



Holy Face of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I will keep this brief this weekend especially given that I am still settling in and getting used to the idea that I am finally back home. Six months does not usually seem like a long span of time, until it is. As I return, I simply want to express to you my gratitude for the faith you placed in me during a very trying time as well as your faithfulness to God, the Blessed Virgin, the parish and to one another. Thank you so much for persevering and staying the course and for the constant prayers, cards and gifts that kept me encouraged. Try as I may to acknowledge everyone who reached out to me, I am certain that I may have overlooked someone and that was not my intention at all. The stack of mail I received from you was substantial to say the least and I am grateful for your support and affection that really helped to sustain me these past six months.

But now it is over, and it is time to move on. What has happened has happened and even during the most difficult moments I never doubted God's goodness and love and the inscrutable wisdom of His providence that permitted this nightmare to fall upon me and the parish. To be still and wait in patience while persevering in prayer is really the only way to navigate through the trials and suffering of life in this world and to simply trust. This does not mean that our trials are not truly painful but there is great consolation in the experience that God allows these things to happen so that He may draw us closer to Himself. When we fight and resist our difficulties and try to manipulate things, we only compound our miseries when our daily prayer and rule of life is and ought to be "not my will but Yours be done."

There are many lessons that we have been taught these past six months and I think that the most obvious one

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023



Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo



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This week's office hours:

Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm; Thursday 2-5 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 14th

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Confessions are available at 10:00 am

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on each of these days at 11:30 am and again after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Saturday, beginning May 20th

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday, beginning May 21st

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th

Following the parish tradition, there will be a May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass begins.

(Please arrive 15 minutes early, if possible!)

Breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus immediately after Mass: waffles with strawberry compote and whipped cream!



Mark your calendar!

Summertime Sunday Hospitality begins at Immaculate Conception on **May 28th**!

Join us for food & fellowship on the front porch of the church (weather permitting) each Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

The annual **parish picnic** will take place at Boettcher Park on Sunday, **June 25th** after the 11:00 am Mass.

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is that carelessly spoken words have consequences and that there are things in life that we should never even joke about. I am not angry or resentful and I do not desire any revenge. God is the judge of all. The humiliation of having one's name and reputation permanently damaged is of little account when we consider that our real name, the one given to us by God, is written in the palm of His hand (Is 49:16) and that should be sufficient for us. So, let's be and remain forever grateful.

Now on to a little housekeeping...knowing that everyone is a little anxious about Mass times. After floating the idea past a number of you this past week I think that I am going to keep the Mass time at Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings so as not to disrupt or confuse too many folks especially as we are entering into the summer months and prepare to welcome all of the visitors. Mass will resume on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm beginning next week at Immaculate Conception and Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 am. Daily Mass will resume next week at Immaculate Conception for the next two weeks before we return to a summer schedule with Mass only on Wednesday with a period of Eucharistic Adoration afterwards. Please keep a close eye on the bulletin and on Flocknote messages.

There is a lot for me to wrap my arms around as I settle back in and I know that I can count on your patience as things begin to return to some semblance of normalcy. "Little by little with great serenity" is what Bishop Morlino always used to tell me back in the day. God rest his soul.

Thanks again for everything and do know that it has not been lost on anyone who has been watching that you have given a terrific example of what a parish ought to look like. Your faithfulness and perseverance have been a light to many. Well done!

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.



Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Teresa Cullis, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Frank Delgado, Jan Irwin, Monte Jenkins, Jeff Chada.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May

For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



A Note from Fr. John Robertson:

THANK YOU!

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A quick word of thanks and appreciation to the good people of Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Parishes. I deeply appreciate your kind reception of me as the Interim Administrator of the Parishes from November 1, 2022 through May 8, 2023, including celebrating Mass ten Sundays (including Christmas), as well as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

I am grateful to the Jesuit priests who celebrated Funerals and Sunday Masses, Penance and First Communion, during that time: Fathers Craig Hightower, SJ; Victor Cancino, SJ; Paul Cochran, SJ; Steve Lantry, SJ; and John Martin, SJ. May God continue to bless each of them abundantly.

I am especially grateful for Katie Devlin, who kept the parish "in order" during those long months. And I am grateful for all those who provided religious education/formation, who helped with liturgical preparation, and who helped keep the finances in order, and to all who "do what you do" so quietly and efficiently. God's blessings for each!

I conclude these words of thanks using the words from my homily last Sunday: *With Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life – the cornerstone – we look to our futures with hearts that are not troubled; we have faith in God, we have faith in Jesus Christ, we await the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, and we will come to the Table of the Lord to share the very life of God. Certainly, in each of you, disciples of Christ, the Word of God is alive, the cornerstone is secure, and the light of Christ brings hope.*

MAY OUR GOD BLESS YOU EACH WITH FAITH, WITH HOPE, WITH LOVE AND PEACE.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 14th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, May 16th

Repose of the soul of Richard Amos, Jr., rb Teri Daigneault

Wednesday, May 17th

Repose of the soul of Cary Michael Devlin, rb Katie Devlin

Thursday, May 18th

Repose of the soul of Jake Redekop, rb Teri Daigneault

Friday, May 19th

Repose of the soul of Larry Redekop, rb Teri Daigneault

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Entrance:

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

Collect:

*Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days
of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1 Peter 3:15-18

Alleluia: *Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the
Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to
him.* - Jn 14:23

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body. (CCC 739)

*"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we
have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the
love which you have for all the saints, because of the
hope laid up for you in heaven."*

Colossians 1:3-5 (RSV-CE)

Good news! Our Lady of Life sculpture fundraiser has reached 93% of its \$12,000 goal. We are almost there! A special thank you to all who have generously contributed to this beautiful project honoring our most Blessed Mother.

If anyone still wishes to contribute, you may find special envelopes located at most entrances of our parish, or simply specify the project at the bottom of your check and place in the collection basket. If you are unable to contribute, please offer a prayer for the project's successful completion. Thank you and God bless.



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SATURDAY 8 - 2 PM
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Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$133,312 of \$175,000 (76%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$30,268 of \$44,500 (68%)



Thank you for your generosity!