



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Immaculate Conception Parish Staff:

Office Hours: 8:30am—3:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Carl Gregorich
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Isabel Avalos
Religious Education Director: Teresa Vallee
Communications/ Technology: Lillie Vallee
Custodial: Philip Scott

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays 5pm
Knights of Columbus: 3rd Degree: Jason Batchlor
4th Degree: David Piazza

Ladies Guild: Maria Reedy
Meal Ministry: Brenda Piazza
Rosary Prayer Group: Sundays 8:30am Lillie Vallee

Flocknote: flocknote.com/find
FORMED.org: Sign up as a parishioner
& use the church zip code
facebook.com/icuctn

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Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Monday



Saturday, December 24: 4:00pm
BT Logan's Birthday (*Winnie Logan*)

Saturday, December 24: 11:00pm
Intentions of Fr. Carl Gregorich

Sunday, December 25: 9:00am
People of the Parish

Monday, December 26: 8:00am
Repose of the Soul of Charlotte Toon (*Carl Toon*)

Wednesday, December 28: 12:00pm
Repose of the Soul of Vince Ray (*Kathy Jo Roberts*)

Thursday, December 29: 12:00 pm
Repose of the Souls of Deceased members of the
Lattus Family (*Sons of Mrs. Charles Lattus*)

Friday, December 30: 8:00am
Repose of the Soul of Charlotte Toon (*Carl Toon*)

December 31 & January 1: Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Lector:
4:00 pm: Winnie Logan
9:00 am: Nell Ray

Eucharistic Minister:
4:00 pm: Sue Holzner
9:00 am: Brenda Piazza



Online Giving



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Online Giving to setup your account.

Regístrate en nuestro sitio web en www.icuctn.org y
haga clic en En línea Dando para configurar su cuenta.



Names on the prayer list for family and friends will be removed on monthly basis. They will not be put back on until requested. Please notify church office to remove or add a person or email: icuctnmaster@gmail.com

Parishioners:

Health Issues: Lupita Berner, Anabel Gracia, Mary & Gerald Harris, James Judge, Deborah Lattus, Martha Lattus, Wy Lattus, Leticia Maldonado, Barbara Pituch, Tom Pituch, Lorena Ramirez

Homebound: Hank Gill

Friends & Family:

Health Issues: Nancy Atwill, Janet Adams, Carson Bates, Michael Burns, Brentley Carr, Pat Cooley, Helen Cuvelier, Andrew Delke, Katrina Dugger, Jose Garcia, Rusty Gibson, Judy Guillory, Stevie Gossett, Danny Haskins, Alex Harvel, Gail Holub, Mayci Hogg, Jon Loehr, Doug Martinek SR., Ofelia Martinez, Jack Mckeown, Kenneth Northam, Greg Roach, Joan Thompson, Lynn Taylor

Assisted Living/Rehab: Fr. Robert Ponticello



Tuesday, December 20—Monday, January 2:
Church office is closed.

Saturday, December 31:
Holy Day of Obligation Mary, the Mother of
God Vigil Mass 4pm

Sunday, January 1:
Holy Day of Obligation Mary, the Mother
God Mass 9am

Tuesday, January 3:
Church Office opens.

Monday, January 2—Friday, January 6:
No Daily Mass

Sunday, January 8:
PRE Classes Begin at 10:15am

Monday, January 9—Friday, January 13:
No Daily Mass

Sunday, January 15:
PRE Classes 10:15am

Monday, January 16:
Church office is closed

Holy Sacraments Offered

Baptism: Arrange by appointment *three (3) months* before the desired date of baptism with the Office.

First Eucharist: Arrangements made with the Religious Education Director.

Confirmation: Arrangements made with the Religious Education Director.

Confession: Saturdays 4:15pm—4:45pm

Matrimony: Arrangements must be made *six (6) months* before the wedding date with the Parish Office.

Marriage Blessing: Contact the parish Priest.

Marriage Annulment: Contact the parish Priest.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders: Contact the Parish Priest.

Sagrados Sacramentos Ofrecidos

Bautismo: Organizarlo por medio de una cita con la oficina parroquial tres (3) meses antes de la fecha deseada de bautismo.

Primera Comunión: Arreglos hechos con el Director de Educación Religiosa.

Confirmación: Arreglos hechos con el Director de Educación Religiosa.

Confesión: Sábados 4:15pm—4:45pm

Matrimonio: Los arreglos deben hacerse seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de la boda con la Oficina Parroquial.

Bendición Matrimonial: Comuníquese con el párroco.

Anulación de Matrimonio: Póngase en contacto con el párroco.

Unción de los Enfermos: Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial.

Órdenes Sagradas: Póngase en contacto con el párroco.

Altar Linens

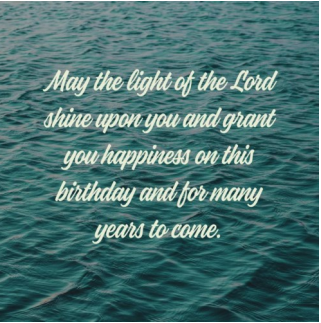
Month of December: Beverly Canale

We are in need of more people to help with the cleaning the Altar Linens. There are about 10 ladies of the parish who are very faithful in helping with this ministry and would be willing to help teach you how to clean the linens. Please call the office if you feel the Holy Spirit guiding you to help with this ministry.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Assumption Memorial Garden Cemetery

Columbarium Niches for Cremains \$1,600.00 per Niche
contact parish office (731) 885-0963 Niche Face Plate
Engraving Compliments of Edmaiston-Mosley Funeral
Home (731) 885-1033 Curtis Monument Company
(731) 352-5769 & The Wall Family

*Wishing all of you a Happy and
BLESSED
December Birthday!*



Parish Offertory
December 18, 2022
Weekly Budget: \$5,400



Regular Offertory: \$ 2,028
Online Giving: \$ 530
(\$ 2,842)

Special Projects : \$ 495

Families using envelopes & online giving: 76
Thank you for your generosity & support!

The Christmas flowers are dedicated in memory or in honor of the following:


- Bettye J. Sergerson
Gary A. Sergerson
Larry Harmon
The Johnnie Wall Family
The Raymon Weatherly Family
The W.O. Kaufman Family
The Tom Wall Family
Father Vincent Kaufman
Billy & Peggy Logan
Edward & Mena Fitts
Gordon & Ruth Scott
Woodrow & Minnie Lee McKinnis
Betty MCNeill
Kathy Jo Roberts
Luptia Berner
Beverly Canale
Bill & Beverly Dixon
Rudy & Carolyn Vallee
Adam Vallee Family
Andy Vallee Family
Fabiana Silva Maldonado
Esperanza Carranza
Andres Acevedo
Maria del Carman Leyva
Fausto Maldonado
Johnnie & Margaret Wall
Tom & Gertrude Wall
- W.O. & Rosa Kaufman
Kalie Young
Pat & Jimmy Coleman
Avalos Family
Mike Pituch
The Pituch Family
Edwin & Lois Hogg
Joanna Coleman
Frances Cole
Roland & Ruthann Fowler
Josephine Piazza
Joesph Piazza Dolores Knoff
Herman Hohensee
Stella Ann Marie Treme
Pauline Berry
Jim Berry
Betty Durbin
Joe Durbin
George & Josephine Oliver
Mildford & Gussie Vincent
Phillip Maddox
E.W. & Alice Finch
Joe Werner Family
Sue Werner
Parker Vaughn
Jim & Susan Brewer
Mike & Teresa Vallee

12 The Hidden Meaning of the Days of Christmas

<div>December 25</div> <div></div> <div>A Partridge in a Pear Tree The One true God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ</div>	<div>December 26</div> <div></div> <div>Two Turtledoves The Old and New Testaments</div>	<div>December 27</div> <div></div> <div>Three French hens Faith, Hope and Love</div>
<div>December 28</div> <div></div> <div>The Four Calling Birds Four Gospels</div>	<div>December 29</div> <div></div> <div>The Five Gold Rings Recall the Torah (Law) the First Five Books of the Old Testament</div>	<div>December 30</div> <div></div> <div>Six Geese A-Laying Six Days of Creation</div>
<div>December 31</div> <div></div> <div>Seven Swans A-Swimming Sevenfold Gifts of the Spirit</div>	<div>January 1</div> <div></div> <div>Eight Maids A-Milking Eight Beatitudes</div>	<div>January 2</div> <div></div> <div>Nine Ladies Dancing Nine Fruits of the Spirit (See Galatians 5)</div>
<div>January 3</div> <div></div> <div>Ten Lords A-Leaping Ten Commandments</div>	<div>January 4</div> <div></div> <div>Eleven Pipers Piping Eleven Faithful Disciples</div>	<div>January 5</div> <div></div> <div>Twelve Drummers Drumming 12 Points of Belief in the Apostles Creed</div>

The 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days that separate Christmas Day on December 25 and ends on January 5, with the next day being Epiphany, which is celebrated January 6. Depending on the church, January 6 may mark Christ's baptism (in the Catholic tradition), or it may mark the day that the wise men (or the Magi) visited Jesus with their gifts. The Day of Epiphany is when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi. Magi means wise men. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality. Some beliefs believe that the day after Christmas started the 12 Days of Christmas. You also hear some people think its the 12 days that lead up to Christmas. But reality, it starts on December 25, that is the first day.

Read more & download your copy: www.courageouschristianfather.com/the-12-days-of-christmas/



The Legend of the Poinsettia

A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services (Holy Mass). As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eye," said Pedro.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene.

Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season.

Today, the common name for this plant is the poinsettia!

CourageousChristianFather.com/legend-poinsettia/


Holy Day of Obligation
Mary, the Mother of God
Vigil Mass Saturday, December 31 at 4pm
Sunday, Mass Sunday, January 1 at 9am



Nativity Prayer

Let the Just Rejoice, for their Justifier is Born.
 Let the Sick and the Infirm Rejoice, for their Savior is Born.
 Let the Captives Rejoice, for their Redeemer is Born.
 Let the Slaves Rejoice, for their Master is Born.
 Let the Free People Rejoice, for their Liberator is Born.
 Let all Christians Rejoice for Jesus Christ is Born!

-St. Augustine of Hippo



Two ways to honor or remember your loved ones.

We all need prayers and this is a great way to help each other spiritually.



We will be taking donations for our loved ones to be remembered or honored with the altar candles.

Each month the altar candles will be in honor or in memory of your loved one for the month. We will have 11 months open for those who want to make a donation of \$50 for the altar candles.

January will be in memory of the deceased members of Immaculate Conception Church.



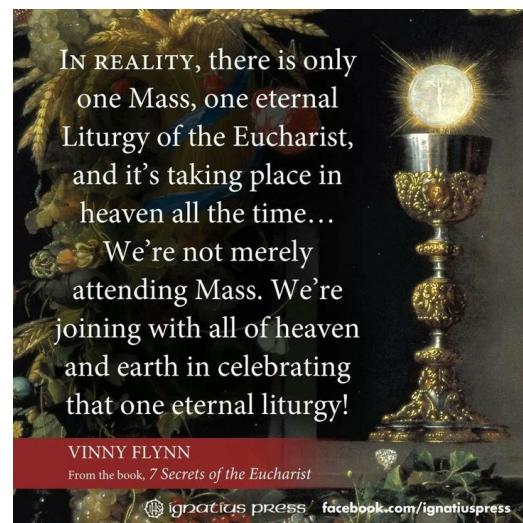
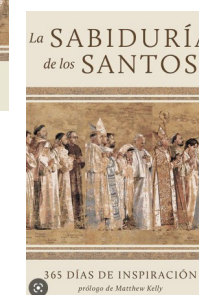
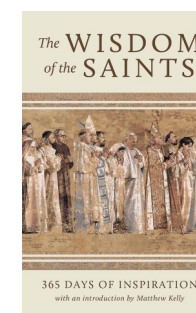
The Mass Intention book for 2023 is here and there are several openings throughout the year. If you have a person you want prayers prayed for, those living or deceased, now is the time to book your Mass Intention for that person.

IN REALITY, there is only one Mass, one eternal Liturgy of the Eucharist, and it's taking place in heaven all the time...

We're not merely attending Mass. We're joining with all of heaven and earth in celebrating that one eternal liturgy!

VINNY FLYNN
 From the book, *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*

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Each family can choose from one of these books, as a Christmas gift from your parish family to you.

Again, choose from
 The Wisdom of the Saints or
 Holy Moments.
 Available in English & Spanish.



The Diocese sent us several more Christmas ornaments. If you want one please see Fr. Carl. They are \$10 each.