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MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED
A HOUSE OF PRAYER
Matthew 21:13



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Bringing God to Glendale and Glendale to God

JANUARY 28, 2024 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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-6:00PM

Wednesday-Friday 9AM-8PM

Eucharistic Adoration, Friday 10AM-4:15PM

SUNDAY READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

#1102

in the Hymnal (*Gather III*)

THIS WEEKEND!

INCARNATION PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28th
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for our Candle Sponsors at all Masses.

Date	Mass	Mass Intention
Sat., Jan. 27	5PM	INT: Desiree DeBond
Sun., Jan. 28	7:30AM	RIP: Lucy Paul Ta
<i>Live Stream</i>	9:00AM	INT: Clara Rossi
	10:30AM	INT: Evelyn Boholst
	12PM	INT: Alma Talens RIP: Bert Talens
	4PM	RIP: Rosa Rosado
Mon., Jan. 29	8:30AM	INT: Asuncion & Rose Lim
	5:30PM	RIP: Leonor Murillo
Tue., Jan. 30	8:30AM	RIP: Benjamin Lebron
	5:30PM	RIP: Aimee Chao
Wed., Jan. 31	8:30AM	RIP: Sidney Villaluna
	5:30PM	Collective Mass
INT: Ner Medina. RIP: Jim Maloney, Robert Dungo, Ophelia Opinaldo-Joven, Ernesto Villar.		
Thur., Feb. 1	8:30AM	RIP: Gilda Alcasid
	5:30PM	RIP: Mariano & Reymundo Santos
Fri., Feb. 2	8:30AM	INT: Roy Boholst
	5:30PM	Collective Mass
INT: Ronald Ople RIP: Domingo Diaz, Jr., Annabelle Masigon		
Sat., Feb. 3	8:30AM	INT: Marie & Michael Bong & Family

WEEKEND MASS PRESIDERS

Sat., Jan. 27 – 5PM: Fr. Balagtas / 7PM: Fr. Reyes
Sunday, Jan. 28 – 7:30AM: Fr. Reyes
 9AM: Fr. Balagtas / 10:30AM: Msgr. Hefner
 12PM: Fr. Reyes / 4PM: Fr. Sandoval
Sat., Feb. 3 – 5PM: Msgr. Hefner
Sunday, Feb. 4 – 7:30AM: Fr. Reyes
 9AM: Msgr. Hefner / 10:30AM: Fr. Balagtas
 12PM: Fr. Reyes / 4PM: Fr. Balagtas

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All Ministry Leaders Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 1:30pm
 St. Michael's Hall

Religious Ed Congress 2024

Thur., Feb. 15 Youth Day ~ Your Path Awaits

Youth Day: \$40 per participant

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 16-18 Adult Days ~ Be Loved

Day prices: \$85 per participant.

To register or for more information please go to recongress.org. Brochures available at parish office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Candlemas – Blessing of Candles will be done at both the 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Masses.

Candles are available for purchase at the parish center: Small, \$5; Large, \$10.

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING ADORATION

Our First Friday adorations begins at 7:00 PM with music and spiritual reflection and ends with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be heard inside the church from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

INCARNATION INFORMATION

Church Location: 1001 NORTH BRAND BLVD.,
 GLENDALE, 91202

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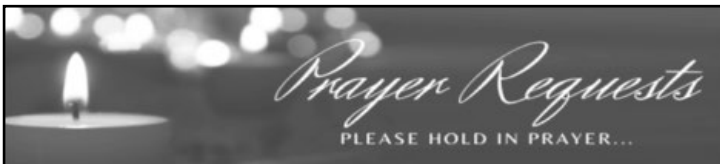
Office Phone: 818-242-2579

New Office Hours:

Mon. – Wed. & Fri: 9AM-12:30PM, 1PM-6:00PM

Thur.: 9AM - 12:30PM, 1PM - 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:00AM - 4:00PM



OUR SICK: Valerie Remy-Milora, Jessica Pimentel, Jessie Mora, Ronald Ople, Norma Ponce, Rita Guild, Michael Jun, Adan Vences.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Helen Canard, Jay Eastman, Genaro Partida, Leonida R. Reyes, Connie Caranoang, Emil Caranoang, Robert Russo, Myra Alejandra Macis, John Clark, Maryjane Rosalinas Morales, Jocelyn N. Nicolas, Domingo Diaz, Jr., Victoria Manuel.

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

LITURGY, MUSIC, COMMUNICATIONS

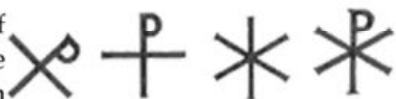
January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus
(continued from last week)

Monogram for the Holy Name

According to the ancient mind, a person's name was the expression of his nature, work, or mission. Early Christians accordingly used our Savior's Name to bring to mind His adorable Person; and in their art they gave it the following shortened or symbolic forms:

a) **The Chi-Rho Symbol.** The oldest monuments bearing this symbol date to the third century, the first being found on a burial inscription of a consul from the year 369. From the third century we have the following authentic forms: (1) the separate letters; (2) the superimposed letters; (3) the monogram cross.

After the triumph of Christianity, the Chi-Rho monogram spread into all countries and found manifold use. It no longer served as a mere abbreviation of the sacred Name, but stood as a symbol for Christ the King. Artists often surrounded it with a laurel wreath or a circle. This signified Christ's dominion over the world, or His triumph over all enemies of His kingdom.



b) **The IHS Symbol.** The familiar abbreviation IHS is a symbol of the Name Jesus which has retained its popularity down through the centuries. It owes its spread to St. Bernardine of Siena, who had it placed on his banner, surrounded with twelve rays of the sun and surmounted by a cross. It soon became the most popular monogram for the holy Name of Jesus. By his fervent words St. Bernardine persuaded many priests to place the letters on altars or on the interior and exterior walls of churches. Many Italian cities responded to his efforts and put the monogram in large letters on the outer walls of their town halls, as may still be seen in Siena.



What is its derivation? IHC is the abbreviation of the Greek IHΣΟΥΣ, i.e., Jesus (the first three letters of the word). The older form for the Greek sigma, S, resembled our capital C. In

Christian antiquity this monogram does not occur too frequently and may not be older than the fifth century. In recent centuries the IHS has been falsely interpreted as *Jesus Hominum Salvator*, or even *Jesu*

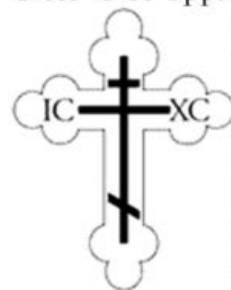
humilis societas (and regarded as a colophon for the Society of Jesus). Another interpretation that is sometimes made is *In Hoc Signo (vinces)*, and out of the added *v* (for *vinces*) three nails are formed.

c) **Ichthys.** The early Church loved another monogram for our Savior's name, the widely-used ICHTHYS. Christ's full title was (in Greek): *Iesous Christos*



Theou Yos Soter, Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. The initial letters of these five words form the Greek word ICHTHYS, which means fish. For this reason Christ is often pictured as a fish. Thus both the abbreviation and the picture became for the early Christians a secret symbol for the Redeemer. Yes, they even call our Lord "the great and pure Fish" (Aberkios tomb inscription, about 180). Tertullian presupposed popular familiarity with the fish symbol when he wrote about 200: "We (Christians) are born as little fishes in water after the model of our *Ichthys* Jesus Christ" (*On Baptism*, ch. 1).

d) **The Cross as a Symbol for the Divine Name.** The similarity between the Chi-Rho symbol and the Cross is so apparent that it was not long before



the two became related artistically. The Cross and the divine Name serve as symbols of redemption, and as a means of protection against the attacks of the demons. Thus it became customary to put the cruciform monogram on doors and houses.

One of the more common methods for the cruciform arrangement involved the use of the two words Φως and ζωη (light and life), terms which Christ applied to Himself in John 8:12; 11:25. Jesus is our Light and Life, for He gives us divine faith and grace. The liturgy desires, prays for, and obtains light and life for the living and the dead. Here we have the reason why the combination of the two concepts, light and life, in the form of a cross became such a popular word symbol in the early Church and is frequently found on doors of houses (Syria), on tombs, and also on ampullas, terracotta lamps, and other articles.

Compiled by Les Rangel-Santos, Director of Liturgy, Music, Communications.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

2023 Year End Statements

Donations through December 31, 2023 will be entered as soon as possible. Please be sure we have your most recent address and phone number. You may either fill out a Registration card, call **Vickie** at **818-242-2579 x 114**, or email to vickievp@incaglendale.org.

COFFEE WITH THE SAINTS



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit across from your favorite saint and chat about life over a cup of coffee (or tea, or hot chocolate)?

Please note a change to Tuesdays:

Join us **Tuesday mornings starting Jan. 30** following morning Mass until 10AM at the Parish Center to reflect on the lives of the Saints!

Our weekly gatherings will include prayer, learning and reflection on the lives of various saints and, of course, coffee! Come and enjoy our mornings prayerfully & with some caffeine - courtesy of the saints!

For more information, contact **Ruben Castorena** at **818-242-2579 ext. 127**.



Adults who are interested in receiving their Sacraments or being fully-initiated can contact **Deacon Dominic Pontrelli** at **818-627-5595** or dcn.dominic@outlook.com.

If you have unbaptized children over the age of 6, contact **Ruben Castorena** at **818-242-2579** or faithformation@incaglendale.org

HEART OF JESUS PRAYER COMMUNITY

Healing Mass Saturday, Feb 10, 2024
7:30 PM



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JOIN PAUSE FOR PEACE WHEREVER YOU ARE, THUR., FEB. 1

Take a One-Minute Prayer Pause for Peace on Feb. 1 at **12:00 PM** marking the 1500TH anniversary of the death of St. Brigid of Ireland.

Join people around the world in this Pause for Peace movement of 1 minute's silence/reflection, launched at the Solas Bhride Centre in Kildare, Ireland last January, 2023. For more information on this event and the ministry of the Brigidine Sisters, please visit www.solasbhride.ie.

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY ROSARY

Next Sat., Feb. 3, 9AM, in the Chapel

Our power point presentation of the *Mysteries of the Rosary* teaches our children the rosary. Simple snacks are enjoyed following the rosary.

Adult Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

Did you somehow miss getting confirmed?

Are you an active participating Catholic?

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to become fully initiated into the faith! An eight-session series just for adults that meets online. The program will begin the first week in February. Please contact **Dn. Dominic** at dcn.dominic@outlook.com or call **818-627-5595** for more information.

We look forward to journeying with you!

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

The *Life, Justice & Peace Ministry* is collecting socks for the homeless. We are asking for **new white tube socks**. Please drop off donations by **Sun., Feb. 18**. There will be a collection box located at the Parish Office. For more information, please email ljpministry@incaglendale.org.

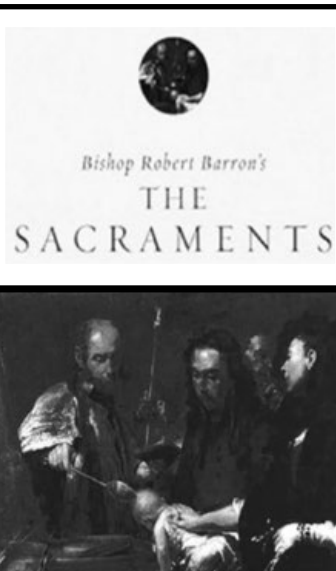
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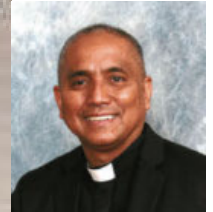
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Every Tuesday from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
February 6 - March 26, 2024
in the School Auditorium

Please Contact Abe Razon at (626)376-5661
or by email at asrazon@gmail.com



FROM PASTOR'S DESK



THE DEVIL'S ATTACK ON PRAYER

While spending a holy hour one morning last week, I felt a heavy sense of depression. I found myself questioning why I was feeling this way. Typically, during prayer, I would feel elated, consoled, inspired, and strengthened. However, that early morning experience of prayer was different. It was a time of desolation rather than consolation, of dryness rather than joy. This reminded me of a book I read many years ago titled "When the Well Runs Dry" by Fr. Thomas Green, S.J. The book explores various individuals' experiences of prayer, suggesting that while there may be periods of consolation, there can also be times of desolation. The book encourages those going through a period of desolation in prayer not to be discouraged, but to continue practicing disciplined prayer, as the feeling of desolation is not permanent. One should look forward to the joyful and consoling moments of prayer.

Later on in the week, I further reflected on my recent prayer experience. I realized that there is one entity who does not want me to pray or promote prayer among our people in the parish: the devil. It became clear to me that he was trying to hinder this important vision and mission by attacking me. The period of desolation in prayer last week seemed like an attack from the devil. When someone is diligently cultivating discipline in prayer, the devil will attempt to make that person feel depressed, unmotivated, and uninspired.

Friends, this challenging prayer experience taught me a valuable lesson - that evil does exist, and Satan can attack us, particularly those who are earnestly growing in their prayer life. To combat Satan, we must invoke the name and authority of Jesus Christ. Jesus vanquished him on the Cross and through His Resurrection, and He will continue to prevail against him in our present age. We should never doubt the power of Jesus Christ in our lives. We need not fear battling Satan and all his tactics because Jesus is always with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Satan's desire and mission are to destroy our relationship with God and with others. He seeks to

disrupt peace and harmony in our lives, the world, and the Church. His intention is to separate us from God and create division among us. He is the source of malice, anger, hatred, envy, greed, pride, and self-love. He is the prince of lies and deception. This is why the gift of discernment is necessary for us to recognize his deplorable and damaging works in our lives. We must not allow hopelessness and discouragement to influence our lives and relationships with others.

Prayer, along with the support of fellow Christians, serves as our weapons in battling the forces of the devil. It is no surprise that Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Our world, our country, and our families are in need of prayers. Pope Francis is calling on the faithful to intensify their prayer lives to prepare for this event of grace and to experience the power of God's hope. During his remarks after the Angelus on a Sunday, he explained that the Year of Prayer is dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute necessity of prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.

Let us respond to Pope Francis' call by intensifying our prayers and cultivating a disciplined prayer life. May prayer become our powerful weapon in combating the forces of evil that exist both in our lives and in the world.

Much Love,

Fr. Rodel "Odey" Balagtas

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Pastor, Fr. Rodel Balagtas, the Parish Building Committee, and Pica & Sullivan Architects invite all parishioners to the much awaited Presentation of the Masterplan Renderings of Incarnation Church Building Projects.

When: **Sunday, February 11, 1:30 PM**

Where: **School Auditorium**

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