



CHURCH OF THE
**IMMACULATE
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JULY 6, 2025

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Welcome to Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Conception is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. We seek to live the gospel as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. As stewards of our God-given gifts, we proclaim the Good News of salvation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are commissioned as apostles to transform all things in Christ."

Whether this is your first Mass with us or you are a lifelong parishioner, we are so glad you are here. We hope Immaculate Conception can be a place for you to call home. If you are new here, check us out online at immaculateconception.org or visit the parish office. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

Readings for the Week

Sunday, July 6

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Monday, July 7

Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 8

Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 9

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 10

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 11

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 12

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp, Church

Anaes Armand

Sanctuary Lamp, Chapel

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Sunday, July 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Jacqueline Amatucci

9:00 am Mario & Rose Pirozzi

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Friday, July 11

St. Benedict

6:30 am Annie Fox

8:00 am James Michael Ayers

Saturday, July 12

8:00 am Charlyn Rita Horvath

5:00 pm For the People of our Parish

Sunday, July 13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

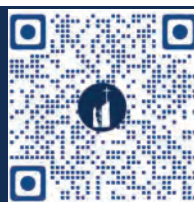
7:30 am James J. Collins

9:00 am Arnold Pirozzi

11:00 am Rustica Aragon

1:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Scan the QR code or visit
immaculateconception.org/masses
to view this week's worship guide.



From the Pastor

A Reflection from the Solemnity of Peter and Paul, Apostles

On a July night in 64AD, a fire broke out in the city of Rome. The fire burned for six days, devastating 10 of the 14 districts of the city, killing hundreds and leaving thousands homeless. Historians have debated the cause of the fire for centuries – whether it was an accident or set by the Emperor Nero himself to make space for his new palace – but this we do know; the public outcry against Nero was so great that he shifted the blame to an obscure but growing religious sect in the city called Christians. According to the Roman historian Tacitus, hundreds of Christians were arrested and charged with “hatred of the human race”. They were put to death in a brutal spectacle in the city’s circuses to placate the angry Roman mob.

There is an ancient Christian tradition that tells us that Peter, who was in Rome at this time, was fleeing the city when the Lord appeared to him on the Appian Way, walking toward Rome. Peter fell at the Lord’s feet and asked, “Quo vadis, Domine?”, “Where are you going, Lord?”. Jesus answered him, “I am going to Rome to be crucified for a second time.” As suddenly as He appeared, Christ disappeared. Peter understood the message. Christ was going where Peter feared to go. Peter turned around and returned to Rome, where he was apprehended and put to death by crucifixion upside-down in Nero’s circus on Vatican Hill for the entertainment of the mob. Paul, who was already under house arrest in Rome, was beheaded a short time later. This was the beginning of the age of the martyrs, a time of brutal persecution for the Church by Imperial Rome, which would last for the next 300 years.

This legendary event on the Appian Way captures the moment when the words Jesus spoke to Peter once by the Sea of Galilee that “another would bind him and take him where he does not want to go” would be fulfilled (Jn.21:18). Peter once denied Jesus out of cowardice and now he was about to do it again. He remembered the charcoal fire by the seashore and the Lord’s questions to him, “Do you love me? Then tend my sheep”. Love would now triumph over fear in Peter. He would return to the city to accompany the flock being butchered in the public arenas because they were the Lord’s and he was their shepherd.

“Where are you going, Lord?” has implications for us as well. It asks whether we are willing to follow where Christ leads.

Both Peter and Paul, the apostolic foundations on which we stand, had their moments of weakness and doubt, as we do. Peter, the Rock, denied Him three times out of fear. Paul, the zealous and proud Pharisee, fiercely persecuted Christ’s body, the Church, until he met the Lord on the road to Damascus. But these were still the Lord’s chosen instruments. Christ still called both, transformed both, and sent both to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Both “finished the race and kept the faith,” and in this, we seek to model ourselves after them.



The Church is built on the grace that transformed Peter and Paul, a grace that finds us when we are running away, when we are afraid, when we are overwhelmed, or feeling lost. This grace asks us, “Quo vadis?” “Where are you going?” And then gently but firmly, the Lord answers, “For I am going to Rome. Come, follow me.”

In our world today, it can be tempting to flee from the demands of faith, to avoid the cross at all costs, to walk away from Rome—whether Rome means the duties we must keep, the truth we need to face, the sacrifices we need to make, or simply the next hard but holy step we must take to grow in faith and right living before God. Jesus is still walking toward the place of crucifixion, toward the city, toward the people who need us to accompany them through their trials and sufferings. He’s still asking us to follow Him to Rome.

We honor Peter and Paul today, the apostolic foundations on which the Church is built. But not just with words and ritual. We must honor them with lives shaped by the same question and the same response.

We must walk with Christ with courage and trust into Rome, whatever Rome may be for us, and accompany with true witness and care those in our families, our workplaces, our parish and community, who need us to do the hard thing, loving them may ask of us. For in following Jesus to the cross, we too will find our true mission, our peace, and, as Paul said, the crown of righteousness that the Lord has ready for all who long for His appearing.

Quo vadis, Domine? For where you go, Lord, we will follow.

Servus,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano
Pastor and Director of Schools

To read past messages from the pastor, visit: immaculateconception.org/news.

Our Parish

Bus Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Please join us, along with Bishop Checchio, as we, *the Pilgrims of Hope*, participate in the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on **Saturday, September 20**. All are welcome!

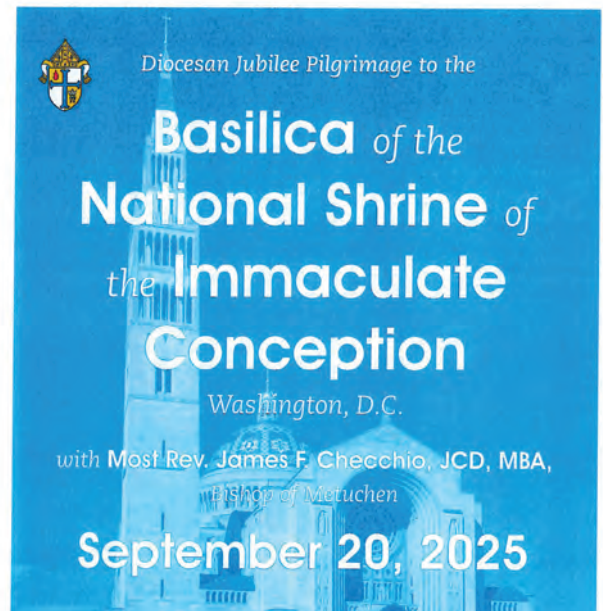
The bus will depart from the Church of the Immaculate Conception at **6:30 am** and return by **9:15 pm**. It is equipped with a restroom and power outlets. Snacks will be provided on the way down. On the return trip, we'll stop at a rest area for food. \$65 per person for a round-trip ticket.

Only 55 seats are available on the bus -
Sign up today!

<https://givebutter.com/basilica>
or scan the QR code:



For questions, please get in touch with Stacey Geary at
sgeary@icsomerville.org or **908-895-1126**.



Intentions

The dedication of a Mass, altar flowers, or a sanctuary candle in our Church or Chapel is a beautiful way to express support, sympathy, and care for those who are ill or have passed.

Through the dedication of a Mass, altar flowers or a sanctuary candle, we honor the deceased and invite their family members to join in a special liturgy in their memory. This longstanding Catholic tradition allows us to remember and pray for those who have passed, including their names in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

If you would like to request a Mass intention, sanctuary candle, or altar flowers for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at **908-725-1112**, visit us in person, or visit our website to learn more:

www.immaculateconception.org/mass-intentions



News & Events

Summer 2025 Schedule

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:00 am, Chapel
Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Closed daily for lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

908-725-1112 or office@icsomerville.org

First Blessing by Father Jerome

SUNDAY | JULY 20, 2025 | 11:00 AM

A "First Blessing" by a newly ordained priest provides an opportunity for the congregation to gain a plenary indulgence. Often offered in conjunction with or soon after a priest celebrates his first Mass, a "First Blessing" also offers the community an opportunity to engage with their new priest.

On **Sunday, July 20**, Father Jerome will celebrate the 11 am mass and offer his "First Blessing." Immediately following, we will then have a small reception with light refreshments in the school cafeteria to give parishioners a chance to meet Father Jerome and welcome him to our parish. Please join us!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Penny Collection: July 5 - July 6

Food Collection: July 19 - July 20

Men's Fellowship

SATURDAY | JULY 12, 2025 | 7:30 AM

The Men's Fellowship group meets on the second Saturday of the month from 7:30 am to 9:00 am in the Talbot Room. Breakfast, prayer, a brief teaching, and discussion are held. All men 18 or older are welcome to join us.

Manna Meals Seeking Volunteers

Manna Meals Ministry has been a quiet but active ministry for over 20 years at ICC and was previously known as Crisis Meals. We are currently seeking to update and add to our volunteer list. Manna Meals Ministry is made up of volunteers who provide meals for parish members who are ill, recovering from surgery, or struggling with a difficult situation at home and are in need of temporary assistance with food preparation. Meals are cooked at home or purchased and delivered by compassionate volunteers who strive to bring the love of Jesus to those in need of rest and help. There is no cost for meals. Participation is flexible as volunteers choose to help when their schedules allow.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please email mannameals50@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at **908-895-1126**.



July 15 Summer Movie Night
7:00 - 8:30 PM
St. Bernard Lighthouse

Escape the heat & chill with friends at the BOLD Summer Movie Night!

Come enjoy a cool evening filled with your favorite snacks, good company, and a fun film on the big screen.

Faith in Action: Summer Service Opps

July 28 - August 1
BOLD Middle uServe Camp
St. Bernard Church

High School Teens - help lead our Middle School uServe Camp!

Serve at local sites in the morning, then run games, lead small groups, and share your faith in the afternoon. Grow as a leader, earn service hours, and have a blast!

For more details, contact Erik and Paulina at BAB@boldym.com

Aug 13 BOLD Summer Service
9:00 - 12:00 PM
Meet at ICC

Come spend the morning making a difference! We'll be helping out at the Flemington Food Pantry—sorting food, stocking shelves, and handing out groceries to families in need. More details coming soon!



Aug 26 BOLD Summer TNL
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Church of the Immaculate Conception

Come hang out with us around the fire! We'll have s'mores, games, and a great time to relax and connect with friends.



Scan QR Code to RSVP for all events or visit boldym.com/bab/events

Questions? Contact Erik & Paulina at BAB@boldym.com or text/call 908-758-3329

Children's Faith Formation

2025 - 2026 CFF Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Fall Classes! Families can obtain a registration form online or from our Parish Office.

Registration Deadline: **September 15, 2025.**

All families registering their child for CFF must be registered parishioners. If your child is new to the program, please be sure to include a copy of their Baptism Certificate with your registration.

For more information or assistance, scan the QR code or visit:

www.immaculateconception.org/childrensfaithformation.



We look forward to another wonderful year of faith-filled learning and growth!



1st Graders Children's Faith Formation Registration Now Open

Is your child entering first grade in public school this September (2025)? It's time to enroll them in Level 1 of our Children's Faith Formation program at Immaculate Conception Church.

According to the Diocese of Metuchen, children preparing for First Holy Communion are required to complete two years of faith formation. So, don't wait—start the journey now!

Registration forms are available at: www.immaculateconception.org or in the Parish Office.

Please include a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate with your registration. Families must be registered parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church to participate.

Let's grow in faith together—starting with our youngest members!

Volunteers Needed for the Children's Faith Formation Program

•Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your faith and make a difference in the lives of our parish children? Our Children's Faith Formation Program needs volunteer catechists, classroom aides, and hall monitors for the upcoming school year.

We are especially looking for catechists to teach the following classes:

Grade 1 – **Mondays from 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm**

Grades 3 and 5 – **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm**

No teaching experience is necessary—just a love of the faith and a willingness to share it with our young learners. Training, lesson plans, and ongoing support are provided.

To register for classes or to volunteer, please contact Karen Bohler, director of Children's Faith Formation, at **908-725-1112 ext. 1119** or kbohler@icsomerville.org.

Giving

Thank you! We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Gifts of prayer, time, and talent serve and support our community in so many ways. Your financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the Church.

To give online, visit immaculateconception.org/give or to enroll in our simple, automatic giving system, visit faithdirect.net and use code **NJ630**.



Helpful Info

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COMMUNICATIONS

To get the latest news, photos, and stories, follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@icsomerville), and subscribe to our email list to get all the latest content delivered right to your inbox. Visit us online at immaculateconception.org/subscribe or scan the QR code to connect.



NAVEX ETHICSPPOINT

The Diocese of Metuchen implemented an independent third-party reporting system initiative to provide a confidential method for the employees, volunteers, and parishioners to report suspected financial malfeasance in our parishes, schools, cemeteries, and diocesan institutions.

- Web: diometuchen.ethicspoint.com
- Mobile: Scan the QR code to the right
- Hotline: 844-796-1296



HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND?

Please notify the parish office at **908-725-1112** when a parishioner or family member is confined to their home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, so that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or a visitation to bring the Holy Eucharist can be arranged.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included on our prayer list. The request will be included for two months, unless otherwise notified.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, JULY 7

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
7:00 pm Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena, Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 8

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
8:30 am - 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
9:00 pm Men's Evening Prayer, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 10

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
2:00 pm Rosary for the Sick, Chapel
7:00 pm Filipino/American Association of Immaculate Conception Prayer Group, Virtual

FRIDAY, JULY 11

6:30 am Mass, Chapel
8:00 am Mass, Chapel
8:30 am - 7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

SATURDAY, JULY 12

7:30 am Men's Fellowship, Talbot Room
8:00 am Mass, Church
10:00 am Hispanic Community Picnic, Duke Island Park
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions, Church
5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JULY 13

7:30 am Mass, Church
9:00 am Mass, Church
10:00 am Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
11:00 am Mass, Church
1:00 pm Spanish Mass, Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK:

Joseph Acampado, Jozelle Acampado, Don Alaburda, Lou Bickel, Amy Cardinal, Donna Carney, Karen DeLaura, Ann Delayo, Larry & Elaine Dwyer, Anna Greco, Gene Grosso, Louis Grosso, Daniel Higgins, Eleanor Jackowski, David Kalisch, Lynette Klar, Diana Konopka, Megan Lisner, Joseph Malinowski, Thomas Malinowski, Christine Phillips, David Pietrowicz, Joe Pietrowicz, Frank Quinn, Ashling Rodriguez, Robert & Pat Tocci, and Jennifer L. Toro

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Gospel Today

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus picked seventy-two disciples to go out in pairs to the towns and villages He planned to visit. Their mission was to spread the peace and love of God, bringing with them only their faith.

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First say, "Peace to
this household."

- Luke 10:5

Jesus said to His
disciples, "Rejoice
because your
names are written
in heaven."

- Luke 10:20

- I am a disciple of the Lord -

I help my family with love in my heart and a smile on my face.

Being a disciple starts at home. Draw and color yourself in the house, sharing the love and peace of Jesus with your family or attach a picture of you doing an act of kindness. Then write your name in the cloud of Heaven above. Hang your picture for all to see!

Parish Office

The parish offices are located in the white building in front of the church. For the summer months, the parish office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The office will be closed daily from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm.



OUR STAFF

Please know that all of us at the Church of the Immaculate Conception are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached at **908-725-1112** or office@icsomerville.org.

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Bienvenido a la Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción

"La Inmaculada Concepción es una parroquia de la Diócesis Católica Romana de Metuchen, Nueva Jersey. Buscamos vivir el evangelio como fieles discípulos de Jesucristo. Como mayordomos de los dones que Dios nos ha dado, proclamamos la Buena Nueva de la salvación. Fortalecidos por el Espíritu Santo, somos comisionados como apóstoles para transformar todas las cosas en Cristo."

Ya sea que esta sea su primera Misa con nosotros o que sea un feligrés de toda la vida, estamos muy contentos de que esté aquí. Esperamos que la Iglesia Immaculate Conception pueda ser un lugar para llamar hogar. Si es nuevo aquí, visítenos en línea en immaculateconception.org o visite la oficina parroquial. Por favor, no dude en comunicarse y presentarse. ¡Nos encantaría conocerle!

Lecturas de La Semana

Domingo, 6 de julio

Isaías 66:10-14c; Gálatas 6:14-18; Lucas 10:1-12, 17-20

Lunes, 7 de julio

Génesis 28:10-22a; Mateo 9:18-26

Martes, 8 de julio

Génesis 32:23-33; Mateo 9:32-38

Miércoles, 9 de julio

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Jueves, 10 de julio

Génesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mateo 10:7-15

Viernes, 11 de julio

Génesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Mateo 10:16-23

Sábado, 12 de julio

Génesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mateo 10:24-33

Intenciones de Misas

Lámpara del Santuario, Iglesia

Anaes Armand

Lámpara del Santuario, Capilla

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Domingo, 6 de julio

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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8:00 am Charlyn Rita Horvath

5:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Nuestra Parroquia

Domingo, 13 de julio

Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am James J. Collins

9:00 am Arnold Pirozzi

11:00 am Rustica Aragon

1:00 pm Las Almas del Purgatorio

Solo para emergencias sacramentales que requieran la atención inmediata de un sacerdote, llame **908-698-9107**.

Del párroco

Una Reflexión para la Solemnidad de San Pedro y San Pablo, Apóstoles

En una noche de julio del año 64 d.C., se desató un incendio en la ciudad de Roma. El fuego ardió durante seis días, devastando 10 de los 14 distritos de la ciudad, matando a cientos de personas y dejando a miles sin hogar. Durante siglos, los historiadores han debatido la causa del incendio —si fue un accidente o si el propio emperador Nerón lo provocó para hacer espacio para su nuevo palacio—, pero esto sí lo sabemos: la indignación pública contra Nerón fue tan grande que él desvió la culpa hacia una secta religiosa poco conocida pero creciente en la ciudad: los cristianos. Según el historiador romano Tácito, cientos de cristianos fueron arrestados y acusados de “odio al género humano”. Fueron ejecutados en un brutal espectáculo en los circos de la ciudad para calmar a la enfurecida multitud romana.

Existe una antigua tradición cristiana que nos dice que Pedro, quien se encontraba en Roma en ese momento, huía de la ciudad cuando el Señor se le apareció en la Vía Apia, caminando hacia Roma. Pedro cayó a los pies del Señor y le preguntó: “¿Quo vadis, Domine?”, “¿A dónde vas, Señor?”. Jesús le respondió: “Voy a Roma a ser crucificado por segunda vez”. Tan repentinamente como apareció, Cristo desapareció. Pedro entendió el mensaje. Cristo iba a donde Pedro temía ir. Pedro dio la vuelta y regresó a Roma, donde fue arrestado y ejecutado por crucifixión, boca abajo, en el circo de Nerón, en la colina del Vaticano, para entretenimiento del público. Pablo, que ya estaba bajo arresto domiciliario en Roma, fue decapitado poco tiempo después. Así comenzó la era de los mártires, un tiempo de brutal persecución de la Iglesia por parte de la Roma imperial, que duraría los siguientes 300 años.

Este evento legendario en la Vía Apia representa el momento en que se cumplirían las palabras que Jesús le dijo a Pedro una vez junto al mar de Galilea: “Otro te ceñirá y te llevará a donde no quieras ir” (Jn 21,18). Pedro había negado a Jesús una vez por cobardía y ahora estaba a punto de hacerlo de nuevo. Recordó el fuego de carbón en la orilla del mar y las preguntas del Señor: “¿Me amas? Entonces apacienta mis ovejas”. El amor triunfaría ahora sobre el miedo en Pedro. Regresaría a la ciudad para acompañar al rebaño que estaba siendo masacrado en las arenas públicas porque eran del Señor, y él era su pastor.

“¿A dónde vas, Señor?” también tiene implicaciones para nosotros. Nos cuestiona si estamos dispuestos a seguir adonde Cristo nos conduce.

Tanto Pedro como Pablo, los fundamentos apostólicos sobre los que estamos edificados, tuvieron momentos de debilidad y duda, al igual que nosotros. Pedro, la Roca, lo negó tres veces por miedo. Pablo, el fariseo celoso y orgulloso, persiguió ferozmente el cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia, hasta que encontró al Señor en el camino a Damasco. Pero aún así, fueron instrumentos escogidos por el Señor. Cristo los llamó, los transformó y los envió a ser sus testigos hasta los confines de la tierra. Ambos “combatieron el buen combate, terminaron la carrera y conservaron la fe”, y en esto, buscamos modelarnos según ellos.



La Iglesia está edificada sobre la gracia que transformó a Pedro y a Pablo, una gracia que nos encuentra cuando huimos, cuando tenemos miedo, cuando nos sentimos abrumados o perdidos. Esta gracia nos pregunta: “¿Quo vadis?” “¿A dónde vas?” Y entonces, suave pero firmemente, el Señor responde: “Voy a Roma. Ven, sígueme”.

En nuestro mundo de hoy, puede ser tentador huir de las exigencias de la fe, evitar la cruz a toda costa, alejarse de Roma —ya sea que Roma represente los deberes que debemos cumplir, la verdad que debemos enfrentar, los sacrificios que necesitamos hacer, o simplemente el próximo paso difícil pero santo que debemos tomar para crecer en la fe y vivir rectamente ante Dios. Jesús aún camina hacia el lugar de la crucifixión, hacia la ciudad, hacia las personas que necesitan que las acompañemos en sus pruebas y sufrimientos. Él sigue pidiéndonos que lo sigamos a Roma.

Hoy honramos a Pedro y a Pablo, los fundamentos apostólicos sobre los que se edifica la Iglesia. Pero no solo con palabras y ritos. Debemos honrarlos con vidas moldeadas por la misma pregunta y la misma respuesta.

Debemos caminar con Cristo con valentía y confianza hacia Roma, cualquiera que sea nuestra Roma, y acompañar con verdadero testimonio y cuidado a aquellos en nuestras familias, nuestros lugares de trabajo, nuestra parroquia y comunidad, que necesitan que hagamos lo difícil que el amor por ellos nos exige. Porque al seguir a Jesús hasta la cruz, también encontraremos nuestra verdadera misión, nuestra paz y, como dijo Pablo, la corona de justicia que el Señor tiene preparada para todos los que anhelan su venida.

¿Quo vadis, Domine? Porque adonde vayas, Señor, te seguiremos.

Servus,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano
Pastor and Director of Schools

Nuestra Iglesia

Continuaremos con la devoción, a la Divina Misericordia, seguiremos rezando la coronilla en los hogares, los días miércoles a las 7:00 pm.

Les invitamos a la Peregrinación de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts o Encuentro Latino, que se llevará a cabo **el sábado 2 de agosto**, si usted desea participar y comprar tickets cuestan \$55.00 dólares. Interesados deben hablar con Marianela y Angelita y el Consejo Hispano.

El programa de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OICA), anteriormente conocido como RICA, ha concluido sus reuniones semanales y se reanudará **el domingo 14 de septiembre**. ¡Gracias!



Formación en la Fe para Niños

¡La inscripción para CFF 2025 - 2026 ya está abierta!

¡La inscripción ya está abierta para las Clases de Formación de Fe para Niños (CFF) de otoño! Las familias pueden obtener el formulario de inscripción en línea o en nuestra Oficina Parroquial.

Fecha límite de inscripción: **15 de septiembre de 2025**

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ESTA SEMANA EN LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

LUNES, 7 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla
8:00 am Misa, Capilla
7:00 pm Rosario y Novena de la Medalla Milagrosa, Capilla
7:30 pm Coro Hispano, Oficina de Música Litúrgica

MARTES, 8 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla
8:00 am Misa, Capilla
8:30 am - 3:00 pm Adoración Eucarística, Capilla
9:00 pm Oración Nocturna para Hombres, Capilla

MIÉRCOLES, 9 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla
8:00 am Misa, Capilla
7:00 pm Reunión de la Junta de la Renovación Carismática, Salón Talbot

JUEVES, 10 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla
8:00 am Misa, Capilla
7:30 pm Grupo de Oración Juan XXIII, Convento

VIERNES, 11 DE JULIO

6:30 am Misa, Capilla
8:00 am Misa, Capilla
8:30 am - 7:00 pm Adoración Eucarística, Capilla

SÁBADO, 12 DE JULIO

8:00 am Misa, Iglesia
10:00 am Picnic de la Comunidad Hispana, Duke Island Park
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confesión, Iglesia
5:00 pm Misa de Vigilia, Iglesia
6:00 pm La Hora Mariana, Virtual

DOMINGO, 13 DE JULIO

7:30 am Misa, Iglesia
9:00 am Misa, Iglesia
11:00 am Misa, Iglesia
1:00 pm Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Iglesia
2:00 pm Celebración de la Virgen del Carmen, Cafetería
2:00 pm Ministerio Extraordinario de la Eucaristía de España, Salón Talbot

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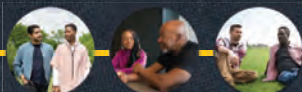
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