#### July 23, 2023 ■ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Vision

Joyful, welcoming, and faith-filled, we are the Body of Christ on our journey to eternal life with God.

#### **Mission**

To bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to people of all ages and cultures through evangelization, effective and inspiring faith formation, joyful and meaningful liturgies, and outreach to the poor, the marginalized, and others in need.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: **5PM** Vigil Mass; Sunday: **7:30AM**, **9AM** (livestream), **10:30AM**, **12PM**, **4PM**3rd Sunday of the month: **Mass in Tagalog 2PM**;

Devotions 1:30PM

Last Saturday of the month: **Mass in Spanish 7PM** 

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mon. – Sat. **8:30AM**; Mon. – Fri. **5:30PM** (*Livestream:* **5:30PM** *Wednesdays and Fridays* including devotions.)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 3:30PM-4:30PM

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Mon., Tue., Thu. 4:45PM Wed. 4:30PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Friday 4:30PM Holy Hour, (First Friday: Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus, with Benediction)

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Monday & Tuesday 9AM-4:15PM Wednesday-Friday 9AM-8PM Eucharistic Adoration, Friday 10AM-4:15PM



#### **SUNDAY READINGS**

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

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in the Hymnal (Gather III)

#### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for our Candle Sponsors at all Masses.		
Date	Mass	Mass Intention
Sat., July 22	5PM	RIP: Patricio Olavarria
Sun., July 23	7:30AM	RIP: Marie Bong
Live Stream	9:00AM	RIP: Peach Sotero
	10:30ам	INT: Incarnation Adult Choir
	12PM	RIP: Guillermo Galang
	4PM	RIP: Jesus V. Castro
Mon., July 24	8:30AM	INT: Fr. Rodel Balagtas
	5:30PM	RIP: Levon Gyumushyun
Tue., July 25	8:30AM	INT: Tess Jacobe
	5:30AM	RIP: Carmencita Matallana
Wed., July 26	8:30AM	INT: Les Rangel Santos
	5:30PM	RIP: John Rojas & Alice Barsamian
Thur., July 27	8:30AM	INT: Precy Andal
	5:30PM	Collective Intention
RIP: Natalia A. Goco, Dr. Norma Ordiales, Elena Reyes, Demetria Bajarias		
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INT: Clarita Neri, Julieta & Anna Castellanos.RIP: Pacita Alcantara, Rod Nakasone, Virgilio Garcia, Reynaldo Aquino, Minerva Velos Santos, Rudolfo Flores, Mary & Michael.

5:30PM

8:30AM RIP: Hector Romero

8:30AM | Collective Intention

RIP: Edward Terjanian



#### **OUR SICK:**

Fri., July 28

Sat., July 29

Diana Cartona, Esabel Arroyave, Michael Jun, Marie Smiley, Ruben Castorena, Adan Vences.

#### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Marcelina Chan Espeleta, Fred Alon, Alicia Diaz, Pacita Alcantara, Lester Malespin, Isaeas Cardona, Alan Rangel.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer requests, please call the parish office at 818.242.2579.

#### WEEKEND MASS PRESIDERS

Sat., July 22 – 5PM: Fr. Guico

Sunday, July 23 — 7:30AM: Msgr. Hefner 9AM: Fr. Guico / 10:30AM: Fr. Balagtas 12PM: Fr. Guico / 4PM: Fr. Balagtas

**Sat., July 29**—5PM: Fr. Balagtas / 7PM: Fr. Pena **Sunday, July 30** — 7:30AM: Fr. Balagtas 9AM: Fr. Balagtas / 10:30AM: Msgr. Hefner 12PM: Fr. Balagtas / 4PM: Msgr. Lorenzo

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

KATHY & JUAN CONTRERAS, JULY  $24 \sim 24 \text{ Yrs}$  VICKIE & JOHN VAN PADDENBURG, JULY  $19 \sim 43 \text{ Yrs}$  Please let us know if you will be celebrating a wedding anniversary date. Just send us your names, anniversary date, years married, and email address to mvelasco@incaglendale.org.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Tues., August 1, 5 PM to 8 PM

Bringing communities together!

Come enjoy food, fun, games, music and meet your neighbors and our local first responders!

Location: Salem Lutheran Church, 1211 N Brand Blvd, Glendale.

#### **Catholic Discussion on Zoom**

Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 PM

TOPIC: "Priest, Prophet & King." At baptism we were anointed: What does that mean and how do we live it in our secular society? Speaker: Patty Pontrelli

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 880 5637 8562 Passcode: 686392

#### **INCARNATION INFORMATION**

#### **Church Location:**

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Office Hours:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9AM-12:30PM, 1PM-4:30PM SUNDAY: 8:30AM-12PM

#### LITURGY, MUSIC, COMMUNICATIONS

#### ♪ I STAND IN AWE OF YOU!

For some weeks now we have been singing I Stand in Awe of You at the beginning of Communion, as soon as the assembly finishes reciting Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. The communion song begins as soon as the priest receives communion: I stand, I stand in awe of you! I stand, I stand in awe of you, holy God to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of you!

As we stand in our pews, are we at all in awe during communion? Are we at all in awe that we are about to receive the Risen Jesus — body, blood, soul, and divinity?

A recent survey by the *Pew Research Center* found that (69%) most self-described U.S. Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) believe that the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus at Mass. Are we part of that 69% who believe that the host is only a symbol or the 31% who believe that what we receive is the Most Holy Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ? It's a simple *yes* or *no* answer.

We are in the midst of the second year of a **Eucharistic Revival** promulgated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). All parishes are charged with fostering greater devotion to the Eucharist. Here at Incarnation, in addition to our Masses, we provide opportunities for Eucharistic devotions: Wednesday and Friday we have a Holy Hour with Benediction. Our Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament has extended hours in the evening (until 8PM) from Wednesday through Friday, to allow people coming from work to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

The *Eucharistic Revival* is not about reviving the Eucharist. The Eucharist does not need reviving. The Eucharist is alive and has been with us ever since the Lord assured his disciples: *I will be with you always, even until the end of the age.* 

It is we who need reviving! We need reviving! Our lives need reviving. Our spiritual lives need reviving. The way we believe in the Eucharist needs reviving. The way we sing and believe *I stand, I stand in awe of you!* needs reviving. Our church needs

reviving. Our families need reviving. Our local communities need reviving. California needs reviving. Our nation needs reviving. The whole world needs reviving.

For more than a thousand years, there was no question in the minds and hearts of all Christians that **who** we receive at communion is the Body and Blood of Christ—not a semblance of or a symbol of the Christ but the Risen Jesus himself—because Jesus had said at the last supper: *This is my Body* ... *This is my Blood*.... Jesus did NOT say, *This is a symbol of my body*.

Last week, in Reno, I finally had an opportunity to visit my friend Joe and his wife Jenny, after 24 years! Joe was one of my groomsmen. His wife Jenny was a presbyterian at the time of my wedding (1994). Over dinner, Jenny mentioned that she had announced to Joe, back in 2010, that she had decided to become Catholic. Both Joe and Jenny used to attend both Mass and protestant service every Sunday. Jenny recalled having to sit in the pew during communion at Mass while Joe received the Host and the Precious Blood. This they did from 1993 to 2010.

"What made you decide to become Catholic?," I asked Jenny. "It was the Eucharist. I wanted to receive communion at Mass!," she answered. One day, I was listening to Catholic radio, before I converted, and I heard a guest speaker say, "How will your life change if you actually believed, what the early Christians believed, that at communion you actually receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, just as Jesus said: *This is my body given up for you?*"

"That was it!," Jenny said. She had her *road-to-Damascus* moment. "I started RCIA as soon as I could and was baptized at the Easter Vigil!"

A *Eucharistic Revival* re-occurred among long-time friends that evening at the restaurant. Jesus was among the three of us, as though we were walking with Him along the road to Emmaus. And we recognized Him.

And now I ask myself again—and I ask you, the reader—"How will your life change when you reaffirm your belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist?" Will I sing I stand, I stand in awe of you! differently this Sunday and the next time I receive communion?

#### Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### **National Needs Combined Collection**

This annual archdiocesan collection was scheduled for July 22-23 prior to us being notified of the weekend we would be hosting our annual Mission Coop collection. Therefore, we will take up the National Needs Combined Collection next weekend, **July 29-30**.

There will be extra envelopes at the church entrances for this special collection.



#### Mission Coop Special Collection ~ This Weekend, July 22/23



**This weekend, July 22-23**, we will have our annual summertime Missionary visitation to support a missionary cause. This year we welcome **Fr. Manuel Guico** in support of the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. There are 40 Diocesan Priests, 10 Religious Clergy administering the 21 parish Communities and 3 Mission Stations. There are also 25 religious sisters from 7 different Religious Congregations.

These mission territories remain composed mostly of hard-working farmers producing rice, onions, garlics & vegetables who rely on your generosity and financial support.

The following are Pastoral Areas: 1) CBHP (Community Based Health Program) providing medical assistance. 2) Diocesan Catechetical Programs preparing children and teenagers for the reception of the Sacraments with over 150 Catechists. 3) HOPE (House of Prayer & Evangelization) assist persons to recover from drug addictions. 4) TDK (Tahanan ng Damayang Kristiyano) houses elderly men & women abandoned by their families. 5) Tahanan ng Awa (House of Mercy) takes care of orphans and neglected children. 6) Bahay Pari – Home for retired & elderly priests. 7) Outreach to Indigenous & Tribal communities.





# FROM PASTOR'S DESK



#### MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23

#### Greetings!

Incarnation is blessed! Our parish is vibrant, faith-filled, and active. Many people have returned to inperson Mass after the pandemic. New ministries have sprung up; old ministries have blossomed. Our liturgies inspire us, and the school ministry thrives with new students.

We have exciting plans to evangelize our children, youth, and young adults, thanks to the leadership and initiative of our priests, staff, volunteers and the generous support of parishioners during the recent Carnival.

Our church's doors and hearts are open to all people of different cultures, languages, races, and backgrounds. This is because our earnest aspiration is to make everyone feel welcomed, loved, and cared for in our parish and beyond.

I am pleased to share an update on the status of our new building projects, as some of you have inquired about its progress.

When we received approval from the archdiocese and the Vatican to sell the ICC property (Incarnation Community Center), I formed a building committee to begin planning to relocate the preschool and construct a new multi-purpose center to serve our ministries. The committee selected the architectural firm, Pica and Sullivan Architects LTD, to shepherd us through the building process. The architectural firm recommended that we take a master plan approach to consider the need to build a new multi-purpose hall and the other needs of the parish and school. As such, the committee has been meeting regularly to systematically put together a master plan that will be presented to the city for initial approval. Given that construction costs have skyrocketed since the pandemic and that the construction process is timeconsuming, the committee asked Pica and Sullivan to provide saving options that would help meet our parish needs and also save time.

We prioritized relocating the preschool from the ICC to the two lower-level classrooms in the junior high building. Construction began immediately after

school ended, and we anticipate completion by August. The 6th and 8th-grade classrooms are now relocated to the second floor of the junior high building. Additional classrooms will be added to the new multi-purpose hall to accommodate the school's needs.

Pica and Sullivan determined that remodeling the existing parish center was a cost-effective option to provide us with much-needed conference spaces, offices, and outdoor restrooms quicker. Here are the phases of our building projects:

Phase One: Relocation of the Preschool with temporary playground (near completion)

Phase Two: Construction of outdoor restrooms and the patio pergola. (early next year)

Phase Three: Remodeling of the existing parish center, which will entail moving the Adoration Chapel to church at the old baptistery and the bride's room.

Phase Four: Construction of a new multi-purpose building and classrooms, including a courtyard, gathering space, landscaping, and power upgrades. Along with these projects will be the fulfillment of the Called to Renew projects, which includes the renovation of the pews, floor, and lighting, and altar and the relocation of the baptismal font.

Our goal is to have all these projects completed by 2027, in time to celebrate our  $100^{th}$  year anniversary.

Members of our Building Committee include:

Deacon Michael Morgan Deacon Dominic Pontrelli Dr. Colby Boysen Marguerite Lincoln Cris Tongson Louie Botticella

Thank you, our wonderful parishioners for your enduring generosity, understanding, and patience as we plan and execute these projects.

In the Fall, I will be unveiling the strategic masterplan for our new buildings, ushering in our anticipated celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> year as Incarnation Catholic Church in 2027!

Yours truly,

Fr. Rodel "Odey" Balagtas



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