

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.

DECEMBER	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)
JANUARY	In Memory of Ruben Hinojosa (Children) In Memory of Nydia Joan Tamez In Memory of Ruben G Pena (Family)
FEBRUARY	In Memory of Martinez, Flores & Vera Families (Arnold & Terri Flores) In Memory of Oralía Valle Ramirez <i>No flowers after Feb 18th - LENT</i>

“COME ALL” FAMILIES

Celebrating the 100 year Pre-Jubilee year of our Parish, dedicating this month to **“Family”**. (Gen 2:18) *The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone.—The Domestic Church. The emphasis on the importance of spiritual and emotional needs. Very suitable which highlights that God created humans for companionship*
The Family: People require a relationship with God and with other persons for their lives to be complete and fulfilling.

Bring your family to this **“Special Family Blessing”** on **Sunday, December 28th at 10AM Mass**. All Families come to this Mass. There will be light refreshments after Mass.

FAMILY PICTURE DAY

The weekend of **December 27th & 28th** we will also be having family picture day **after all Masses**. Please come dress your best, so we can take a great family picture. We are hoping to get an updated parish directory.

Dec. 20/21	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers	Dec. 27/28	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Jenevieve	Angela, Sandra, Tori	5:30PM	Jesse T	Louis, Alma, Tori
8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo, Armando, Carmen	8:00AM	Elisa	Janie, Armando, Lucinda
10:00AM	Chelo	Gabriel, Cindy, Lino	10:00AM	Gabriel	Brenda, Danielle, Raymond
12:00PM	Youth Mass	Maria, Lupe, Josie	12:00PM	Jesse C	Patricia, Maria, Lupe

Baptisms: By Appointment only Contact Parish office	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	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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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

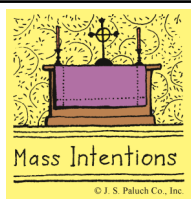
Pray for the following family that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Dec. 14 - Dec. 20: Brian & Tori Garcia
Dec. 21 - Dec. 27: Tony & Bernice Sanchez

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.



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)



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
Matthew 3:1

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.

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



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Third Sunday of Advent ❖ December 14, 2025 ❖ Tercer Domingo del Adviento

Mass Intentions For The Week 

SATURDAY December 13, 2025
5:30PM: †Lupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)
 †Aurora Flores (Juan Flores & Family)
 †Mary Neph (Schicker Family)
 †Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny)

SUNDAY December 14, 2025
8:00AM: †Eloisa Lozano (Family)
 †Richard Ortiz (Family)
 †Gumercindo Montes & †Carmela Solis (Family)
 †Margarita, †Manuela & †Leonardo Beltran (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Sr)
 †Ernesto, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)
 †Jesse & †Jessica Avila (Family)
 †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)
 †Castulo, †Magdalena, †Castulo Jr. Martinez, †Aracely Vera, †Abel & †Lionor Flores (Family)
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)
 †Juan C Flores Jr (Juan & Josie)
 †Baleriana Alaniz & †Maria Gomez
 †Steven S Garcia & †Jose O Lucio (Family)
 †Inocencio & †Maria Garcia (Garcia Family)
 Deceased Divine Mercy Apostles

TUESDAY December 16, 2025
5:30PM: †Andrew Guerra [1 yr. ann.] (Garcia Family)

WEDNESDAY December 17, 2025
8:30AM: for the sick and homebound

THURSDAY December 18, 2025
8:30AM: †Guadalupe V Moreno [5 yr ann.] (Family)

FRIDAY December 19, 2025
8:30AM: souls in purgatory

SATURDAY December 20, 2025
5:30PM: †Lupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno)
 †Aurora Flores (Juan Flores & Family)
 †David Solis Sr. (Pat, Gabby, David Jr)
 †Robert & Marion Schicker (Schicker Family)
 †Jose O Lucio, †Steven S Garcia (Family)
 †Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny)
 B.B. for Rosi Hogan (Rose De La Cruz)

SUNDAY December 21, 2025
8:00AM: †Eloisa Lozano (Family)
 †Richard Ortiz (Family)
 †Gumercindo Montes & †Carmela Solis (Family)
 †Margarita, †Manuela & †Leonardo Beltran (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Adolfo Sr)
 †Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero & †David Sanchez (Family)
12:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)
 †Juan C Flores Jr (Juan & Josie)
 †Jaime Jimenez (Sara DeLeon & Family)
 †Steven S Garcia (Family)
 †Inocencio & †Maria Garcia (Garcia Family)

GAUDETE SUNDAY
Third Sunday of Advent

The word “**Gaudete**” is Latin for “**Rejoice.**” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$2,534.00
Loose Collection	\$1,094.33
Building Maintenance Fund	\$1,245.50
Christmas Flower Offering	\$210.00
Online Giving	\$245.00
Collection Total - December 6/7	\$5,328.83

*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

13/14 - Retirement Fund for Religious



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 OUR PARISH WEBSITE'S ONLINE
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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:



†Guadalupe V Moreno (Church)
In Honor of Eleno Lara & Family (Chapel)

If you would like to 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.

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

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the III Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means “Rejoice!” Today’s Mass begins with the beautiful antiphon: “Gaudete in Domino semper” — “Rejoice in the Lord always.” In the middle of Advent’s quiet waiting, the Church invites us to lift our hearts in joy. For this reason, we light the rose-colored candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments—signs of the joyful nearness of our Savior.

In the Gospel from Matthew 11:2–11, we hear of John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come?” Jesus answers not with arguments, but with the works of God: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear the Good News. Jesus is the culmination of all the prophecies, the fulfillment of Israel’s long hope. There is no one else to wait for; no one else to follow.

My dear people, in this season when the world offers many distractions, Jesus reminds us: Do not go after anything else—stay with Me. He alone brings true peace, true joy, and true healing to our hearts. Our mission is simple: stay close to Jesus and let our lives be such a clear picture of Him that others can see His love through us.

As we continue our Advent journey, may this Gaudete Sunday fill your homes and hearts with renewed hope. Let us rejoice, for the Lord is near!

In Christ’s love,
 Fr. Roy

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este fin de semana celebramos el III Domingo de Adviento, conocido como el Domingo de Gaudete. Gaudete quiere decir “¡Alégrense!”. La Misa de hoy empieza con la antifona: “Gaudete in Domino semper” — “Alégrense siempre en el Señor.” En medio de la espera del Adviento, la Iglesia nos invita a levantar el corazón y llenarnos de alegría. Por eso encendemos la vela rosita de la corona de Adviento, y el sacerdote puede usar vestiduras color rosa—signos de que nuestro Salvador ya está cerquita.

En el Evangelio de Mateo 11:2–11, Juan el Bautista manda a sus discípulos a preguntarle a Jesús: “¿Eres tú el que ha de venir?” Jesús no responde con palabras bonitas, sino con las obras de Dios: los ciegos ven, los cojos caminan, los pobres escuchan la Buena Nueva. Jesús es el cumplimiento de todas las profecías, la esperanza realizada de Israel. No hay nadie más que esperar ni otro camino que seguir.

Mis hermanos, en este tiempo cuando el mundo ofrece tantas distracciones, Jesús nos dice: No se vayan tras otras cosas — quédense conmigo. Solo Él da la paz verdadera, la alegría real, y la sanación que necesita nuestro corazón. Nuestra misión es sencilla: mantenernos cerca de Jesús y que nuestra vida sea un retrato claro de Él para que otros vean su amor a través de nosotros.

Que este Domingo de Gaudete llene sus hogares y corazones con esperanza nueva. ¡Alégrense, porque el Señor ya viene!

Con amor en Cristo,
 P. Roy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13; Ps 34: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21: 28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1: 1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1: 18-25

Friday:

Jg 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1: 5-25

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1: 26-38

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, you bring joy to others. Without you, there is no joy and only emptiness. I have suffered, but you have suffered more. You have willingly suffered for me, and I praise you. Help me know that this life is not a vacation but a pilgrimage. Therefore, I offer any bump in the road to you with a peaceful heart. In this time of preparation for your coming, help me be open to you. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

When people ask why God would allow suffering, we look to the Cross. Jesus’s suffering set us free. Go to your nearest chapel, sometime this week, and meditate on the crucifix. Even if you just star at it, think of the love that it presents. Ask God how you can imitate him in his suffering.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

We will be having our Advent Penance Service here **TOMORROW** Monday, December 15th at 7:00PM. There will be over 15 priests here to hear confessions. Prepare yourself for the Christmas Season by going to confession.

HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on **Monday, December 22nd** from 4pm until we run out of supplies.

