IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

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Eucharist Ministers ..... Tania Robles
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Hispanic Altar Servers ..... Fanny Martinez
Hispanic Eucharist Ministers ..... Maria Varela
Hispanic Lectors ..... Martha Venegas
Adoration ..... Noemy Olvera
..... Madeline Bell
Hispanic Adult Choir ..... Mario Miranda
Hispanic Children's Choir... ..... Mayra Reyes
Music Coordinator ..... Loretta Broussard
Wedding Coordinators ..... Maggie Varela
..... Tania Robles
Grupo Carismático ..... Alfredo Suarez
Misa Con Niño's……..Maria Miranda
Knights of Columbus ..... Herman Simien
Altar Society ..... Madeline Bell
Parish Council..... David Allison
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……...Laura Pickett, Connie Arnold, Rita Aalund
BFA Chair Persons……..Suzie Vestal, Tania Robles
…….Elizabeth Gonzalez
Soldaditos de Jesus……...Maria Ovalle
Grupo Guadalupana…….Isidro Villegas Jr.

Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:00 & 9:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Spanish)

Tuesday to Friday : 8:30 am

Special Devotion:
Rosary*:* Sat: 4:30pm; Sun: 6:30am, 8:30 am

Adoration*:* First Friday of each month 9:00 am to following Saturday 8:30 am

Novena: to Our Mother of Perpetual Help,
Every Tuesday after mass 8:30 am.

Holy days of Obligation Mass will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm

Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 pm or by appointment.

Weddings
Arrange at least six (6) months before the wedding date.
Must speak to the Priest.

Matrimonios
Preparar al menos seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de la boda. Debe hacer Cita con el Padre.

English Baptism
By appointment
Baptismal Preparation Classes
To be announced.

Clase Pre-bautismal
Febrero 3, 2019

Bautismos en Español
Diciembre 15, 2018

Quinceañeras
Preparar al menos seis (6) meses antes de la Fecha y 4 Clases y un Retiro y Cita con el Padre.

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John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape. When John quoted Isaiah in today's Gospel, this rough terrain stirred the imagination of John's listeners. John proclaimed that these hills and valleys are to be made level, to provide a smooth path for God to enter.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear. Hills and valleys evoked how people treat each other, with some people raised high and others brought low. They suggested how social structures embody and harden these tendencies with large-scale systems of military, political, or economic oppression. John proclaimed that God was about to alter this social landscape through the work of Jesus.

EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous undertaking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance. We the Church respond to this call today, and acknowledge our ongoing need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Advent preparation for Christmas includes opening our hearts to God's forgiveness, so that Jesus might come to take residence there.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others. When we realize that we reside on mountains of advantage or privilege that place others in valleys, we are to repent and to change how we live. When we bring healing and justice to others, we are sharing in God's earth-shaking work, and preparing a straight pathway for our God.

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1–9; Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Phil 1:4–6, 8–11; Lk 3:1–6

9 de diciembre de 2018
Segundo Domingo de Pascua

Juan el Bautista predicó desde el desierto. Aquel desierto que no está lejos de Jerusalén es extremadamente escabroso, donde colinas empinadas y valles profundos son comunes en todo ese paisaje desértico. Cuando en el Evangelio de hoy, Juan cita a Isaías, este terreno escabroso estimula la imaginación de quienes lo escuchan. Juan proclamó que estas colinas y valles se aplanarían, para proporcionar un camino parejo para que Dios entre.

Quienes escucharon a Juan reconocieron que la altura de las colinas y las profundidades de los valles eran similares a las relaciones y actitudes de las personas: alturas del orgullo personal y profundidades del miedo y desaliento. Colinas y valles evocan cómo las personas tratan unas a otras, con algunas personas altamente elevadas y otras menospreciadas. Ellas sugieren cómo las estructuras sociales representan y endurecen estas tendencias con una larga escala de sistemas opresores militares, políticos o económicos. Juan proclamó que Dios estaba a punto de transformar este paisaje social por medio de las obras de Jesús.

MOVIMIENTO DE LA TIERRA

Transformar el paisaje humano, como la tarea de aplanar las colinas y valles desérticos, es una tarea inmensa, verdaderamente el trabajo de Dios. Sin embargo, Dios busca compañeros en esta transformación. Juan el Bautista, y después Jesús, ambos invitaron a personas a seguirlos para colaborar en el trabajo de Dios, empezaron con el arrepentimiento. Nosotros, la Iglesia, respondemos hoy a esta invitación y reconocemos nuestra necesidad constante del perdón y de la misericordia de Dios. Nuestra preparación de Adviento para la Navidad incluye apertura de nuestro corazón para el perdón de Dios, para que Jesús pueda venir y habitar en él.

Nos unimos al proyecto de Dios para mover la Tierra arrepintiéndonos de cómo obstruimos el camino de Dios con resentimientos y miedos. Cuando somos menospreciados en nuestras vidas, buscamos la ayuda de Dios y Dios consigue la ayuda de otras personas. Cuando nos damos cuenta que vivimos en montañas de ventajas o privilegios que pone a otras personas en los valles, debemos arrepentirnos y cambiar cómo vivimos. Cuando llevamos alivio y justicia a otras personas, estamos compartiendo el trabajo de Dios para sacudir la Tierra y preparar un camino recto para nuestro Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Bar 5:1–9; Sal 126 (125):1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Flp 1:4–6, 8–11; Lc 3:1–6

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Mass Intentions and Schedule for the Week

Saturday, December 8, 2018
Feast of Immaculate Conception
5:00 p.m. In loving memory of Frances Harris
& Healing intentions for Kathleen Pacini
By The Harris Family
Sunday, December 9, 2018
7:00a.m. In loving memory of Garrett Haidusek
9:00 a.m. In loving memory of Helen Green
By John Hebert & Family
11:00 a.m. Happy Birthday to Alondra Garcia
By the Garcia Family
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
8:30 a.m. In loving memory OF Oscar Medina Jr.
By the Family
7:00 p.m. RCIA Class
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
5:30 a.m. Our Lady Of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m. Healing intentions for Kathleen Pacini
By David & Connie Arnold
5:30 p.m. CCE K—5th
7:00 p.m. CCE 6th—11th

Thursday, December 13, 2018
8:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for George & Margaret Hanel
By Sharon Brown & Family
Friday, December 14, 2018
8:30 a.m. Healing intentions for Ken Berry
David & Connie Arnold
Saturday, December 15, 2018
5:00 p.m. In loving memory OF Oscar Medina Jr.
By the Family
In loving memory of Marie Lombardino
By Jetta & Susan
In loving memory of Frances Harris
by Joe Harris & Family
Sunday, December 16, 2018
7:00a.m. For the People
9:00 a.m. In loving memory of Deacon Luther Wells
By Bennie Wells
11:00 a.m. In loving memory of Santiago Robles
By Tania Robles & Family
Happy birthday to Juan Colunga Jr.
By Vanessa Colunga & Children

Weekly Contributions
Contributions for the Weekend of
December 2, 2018

Contribution	$4,954.00
Children's fund	$.00
Poor fund	$266.00
Christmas Flowers	$591.00

We would like to thank all our parishioner's for their continued support to the parish.

Pray for ... Francis Fore, Hilda Cheramie, Joe Harris, Russell Fairchild, John Hebert Sr., Michelle Fatheree, Denman Watson, Kathleen Martinez, Margarita Azua, Kaylee Parker, Sherry Pascal, Caitlin Cothren, Kenneth Wells, Debbie Van Deventer, Donnie Thomas, Sharon Duran, Lynda Ager, Marie Twarg, John Leach, Nellie Hubbard, Lathan Karell Semien, Allie Jo Townsend, Rudy & Sherry Hanks, Fred & Donny Shaver, Rhonda Watson, Alfred Freeman, Danyel Lintelman, Roberta Langford, Artie Ripkowski, Marianne Fruchey, Cory Fontenot, Margie Hagan, Hayden Bolling, David Edmonds, Kathleen Pacini, Shirley Morris, Karen Ramsey, Lucas Rider Spears, Barbara Taylor, Coby Boothe, Jerry Hattox, Michael Sterling, Maria Luz Ramirez. Lynn Purswell, Jene Strahan, Arlington & Rose Marks, Jetta Rickard, Emily Banks, Joseph Wickliff, Dorothy McCullough, Barbara Burwick, Mickey Page, Ken Berry, D. Jackson, Michelle Griffin, Mark Locke, Raymond Derouen

CCE Wednesday, December 12th
We are in need of a 1st & 6th grade Teacher and for adult aids in the Office. Anyone interested please call Patty Lucas

LA POSADA

Our La Posada will be Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00pm in the Church. We would like for all Confirmation Kids to help with La Posada this year. Help is needed in all areas to make this a very special event for the children as well as the adults. Thank you

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Christmas is around the corner and if you know anyone in need or is sick, please let the parish office know. Any one who would like to donate to our Poor fund, you can drop off your donation in the collection basket or the Parish office.

Ya viene **Navidad**. Si conocen a alguien que necesita ayuda o esta enfermo, llamen a la oficina. si les gustaría donar a nuestro fondo, pueden dejar su donación en la canasta de contribución o traerlo a la oficina.

Christmas angels are available in the back of the church. All angels are due by Dec. 18th. Please help a child have a good Christmas. And if you would like to donate toys and pajamas or blanket or a gift card all is welcomed. We need to help our community.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults **(RCIA)** are every Tuesday in the Social Room at 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know of someone who does, please **contact Patty Lucas at the Parish Office 936-336-7267, Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

Rite of Welcoming
Maribel Padron, Donna Miller, Yvonne Valdez, Alexis Garcia

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El siguiente Fechas para Bautizar será Sábado 15 de Diciembre a las 11am

Altar Society Christmas Poinsettias Place orders Now

White Poinsettia ...$20.00 ea.
Red Bush Poinsettias ....$30.00 ea.
Red Tree Poinsettias...$60.00 ea.

You may stop by the Parish Office or mail your payment: 411 Milam, Liberty. Orders and payment are needed by DECEMBER 20th
Make Checks Payable to: ICC Altar Fund

Flores Navideñas están de venta. Lo pueden ser en honor de o en memoria de o en Gracias a…Pueden pasar por la oficina o enviar por coreo.

Altar Workers

December 9, 2018
Bette Haidusek-Brenda Leonard

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Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 9th
Rosary 10:00am & celebration at the 11:00am Mass with dancing and food to follow.

Wednesday, December 12th las Manañitas at 5:30am

Domingo 9 de Diciembre
se celebrara en la Misa de las 11:00am, con danzas y comida después de misa y
El Martes 12 de Diciembre se le harán las Mañanitas a las 5:30am

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The Season of Giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **Immaculate Conception Church** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options at **www.icclibertytx.org**. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

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BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL (BFA)

Families that still have payments to make towards the 2018 Bishop's Faith Appeal (BFA) are urged to remit their payment by the end of December 31st in order to receive 2019 tax-deduction.

BFA: My gratitude to all who made a pledge/ donation to the BFA. Of over 1,033 registered families, only 86 families have made pledges, totaling $47,581.95. We still need Families who have not made a pledge may kindly do so. Your generosity and kindness will greatly be appreciated.

BFA: Mi agradecimiento a todos los que hicieron una promesa o donación al Campana de fe del obispo tenemos 1,033 familias registrados y solamente 86 familias han hecho su promesa, total de 47,581.95. Estamos pidiendo las familias que no han hecho una promesa amablemente de hacerlo **antes del 31 de diciembre**. Se apreciara su generosidad y amabilidad.

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Schedule of Christmas Masses

Misas de Navidad

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm English
7:00 pm in Spanish

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day
Mass at 8:30 a.m. English

Monday, December 31, New Years eve
7:00 pm in English

Tuesday, January 1st
Mary - Mother of God -Solemn Celebration at 8:30 am

Parish office will be closed Monday, December 24th - January 1st

TODAYS READINGS
First Reading -- Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm -- The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading -- I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel -- The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18