	Fermin Hernandez	Sergio Rodriguez,
Elisa Claudio,	Jorge Hernandez,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Pedro Costilla Sr.,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	San Juanita Saenz,
Johnny Cruz,	Guadalupe Z. Lucio	Bernice Sanchez,
Adela Escobedo,	Loli Lugo,	Adan Salazar,
Anna Flores,	Jim Malloy,	Gracie Salazar,
Eudelia Flores,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Raymond Smith,
Guadalupe Flores,	Kasen Merrill	B Solis,
Juanita Flores,	Lupe Moreno,	Gloria Treviño,
Luis Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Joe Treviño,
Mari Flores,	Ramiro Perales,	Lile Trevino,
Danny Garza,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Sara Treviño,
Agustin Gomez	Irene Rodriguez,	Gerri Zambrano

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

**For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

## From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 13:22-30), Jesus reminds us that the way to eternal life is through the narrow gate. This image is powerful. It means that following Christ is not always easy, but it is the only path that leads us to true joy. The narrow gate is not about rules or appearances—it is about doing the will of God in our daily lives.

Our lives find their deepest meaning when we love God and one another with all our hearts. Without love, even our good works lose their true value. But with love, every small act—caring for our families, helping a neighbor, forgiving someone who hurt us—becomes a step through that narrow gate.

In today’s world, this can be difficult. Many people feel isolated, even while being “connected” through social media. Technology can never replace the real joy of loving, forgiving, and sharing life face-to-face. To love is to open our hearts, to build bridges, and to live as one family in Christ.

Let us then ask the Lord for the strength to walk faithfully through the narrow gate—by loving God above all things and loving our neighbor as ourselves. This is how we discover the fullness of life that Jesus came to give us.

With prayer,

Fr. Roy

## Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En el Evangelio de este domingo (Lucas 13,22-30), Jesús nos recuerda que el camino hacia la vida eterna pasa por la puerta estrecha. Esta imagen es muy fuerte. Nos enseña que seguir a Cristo no siempre es fácil, pero es el único camino que nos lleva a la verdadera alegría. La puerta estrecha no se trata de reglas externas, sino de hacer la voluntad de Diosen nuestra vida diaria.

Nuestra vida encuentra su sentido más profundo cuando amamos a Dios y a los demás con todo el corazón. Sin amor, hasta nuestras buenas obras pierden su valor. Pero con amor, cada pequeño gesto—cuidar a la familia, ayudar a un vecino, perdonar a quien nos ofendió—se convierte en un paso por esa puerta estrecha.

Hoy en día, esto puede ser difícil. Muchas personas se sienten aisladas, aun estando “conectadas” a través de las redes sociales. La tecnología nunca podrá reemplazar la alegría real de amar, perdonar y compartir la vida cara a cara. Amar es abrir el corazón, tender puentes y vivir como una sola familia en Cristo.

Pidamos al Señor la fuerza para caminar fielmente por la puerta estrecha: amando a Dios sobre todas las cosas y a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Así descubriremos la plenitud de vida que Jesús vino a regalarnos.

Con oración,

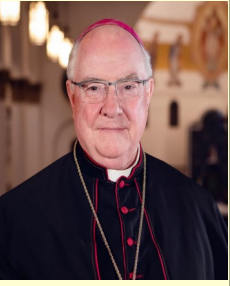
P. Roy

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

### INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

On Sunday, August 31st we will have the official Installation of Pastor for Fr. Roy. Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey will celebrate the 12:00PM Mass.

Immediately following the Mass we will have a reception in the parish hall to welcome Fr. Roy. A sign-up sheet is located in the entry of the church for you to sign-up for items to bring. Items can be dropped off at the parish hall on Saturday, August 30th from 1-5pm or Sunday August 31st after 8am.



## CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Jesus asks great things of us because he has great plans in mind for us. Sometimes these plans require a large amount of surrender. Being disciplined in our faith doesn't mean being reprimanded for doing something wrong but rather being conditioned to do good.

Consider the sin you struggle with the most, and the virtue that would help you overcome it. If you are struggling to identify the right virtue, have a look at the *Catechism for the Catholic Church* paragraphs 1803-45 for a list of virtues and ask the Lord to reveal the one you need. Commit to practicing this virtue daily and ask God for the grace to do so!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz**

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:**

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday: St. Monica**

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday: St. Augustine**

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

**Friday: Passion of St. John the Baptist**

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:**

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, thank you for the challenge of being your disciples, for I know that you ask difficult things of me because you love me. I am a sinner, but you call me out to be a saint. Teach me to have more discipline in all that I do and never fear surrendering to you. Amen.