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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
..... 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:50 p.m.
Friday 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify the parish office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are answered immediately. Home visitation is for the sick and shut-in. Hospital visits are weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

To sign-up, please contact Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892.

FORMED: Go to <http://icc-msh.formed.org>, enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Information for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the parish office at least two weeks prior to the event.



2nd SUNDAY of Advent

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths." - Lk 3:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and
the Mission of the Sacred Heart
is a welcoming community,
centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith,
growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity
the mission Christ entrusted to us.

Week at a Glance

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 2:45 - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mass in Spanish/Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast with St. Nicholas/Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Mission of the Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIC Session/FFC
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Sunday Nursery/ELC 3
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass-Children's Liturgy/Church/MH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sunday Nursery/ELC 3
 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Retrouvaille Follow-up/Main Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts #283/Pavilion

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Spanish Choir/Small Hall
 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Reconciliation/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Men's Cursillo Spiritual Gp/Rm. 2

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Soul Core/FFC 212
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts #10812/T 16
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Rejoice! Advent Meditations/Room 2

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scout Leader Meeting/Pavilion

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scouts #10994/T 16

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Room 1
 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scout Family Event/Pavilion
 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Retrouvaille Follow-up/Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mass in Spanish/Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Sunday Nursery/ELC 3
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Mission of the Sacred Heart

Parish Life ♦ Community

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/-Children's Liturgy/Church/MH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sunday Nursery/ELC 3
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Young Adults Meeting/FFC-211
 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM Catholic Scouts Meeting/T 16
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Patronal Feast day of the United States of America)

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 7
Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Confessions at 5:00 p.m. and after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
No Novena/Benediction

Wednesday, December 8
8:30 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m.

Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph by Fr. Mark Touns

Experience a more peaceful, joyful, more meaningful Advent than ever before. Join us for this parish wide journey with St. Joseph either individually, with a group already meeting or form your own group with family and friends. Books are available in the church office if you would like to participate.



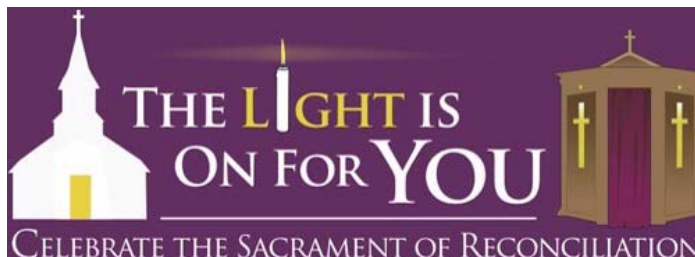
Welcome to week two, welcome to Joseph's heart.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight; in all your ways acknowledge to him, and he will make straight your paths." —Proverbs 3:5-6

Here is the meditation for the second Sunday of Advent:

<https://youtu.be/2gUDc7u29DQ?list=PLQ5-Nn7T6Btkhrvflh8inmDQkhkbLvO05>

REMINDER: Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas, Sunday, December 5
8 A.M.-11 A.M. in the main hall.



Every Wednesday during Advent
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(except December 8 will be after the 6:00 p.m. Mass)

Parish Life ♦ Christian Commitment Parish Life ♦ Stump the Deacon



Ho, ho, homooousios!

December 6th marks the feast day of good ol' St. Nicholas. Many legends have cropped up around this great 4th century saint. More commonly known for his good deeds and generosity to the poor (hence his continuation as Santa Claus), my personal favorite story about him involves his legendary status as a fiery theologian.

At the council of Nicaea, held in 325 AD, St. Nicholas was present as the Bishop of Myra. This council was so important because the bishops around the known world were debating the question: Was the Son equal to the Father? Orthodox bishops said, "yes." The Son is "consubstantial" with the Father (*homooousios*, in Greek). That is, they are of the same substance. They are one in being. The Father is God *and* the Son is God.

Unfortunately, a popular heretical priest named Arius persuaded many bishops to say, "no." Arius said the Son of God was a mere creature and therefore, could not be equal with God the Father. He was either *heteroousios* (of a different being altogether), or at best, the Son was *homoiousios*, (of *like* substance, but definitely not of the *same* substance). In other words, the Son was *like* God but not actually God. The difference in spelling between homooousios and homoiousios is just one letter (in English, "i", but in Greek, the *iota*), but the difference in meaning was huge!

So at this council of Nicaea, Arius stood amidst the bishops arguing for his heretical position- that the Son was not fully God. At some point St. Nicholas had had enough of it. Burning with zeal for the full divinity of Jesus Christ, he stood up and punched Arius in the face!

So what's the moral of the story? Well the next time we recite the Nicene Creed and get to the word, "consubstantial" make sure you say it correctly. If you don't, Santa Claus might come punch you in the face!

Happy Advent.

In Christ,

Fr. Taylor



STUMP THE DEACON!

On December 8th, we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What is the history of this Feast?

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed, "...the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful." Many believe that the Immaculate Conception relates to the conception of Jesus. True, Jesus was conceived without original sin, but the Feast Day celebrated on December 8th of each year relates to Mary's conception in her mother's womb.

Even though it was only declared a doctrine of the Church in 1854, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the 7th century in Palestine as the "Conception by St. Anne of the *Theotokos* (Mother of God)" on December 9th. When the observance spread to "the west," the date of the feast was ultimately changed to December 8th, nine months before Our Blessed Lady's birthday of September 8th.

During the Middle Ages many theologians, including St. Anselm of Canterbury, St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Bonaventure opposed the doctrine. They felt there was no justification for this opinion; Mary had to have been touched by original sin for at least an instant in her mother's womb. Blessed John Dun Scotus (1266-1308) disputed this; he laid the foundation of the Immaculate Conception of Mary so well and sufficiently that from that time on, the idea of Mary's Immaculate Conception prevailed. The Council of Basel in 1439 affirmed this, as did the Council of Trent (1545-1563) which explicitly declared that Mary was free from original sin.

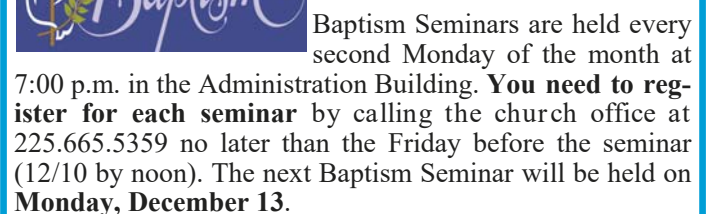
In 1830, Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré. Mary was standing on a globe, with dazzling rays of light streaming from her outstretched hands surrounded by the inscription "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." As a result of this apparition, the Miraculous Medal was born which acknowledged her Immaculate Conception.

In 1858, Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. Many people, including Church officials, doubted her. Bernadette did not know who the Lady was, so her family and friends asked Bernadette to ask her who she was. Our Lady's reply was, "*Que soy era Immaculada Conceptioni*," which means "I am the Immaculate Conception." When Bernadette told the parish priest Mary's reply, he was convinced that Bernadette had been seeing Our Blessed Lady because the proclamation four years earlier was not well known. Bernadette was only 14 years old, uneducated and could not have known about Pope Pius' declaration.

We are truly blessed that the patroness of our parish is Our Lady under the title of the "Immaculate Conception."

—Deacon George Hooper; ghooper@icc-msh.org

Parish Life ♦ Community



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Parish Life ♦ Community/Stewardship



**December 4, 2021-
December 12, 2021**

SATURDAY: 12/04/21

8:00 a.m. M/M Joey Waguespack†.
4:00 p.m. John Durand†; Irwin Steudein, Sr.†; Sam Guzzardo†;
Christian Stowe†; Arthur Lamm, Jr.†; Kert Guidry†;
John Stowe†; Bill Lenhard, Jr.†; Marian & Gladys
Sanders†; Frank Genusa, Sr.†; Kathy Caruso; Kathy
Alello†; M/M Richard Young†; Evelyn Gilcrease†;
Catherine Ann Marino†; Whitney Geter, III.

SUNDAY: 12/05/21

7:00 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Laura Didier†; Lloyd deGeneres†;
Maria Mau Tran†; Troy Gibson†; Anna Sanamo†;
Anna Fussell†.
9:00 a.m. Al Deranger†; Dorothy Gomez†; Sylvia Pulizzano†;
Dorothy Barrow†; Henry Pulizzano†; Rachelle
Deranger; M/M George Landry†; Evelyn
Beauchamp†; Glen Ezell†; Anna McMillon†;
Madeleine Ducote†; Alfonso Zuniga†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) For the people.
11:00 a.m. Clyde & Jean Meyers†; Vivian Bonano†; Robert
Rhodes†; Betty Labarre†; M/M Johnny Pommier†;
Glenda Young†; Lucy Blanchard†.
6:00 p.m. Lorna Gentile†; Donald & Evelyn Dean†; DJ
Guidroz†; Joyce Jackson†; M/M Louis Hartman

MONDAY: 12/06/21

8:30 a.m. Bill Collier†.

TUESDAY: 12/07/21

6:00 p.m. Henry Pulizzano†.

WEDNESDAY: 12/08/21

8:30 a.m. Dr./Mrs. Ben Thompson, Jr.†; **Noon:** Katherine
Broussard†; **6:00 p.m.:** Robert Rhodes†.

THURSDAY: 12/09/21

8:30 a.m. Constance Durand†.

FRIDAY: 12/10/21

8:30 a.m. Lynwood Stafford, Sr.†.

SATURDAY: 12/11/21

4:00 p.m. Mary McKnight†; John Stowe†; Evelyn Gilcrease†;
Lacey Griffin†; Carter Luster; Irwin Steudlein, Sr.†;
Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Christian Stowe†; Whitney Geter,
III; Bill Lenhard, Jr.†; Kathy Caruso; Frank Genusa,
Sr.†; Joyce Jackson†; Kathy Alello†; M/M Richard
Young†; Betty Jo Graham†; Catherine Ann Marino†;
Henry Pulizzano†.

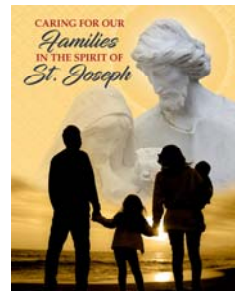
SUNDAY: 12/12/21

7:00 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Dr./Mrs. Ben Thompson, Jr.†;
Lloyd deGeneres†; Troy Gibson†; Anna Sanamo†;
Anna Fussell†.
9:00 a.m. M/M George Landry†; Vivian Bonano†; Dorothy
Barrow†; Fr. Danny Roussel†; Dorothy Gomez†;
Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Evelyn Beauchamp†; Glen
Ezell†; M/M Johnny Pommier†; Alzheimers Patients
& Caregivers.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Lynwood Stafford, Jr.†; Rita Savage†;
Rhonda Davis†.
11:00 am For the people.
6:00 p.m. Elmic Leger†; Donald & Evelyn Dean†; D.J.
Guidroz†; M/M Louis Hartman†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 12/05/21 - 12/11/21

Burns in memory of: **TAMMY JONES.**

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 12/05/21 - 12/11/21



"For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." Eph. 4:4

The Apostle Paul stressed to the Church of Ephesus the importance of the body of Christ uniting. Unity is the "state of being one." We, as a family and community of faith, are called to the unified mission Christ left to our care, which is to love God and love our neighbors. Something transformative happens in our hearts and spirits when we focus on the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for others is what we are called to do. In this season of giving, please consider remembering those who could benefit from your generosity.

Give online at: www.diobr.org/stewardship

November 21, 2021

**Stewardship
UPDATE**

Identified offertory givers:	\$ 9,933.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$ 2,099.00
Special Collections:	\$ 20.00
Total collected and retained in Parish:	\$ 12,052.40
Building Maintenance:	\$ 580.00
Agency and Mission Collection:	\$ 1,185.00
Total weekly collection:	\$ 13,817.40

November 27, 2021

**Stewardship
UPDATE**

Identified offertory givers:	\$ 9,115.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$ 2,372.66
Special Collections:	\$ 251.00
Total collected and retained in Parish:	\$ 11,738.66
Building Maintenance:	\$ 540.00
Agency and Mission Collection:	\$ 1,914.00
Total weekly collection:	\$ 14,192.66



**WeShare
Online Giving**
icc-msh.weshareonline.org



If you are an on-line giving contributor and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please call the church office at 225.665.5359.

As a reminder, if you have recently made any changes to your bank account or credit card, please update your payment information on WeShare (iccmsh.weshareonline.org).



We express our sympathy and prayers to Ms. Chris Marchiafika and family on the death of their father; **OHMA NUGENT**; and to Darlene Guitreaux on the death of her husband, **LONNY GUITREAU**.

Parish Life ♦ Outreach



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE GIFTS

We are happy to report that ALL the angel tags have been taken! The gifts can be toys, clothes, or both, and the amount is up to you. Remember, what you give will be all that child gets for Christmas. All of them need clothes, but Christmas is not Christmas without a toy!

Bring your Angel gifts UNWRAPPED & with TAGS Attached: before December 11th ...

If you are dropping off your gifts Monday-Friday (8 a.m.-5 p.m.), please bring them UNWRAPPED (w/tags attached) to the church office (entrance is near the 3 flag poles). ONLY on weekends should the gifts be brought to the church. We appreciate your help so much with this endeavor.

St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Food Drive



Food barrels are located at the entrances of the church and the administration building for non-perishable food which will be used for Christmas food baskets for the needy. Cash donations are always welcome.

We are also in need of volunteers to help at the food bank on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7-9:30 a.m. Contact 225.665.1623 if you are interested.

Did you know . . . We still have pictorial directories for pick up by families who participated by having their picture taken? You will need to sign out your directory at the time of pick up. Also, we do have extra pictorial directories available if you would like one. The cost is \$10 each, and they can be picked up at the church office.

Readings for the week of 12/5/21

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Parish Life ♦ Worship



Adoration Chapel

Hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Monday - 8:00 a.m. (continuing all night)
- Tuesday - until 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adorers needed for the following hours:

Midnight - 5 a.m.

Sunday: 4 a.m.

Monday: Midnight, 1 a.m., 2 a.m.

Wednesday: Midnight, 1 a.m.

Thursday: 1 a.m.

Friday: 1 a.m., 4 a.m.

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday: 11 p.m.

Saturday: 11 p.m.

6 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m., 9 a.m.

Noon - 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon

We are getting closer to Perpetual Adoration! Only 14 more hours to fill. Thanks so much for those who have committed recently.

To sign-up to spend an hour with Jesus, call or text; Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892 or Colleen Montgomery at 225.281.5275.

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