

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 26th, 2025



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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Items for the Upcoming Bulletin Due to Parish Office by Tuesday at 4 pm



Welcome to Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

We are glad you are here to join us for worship, or for guidance and instruction in the Catholic faith. If you are **NEW** or coming home, we invite you to register at www.ICChurchMD.org

The Gospel calls all people to holiness of life. Our parish is committed to living the Lord's Teaching, which is to worship God in Word and Sacraments; to live and share the riches of our faith; to serve and care for the poor; and to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another.

PARISH'S CLERGY & STAFF

Clergy: Fr. Paul Nguyen, *administrator*
Deacon Bill Kyte

Staff: Clare Navarra – *administrative assistant*
Mari Kyte – *business manager/bookkeeper*
Joseph Guy, Jr. – *Coordinator of Religious Ed*

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:00 pm,
Sunday at 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am
First Saturday of each month at 9:00 am

Confessions:

Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Fridays 8:45 am – 9:30 am
Saturdays 3:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Holy Hour (*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*):

Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Fridays, *following the 8:00 am Mass until 9:30 am*

Rosary Prayer recited after ALL daily Masses, and 30 min before 4pm Saturday vigil Mass.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parishioners should contact the parish office to fill out a baptism registration form and complete a preparation class with Deacon Bill Kyte.

MARRIAGES

Active and participating parishioners are welcome to be married at Immaculate Conception! Please contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance (preferably a year) so that there is enough time to complete the marriage preparation and confirm a wedding date. This must be done before securing a reception venue.

HOLY COMMUNION for the HOMEBOUND

If you wish to have your homebound loved ones receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

IC Church Youth Faith Formation (Sunday School)

Online registration is now open for Children's Faith Formation (CCD) for the school year 2025-2026. Please visit ICChurchMD.org and click on Faith Formation.

Grades Pre-K-8

Little Flower School – 301-994-0404
Mother Catherine Academy – 301-884-3165

Grades 9-12

Chesterton Academy – 301-800-0227
(Chesterton is located in our Parish Center.)
Ryken High School – 301-475-2814

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

4:00 pm – Danny & Julie Money

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

7:00 am – Parishioners
9:00 am – Chuckie Anderson
11:00 am – intentions of Ken & Kayla Housewright

Monday, October 27th, 2025

8:00 am – Robert DePriest

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

8:00 am – Margaret Louise Morgan

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025

8:00 am – Deacon Jack Ponzette & Martin Shook

Friday, October 31st, 2025

8:00 am – Larry Williams

Saturday, November 1st, 2025

9:00 am – intentions of Lydia Patrice Adams
4:00 pm – Szatkowski Family

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

7:00 am – Amelia & John Finamore
9:00 am – Parishioners
11:00 am – Roy Morgan, Jr.

REFLECTION ON OUR READINGS

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training, and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

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Parish Finance Information

The **Regular Collection** last week was \$6,009.51.
The **World Mission Collection** last week was \$898.00.
Thank you for your generous donations!

Online Giving

If you would like to donate electronically, please visit ICChurchMD.org/donations. If you have any questions please contact Clare (301-884-3123 or ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org). To make changes to your account, visit ICChurchMD.org/payments.

Parish News & Announcements

Rectory Office Closed Friday

The Rectory office will be closed on **Friday, October 31st**.

Faith Formation

As the new season approaches, we are thrilled to embark on our annual Safe Environment Training with our Faith Formation students. On Sunday, October 26, 2025, our dedicated Catechist teachers will guide the children through essential safety lessons, in alignment with the requirements set forth by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

It is imperative that your children attend the upcoming Faith Formation class, as we strive for 100% participation in this vital training. If a student is unable to participate in, a makeup session will be organized for the following week. Furthermore, should a student miss both classes, we kindly ask that parents meet with me on Monday, November 3, at 7 PM to ensure the completion of this important lesson.

We are also excited to share the formation of a youth choir, open to all students in 3rd through 8th grade! No prior musical experience is necessary to join our vibrant group. The choir will delight our congregation by performing at the Children's Mass on the second Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM.

Additionally, we are seeking an intermediate to advanced pianist to accompany the choir, adding an extra layer of beauty to our performances. If you're interested in joining this wonderful opportunity, please reach out to Audrey McCray at audrey@stmarysdental.com.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our community's mission!
Blessings, JC Guy (CRE - ICC)

Events Around Town

- *St. Michaels' (Ridge) Harvest Festival* on **November 1st** from 11 am until 6 pm. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 kids.
- *Candlelight vigil for children that died* will take place at the **Memorial (20016 Point Lookout Rd., Great Mills)** by St. Mary's Youth Memorial will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd** at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to support those who lost dear young family members. In case of inclement weather, the service will take place at Holy Face Church, Great Mills. Email any questions to: smymemorial@gmail.com.
- *Christmas Tree Lighting* at **Hollywood VFD** will take place on **Saturday, November 29th**, doors open at 5 pm.

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Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the sick members of our parish community in your prayers. Especially: James Abatemarco; Edrena Adams; Matt Armstrong; Matt Armsworthy; Evelyn Arnold; Ann Becker; Alex Beklik; Debbie Bennett; Rita Bond; Rosalia Britt; Betty Brown; Gary Buchanan; David Calvano; Ann Cary; Stephen Calvano; Justin Casselman; Dan Clark; Fr. Rory Conley; Jimmy Davis; June Davis; Christine DeMauro; Donna Dixon; Dotty Dotson; Tim Downey; Cindy Ford; Karen Ford; Pam Gill; Marco Glorioso; Baby Herycki; John Hildebrand; Sam Howard; BK; Barbara Lilly; Clare Malloy; Amber Martinez; Jeff McBride; Carolyn Mosley; Chase Paschal; Gary Raum; Linda Richter; Robey Family; Harry Rogers; Barbara Rottman; Jo Samrow; Ignatius Thomas; Joyce Thomas; Quinn Thompson; Mike Turner; Cliff Vasko; Sandra Vera; Zita Walker; Mary Walsh; Marian Watts; Pat Watts; Marie Weisenberger; Betty Williams; Lily Williams; Terrie Widmayer; Regina Williams; Nicky Winters and Sarah Zsak.

Military Prayer List

Please remember those of our parish community whose loved ones have been deployed to serve overseas. Especially: Hunter Ayers, Matthew Davis, Davon Eaton, Taryn Eaton-Peoples, Connery Guy and Paige Guy.