

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

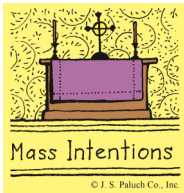
If you are willing to contribute towards the altar flowers please pick-up a Flower Donation envelope, fill out the requested information and drop the envelope in the collection basket, You can also contact the parish office for more information.

<b>DECEMBER</b>	In Memory of Victor C. Rojas (Ester DiGioacchino) In Memory Teodoro & Felicitas Zambrano In Memory of Jose & Mague Flores In Memory of Gloria Lopez Tagle (Pat Solis)
<b>JANUARY</b>	In Memory of Ruben Hinojosa (Children) In Memory of Nydia Joan Tamez In Memory of Ruben G Pena (Family)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	In Memory of Martinez, Flores & Vera Families (Arnold & Terri Flores) <i>No flowers after Feb 18th - LENT</i>

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Mark your calendars! We will be having our Advent Penance Service here on Monday, December 15th at 7:00PM. There will be several priests here to hear confessions. Prepare yourself for the Christmas Season by going to confession.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026**



We are now accepting Mass intentions for the months of January, February and March of 2026. Stop by, call or send your intentions in writing to the parish office.

Due to the number of requested intentions: limit of 5 total intentions per weekend Mass.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, December 24th**

5:30PM - (Vigil Mass)

**Thursday, December 25th**

8:00AM - (Spanish)

10:00AM - (English)



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

**For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



**TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY**

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

**Nov. 30 - Dec. 6: OPEN**

**Dec. 7 - Dec. 13: Brian & Tori Garcia**

There are several openings for the Divine Mercy Image thru December. If you have not yet signed up to host the image please consider doing so. Contact the parish office to see availability or check the sign-up sheet in the entry of the Church.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

Envelopes for the Christmas Flowers (Poinsettias) are located in the entry of the church. If you would like to donate towards the Christmas flowers please place your donations in the collection basket by December 21st.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00PM. *This day is NOT observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this Year.*

We are also hoping to have Eucharistic Adoration in the church on this day from 5:00AM to 5:00PM. If you are interested see the sign-up in the entry of the church.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Friday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. *All are invited to bring roses to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

Mañanitas 6:30AM in the Church

Mass 7:00AM (Bi-lingual)



Dec. 6/7	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers	Dec. 13/14	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Alma	Sandra, Louis, Juan	5:30PM	Tori	Amelia, Alma, Louis
8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo, Janie, Carmen	8:00AM	Armando	Lucinda, Carmen, Janie
10:00AM	Brenda	Ophelia, Gabriel, Cindy	10:00AM	Gabby	Brenda, Danielle, Ophelia
12:00PM	Lupe A	Josie, Maria, Patricia	12:00PM	Patricia	Jesse C., Josie, Lupe

<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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# First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



## Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”  
Matthew 24:44

Rev. Roy J Kalayil  
*Pastor*

David D. Solis Jr.  
davidss@icgregory.org  
*Administrative Assistant*

John Womack & Co.  
*Bookkeeper*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday:**  
12:30PM - 5:00PM  
**Tuesday - Friday:**  
9:00AM - 12:30PM &  
1:30PM - 4:00PM

**FAITH FORMATION**  
Noreen Saenz  
reoffice@icgregory.org  
*Director of Religious Ed.*

David D. Solis Jr.  
*Asst. Director of Religious Ed.*

**Religious Ed. Office Hours**  
Wednesdays 10:00am - 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**  
*First Tuesday of the Month in the Chapel*  
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.

<b>STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR</b> Mike Lopez 438.9054
<b>CHOIR COORDINATOR</b> Naida Rios 774.3778
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS/LECTORS</b> Jesus Garza 704.2269
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> David D. Solis Jr. 643.4505
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Nena Garcia 774.2604
<b>USHERS</b> Ramiro Peña 222.8857
<b>BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY</b> Sylvia Gomez 228.0822
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> Rudy Rivera 877.7533
<b>DIVINE MERCY APOSTLES</b> Sonya Torres 730.6165
<b>HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY</b> Diana Moreno 765.7696
Adriana Bernardo 543.7642
<b>MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR</b> Jerry Rivera 876.7147
<b>SACRED HEART SOCIETY</b> Amelia Flores 443.9811
<b>ST. MARTHA'S MINISTRY</b> Aurora Leal 229.6956
<b>ST. JUDE NOVENA</b> Ofelia Rivera 442.3182
<b>ST. CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH MINISTRY</b> Jesus Garza 704.2269
<b>VOCATIONS MINISTRY</b> Lino Solis Jr. 413.8991
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Sylvia Zuniga 813.3023
<b>PASTORAL COUNCIL</b> Jesse Moreno 443.9917



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## Mass Intentions For The Week



**SATURDAY November 29, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Lupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)  
 †Aurora Flores (Juan Flores & Family)  
 †Eugenio Flores (Nora & Merrill Pierce)  
 †Diana Schicker (Family)  
 †Jose, †Elodia, †Elva, & †Joey Valencia (Family)  
 †Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny)  
 S.I. for Christopher Flores Sr & II

**SUNDAY November 30, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Eloisa Lozano (Family)  
 †Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez)  
 †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
 †Jose Javier Mendoza, †Lorena Salinas, †Matias Cardoza (Family)  
 †Gumerindo Montes & †Carmela Solis (Family)

**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Rogelio & Sylvia)  
 †Rebecca Rodriguez Vargas (Rodriguez Family)  
 †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)  
 †Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza, †Graciela Moreno,  
 †Rachel Hinojosa (Family)

**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
 †Emilio Pena Sr (Lucy & Family)  
 †Juan C Flores Jr (Juan & Josie)  
 †Ray Villarreal Jr (Family)  
 †Eva Chapa (Maria Gomez & Family)  
 †Inocencio & †Maria Garcia (Garcia Family)

**TUESDAY December 2, 2025**  
**5:30PM: Communion Service**

**WEDNESDAY December 3, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** for the sick and homebound

**THURSDAY December 4, 2025**  
**8:30AM:** Souls in purgatory

**FRIDAY December 5, 2025**  
**6:30PM:** B.B. for Tina Garica (Marina Herrman)  
 Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Society

**SATURDAY December 6, 2025**  
**5:30PM:** †Lupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)  
 †Aurora Flores (Juan Flores & Family)  
 †Aracely Vera (Ester Flores)  
 †Alejandro, †Minerva, & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)  
 †Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny)

**SUNDAY December 7, 2025**  
**8:00AM:** †Eloisa Lozano (Family)  
 †Jose Vasquez (Familia Vasquez)  
 †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
 †Gumerindo Montes & †Carmela Solis (Family)

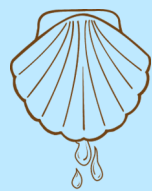
**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Sr)  
 †Rebecca Rodriguez Vargas (Rodriguez Family)  
 †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)

**12:00PM:** †Lelia Guzman (Family)  
 †Emilio Pena Sr (Lucy & Family)  
 †Juan C Flores Jr (Juan & Josie)  
 †Eddie Perez, †Maria Oralia Cavazos (Jerry & Ofelia)  
 †Inocencio & †Maria Garcia (Garcia Family)

### BAPTISMAL CLASS

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

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



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$2,376.00
Loose Collection	\$3,025.00
Children's Collection Offering	\$3.00
Christmas Flower Offering	\$430.00
Online Giving	\$255.00

**Collection Total - November 22/23 \$6,089.00**

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

### Special Collections for the Month of December

6/7 - Building Maintenance Fund

8 - Immaculate Conception Envelope

13/14 - Retirement Fund for Religious



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



†Lelia Guzman (Church)  
 †Eloisa Lozano (Chapel)

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

### † 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, Albert Cavazos, Elisa Claudio, Pedro Costilla Sr., Johnny Cruz, Dominic DeLeon, Adela Escobedo, Anna Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Luis Flores, Mari Flores, Danny Garza, Agustin Gomez, Maria Gomez,	Isaias Gonzales, Esmeralda Hernandez, Fermin Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Guadalupe Z. Lucio Loli Lugo, Jim Malloy, Adolfo Menchaca Jr., Kasen Merrill Lupe Moreno, Angie Ochoa, Ramiro Perales, Jerry Rivera Sr., Irene Rodriguez, Julia Rodriguez, Lorena Rodriguez,	Sergio Rodriguez, Yolanda G. Rodriguez, San Juanita Saenz, Bernice Sanchez, Adan Salazar, Gracie Salazar, Raymond Smith, B Solis, Masiela Tijerina, Gloria Treviño, Joe Treviño, Lile Trevino, Sara Treviño, Gerri Zambrano, Gracie Zepeda
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## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we begin the beautiful season of Advent—a time of hope, preparation, and joyful expectation. As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, the Gospel from Matthew 24:37–44 reminds us of an even greater truth: we must also prepare our hearts for the second coming of Christ.

Jesus tells us to “stay awake,” not in fear, but in faith. Just as people in Noah’s time were caught up in their daily routines and were not ready, we too can become distracted by the busyness of life. Advent calls us to pause, reflect, and return to what truly matters.

How do we prepare? By living each day according to the commandments of God—loving Him above all things and loving our neighbor as ourselves. When we forgive, when we serve the poor, when we pray, when we choose kindness over anger—we are preparing room for Christ in our hearts.

Let this season be more than decorations and celebrations. Let it be a renewal of our faith, a deepening of our love for God, and a sincere effort to walk in His ways.

May the Lord find us ready when He comes again.

A blessed Advent to all of you.

In Christ,

Fr. Roy

### DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este domingo comenzamos el tiempo hermoso de Adviento—un tiempo de esperanza, preparación y expectación. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el cumpleaños de Jesús, el Evangelio de Mateo 24:37–44 nos recuerda algo todavía más importante: también tenemos que prepararnos para la segunda venida de Cristo.

Jesús nos dice “estén despiertos,” no con miedo, sino con fe. Igual que la gente en los tiempos de Noé que estaban ocupados con sus cosas y no estaban listos, también nosotros podemos distraernos con las preocupaciones de cada día. Adviento nos invita a parar tantito, reflexionar, y regresar a lo que sí importa.

¿Y cómo nos preparamos? Viviendo cada día según los mandamientos de Dios—amándolo sobre todas las cosas y amando al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Cuando perdonamos, cuando servimos a los pobres, cuando oramos, cuando escogemos la bondad en vez del coraje—estamos haciendo espacio para Cristo en nuestro corazón.

Que este tiempo sea más que adornos y fiestas. Que sea una renovación de nuestra fe, un crecimiento en el amor a Dios, y un esfuerzo sincero de caminar en sus caminos.

Que el Señor nos encuentre listos cuando Él venga otra vez.

Feliz y bendecido Adviento para todos.

En Cristo,

P. Roy

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:**

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier**

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday: St. John Damascene**

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:**

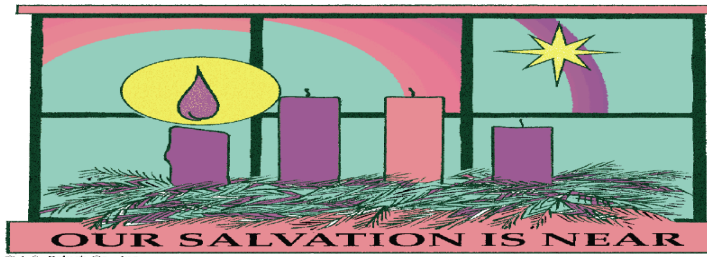
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday: St. Nicholas**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

**Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, your brightness shines within all those who love you. You are my sword and shield. You defeat evil with the light that shines forth from you. Jesus, be my armor. Help me put on the armor of light, that I may be able to fight for you Amen.

### CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

This week St. Paul, in the second reading, asked you to put on the armor of light to fight off sin and evil. One piece of the armor is the Rosary. St. Padre Pio referred to the Rosary as a spiritual weapon. Pray the Rosary (or a decade) every day this week. As you pray, really focus on how God will deliver you from the battle you are in.

### FIRST FRIDAY: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS

Join us **THIS Friday, December 2 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.

