

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Clare Navarra, secretary

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Paul Nguyen, administrator

Deacon Bill Kyte

The Gospel calls all people to holiness of life. Our parish is committed to living the Lord's Teaching – 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.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We welcome you to Immaculate Conception Church. For new registrations or updates, please visit our website ICChurchMD.org.

LITURGICAL 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 the month at 9:00 am

Confessions:

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Fridays from 8:35 am – 9:25 am

Saturdays from 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Holy Hour:

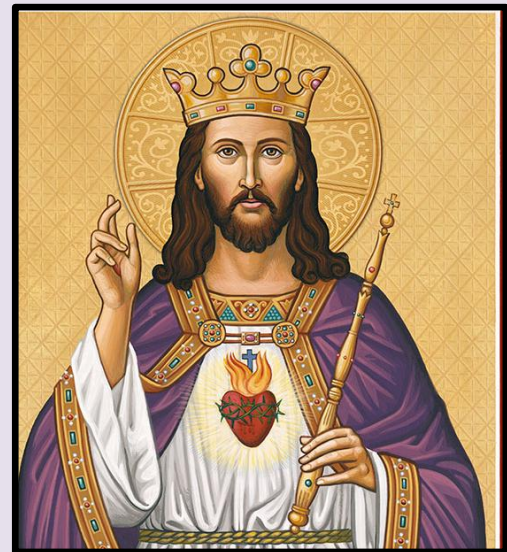
Fridays, from 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Wednesday, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 7:00 pm during Lenten Season

November 23rd, 2025



Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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, there is time to complete the marriage preparation process and confirm a wedding date. This must be done before securing a reception venue.

SHUT-INS

If you wish to have your homebound loved ones receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory (301-884-3123).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

IC Church Youth Faith Formation (CCD Sunday School)

Children from K – 8th grade should enroll in Sunday School which is held at the Parish Hall classroom on Sundays from 8:00 – 8:50 am. Contact JC Guy for more information (FaihtICC28299@gmail.com) or 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

Adults Bible Study: Mondays 7:00-8:00 pm in Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22nd, 2025

4:00 pm – All Souls (+Szatkowski Family)

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

7:00 am – All Souls

9:00 am – All Souls (the intentions of the Travalia Family)

11:00 am – All Souls (+ Paula Luskus)

Monday, November 24th, 2025

8:00 am – All Souls (+Mary Tice Gateau)

Tuesday, November 25th, 2025

8:00 am – All Souls (+ Frances Holyoak)

Wednesday, November 26th, 2025

8:00 am – All Souls (+ Louise & Ralph Thomas)

Thursday, November 27th, 2025 – Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am – All Souls

Friday, November 28th, 2025

8:00 am – All Souls (+ James Edward Johnson, Sr.)

Saturday, November 29th, 2025

4:00 pm – All Souls (+ Brian Davis)

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

7:00 am – All Souls (+Tanja Anderson)

9:00 am – All Souls

11:00 am – All Souls (the intentions of the Neill Family)

REFLECTION ON OUR READINGS

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.



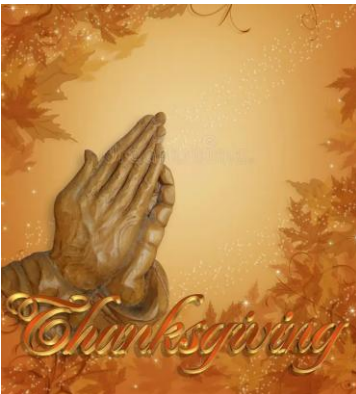
In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

Parish News & Announcements



Happy Thanksgiving!

The rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28th.

Join Fr. Paul for Mass on Thursday & Friday at 8:00 am.

Take the Next Step

A request from Fr. Paul Nguyen

If you haven't had the chance yet, please consider renewing and strengthening your financial commitment to "Take the Next Step" in your level of contributions to our parish. I ask you to take-a-look at the sacrificial giving chart and prayerfully consider if you will Take the Next Step, even a small one, by moving to the next level up. For example, if you're presently giving 2%, consider 2.5% or even 3%. I will also be taking the next step in my own giving as a member of our parish community.

Parish Finance Information

Totals from Last Week's Collection from In-Person & Online

- Offertory – \$6,219.50.
- Christmas Flowers & Décor - \$1,672.00.

Thank you for your generous donations!!!

ONLINE GIVING

Online Donations: <https://icchurchmd.org/donations>.

To change existing account: [ICChurchmd.org/payments](https://icchurchmd.org/payments)

If you have any question, please contact Clare: 301-884-3123 or email: ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org).

IC Craft Sale

Christmas craft sale on **December 6th/7th** after all Masses. The parish craft group has been working hard all year to make beautiful gift items. Handmade items include quilts of many sizes, holiday ornaments, table centerpieces, holiday decor, and much more!

Proceeds shared between our parish needs and St. Vincent de Paul society.

Save the Date

Advent Penance Service

We will be having an Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 17th from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There will be additional priests available to hear confessions.

Youth Faith Formation (CCD)

A Letter from our Religious Education Coordinator

I am thrilled to announce that our next Children's Mass will be led by our amazing 6th graders on Sunday, December 14, 2025! This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to take an active role in our community and express their faith.

If you've ever felt a tug at your heart to share the message of Christ, now is the perfect time to act on that calling. We are seeking passionate individuals to join our Faith Formation team as Teachers and Co-Teachers. Whether you've had experience or are a first-timer, your enthusiasm and desire to inspire the next generation are what we need. Don't hesitate to reach out to me at faithicc28299@gmail.com—you have a vital role to play!

Additionally, our Christmas Pageant is just around the corner, and we still need a few more participants. Specifically, we're looking for a villager and one more shepherd. This is a fantastic chance for your child to be involved in a cherished tradition and to bring the Christmas story to life. If your child is interested, please contact Melinda Kerns at 240.538.1216, Sherri Jenkins at 301.904.0381, Crystal Holm at 301.266.4980, or Katlyn Calvano at 240.538.5563.

Please note that there will be **no Faith Formation Class on Sunday, November 30, 2025**, due to Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Let's come together to nurture our children's faith and strengthen our community. Your involvement makes a difference!

With blessings,

~ JC Guy, Coordinator of Religious Education

Other Events in Town

December 10 Virtual Advent Reflection for Separated and Divorced Catholics

Whether you are recently separated or divorced, or have been on this journey for a while, we invite you to spend some time in a supportive space to reflect on the meaning of Advent with other separated and divorced Catholics who understand the unique challenges you face during the holidays. Join us on Wednesday evening, **December 10** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for virtual evening of Advent reflection. For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or flm@adw.org.

Breakfast with Santa

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department invite you to breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 14th** from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The cost for ages 13 and up is \$18, Ages 4-12 is \$8, and 3 and under eat free. Cash only and there is an ATM on site.

An invitation from St. Mary, Newport

Join us for a festive **St. Nicholas Lunch** on **Saturday, December 13th**, from **11:00 am – 2:00 pm** in **St. Francis Hall**, St. Mary's Newport -11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20662. Enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and a joyful start to the Christmas season!

Please RSVP: Frank Wathen – 240-682-1145

Mental Health Ministry Featured on the Pope's Prayer Network

We pray that mental health ministry becomes an integral ministry in the Church that is available in every Catholic parish and community. We pray for the elimination of the stigma and discrimination that people living with a mental illness encounter. Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at www.popesprayer.va

Called to Love: Theology of the Body

This course will explore John Paul II's Man and Woman He Created Them to discover how Christ reveals the spousal meaning of the body – from the original experiences of solitude, unity, and nakedness to their fulfillment in the resurrection. It will also show how marriage and virginity both reflect Christ's total self-gift on the Cross, the source of divine love that transforms human relationships and grounds the Church's teaching on the unity of love and life. Class will be offered both in-person and online simultaneously. The course fee is \$150. For more details, email information@johnpaulii.edu or call 202-526-3799.

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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; Jerry Plater; Margaret Plater; Gary Raum; Linda Richter; Robey Family; Harry Rogers; Barbara Rottman; 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.