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Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced Office Hours:
M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Ann, Palisade

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

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Office hours 9:00-5:00 M-F

To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.



Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

Masses are now, with rules of **Social Distancing**, set at 225 person capacity, we <u>are</u> also following <u>regulations for Face Coverings</u>.

So Please wear your face Masks over the nose and mouth.

If you do not have one we have some available. If you take a cloth face mask to use please take it with you!

We are also asking everyone to please take a Sanitation Wipe from the baptismal font when entering the Sanctuary and take the personal responsibility to wipe your space off before leaving.

The 4:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses are being Live Streamed for your convenience.

Go to ihmgit.org under Masses for the link.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Acts:10:25-26,34-35,44-48;1Jn:4:7-10;Jn:15:9-17)

'JESUS' COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

The American author and poet, Stephen Vincent Benet, who won the Pulitzer Prize twice, wrote, "Life is not Lost by dying; life is lost minute by minute, day by dragging day, in all the thousands of small, uncaring ways". The penultimate verse of the Gospel text of today, in

which Jesus tells his disciples, "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit will last", serves as an antidote to this way of living and ensures that one will continue to live even after death.

The disciples can be fruitful primarily because the love which the Father has for Jesus is the same love that Jesus has shown for his disciples.

It is a love that is unconditional,
A love that is totally caring,
A love that places the other before self and,
A love without end.

It is a love that is shown tangibly and in every action that Jesus performs. There is only one commandment that Jesus gives his disciples. That is the commandment to love. If the disciples keep this commandment, they will resemble Jesus, their master, who revealed God's love for the world tangibly, in the most perfect of ways, by willingly dying.

We see in the first reading, that is from the Acts of the Apostles. This passage gives us a vivid account of the baptism of Cornelius - a non Jew and a Roman Centurian with his family. While Peter was speaking to them about Jesus and His ministry, the Holy Spirit came down on them . This incident explicitly told the Apostles that God is not selective in His love. His salvation is open to people of all nationalities.

The second reading is from the first letter of St. John. This passage contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God: that God is LOVE in its fullness. The proof of God's love is that He sent His only Son to give us eternal life and make expiation for the sins of the whole humanity.

'Love One Another As I have Loved You'

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. In this passage Jesus expresses His love for His disciples. In return, their love for Him should be expressed by keeping His commandments. Jesus is not speaking of the ten commandments which God gave to Moses on mount Sinai. But in the Gospel we have certain guidelines for keeping His commandments.

It could mean the following:

- 1. Do not return evil for evil. (Nothing is achieved by revenge and retaliation.)
- 2. Do not judge others. (Leave the judgement to God).
- 3. Do not worry about food and drink and clothes as if these are the most important things in life. (Our first concern should be to live as Christ wants us).
- 4. Do not look back once you have decided to follow Jesus.
- 5. Let your light shine before people.
- 6. Love your enemies. (Not just your friends and cronies).
- 7. Give and you will receive in abundance.
- 8. Forgive everyone who sins against you.
- 9. Take this bread and eat it. Take this cup and drink from it. (Eucharist is the primary nourishment to live as followers of Christ).
- 10. Finally, love one another as I have loved you.

If we follow these dos and don'ts then probably we will be able to fulfill the commandment of love.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Fr. Selva

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Wanted: Piano and Guitar players

Have you ever thought about volunteering at Mass, as a musician? If not, think about it now! If so, maybe now is your time! Prayerfully consider

joining the music ministry as an instrumentalist.
Remember, those who sing (or play) pray twice.
Contact Sydnee in the office at 242-6121 for more information, and we look forward to raising up our voices to sing with you!

Service to our Parish



If you are a Eucharist
Minister, Hospitality Minister, Lector
or Altar Server who would like to be
added back on the Ministry Schedule
to serve during Mass, please fill out a
"Blue Change form" or call Judy in
the office, 970-242-6121 or
jhirschfeld@ihmgjt.org

Coffee

Thank you for volunteering!

Coffee → Donuts

Coffee & Donut gathering will resume on May 23
Pentecost Sunday

If you would care to serve in this way, please call Bonnie 243-4698. There are instruction sheets for those who have never done it before and are interested.

Please consider this ministry!



Dads & Sons Camping

Who: IHM dads and sons
What: Weekend camping trip
When: May 15-16
Where: Moab, UT
Why: To grow closer to God
and each other
Interested? Contact Daniel Seatvet at
dseatvet@gmail.com or 303.524.2114

Tour Guide of the Mass

Your Guide for Remembering What in the World Happens During Mass After Being Unable to Attend Because of a Global Pandemic!

Let's go! Taking a sharp turn (finally) out of the preparatory hymn, and into the prayers. You may want to take a look over the last four weeks, because I'm going to use all those words that I just defined (what am I, a dictionary?)...I mean, described (yeah...yeah, that's what I meant). Roman Missal, here we come!

At this point, some parishes will continue the preparatory hymn during this prayer, and some will conclude the hymn *before* the prayer. It all depends on the priest, parish, musicians, and traditions of each. However it's done, the prayer remains the same. Fr. Priest takes the paten with the bread and says:

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, For through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

> Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, It will become for us the bread of life."

Welp, there are a lot of details in that. Let's talk. First, we praise God (blessed are you). Second, we talk about Who and What God is (Lord of

Second, we talk about Who and What God is (Lord of everything [creation]).

Third, we say what He has given us (we have received the bread...and then we offer it back.

Fourth, we describe said bread physically (fruit of the earth... [wait what?...Oh! WHEAT from the earth!] and work of human hands [from God, of God, but *through* humans).

Fifth, we describe that same bread as food (it will [in the near future] become the Bread of Life [like we have to eat it to live?]). I refer you to the Bible. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man...you have no life in you." (John 6:53). Hmmm...we have to have the Bread of Life to live. Otherwise we have no life? That seems like a huge deal—I think we'll have to talk more about that later in the Mass. All in due time!

ANYWAY, at this point, Fr. Priest lays the paten with the bread back onto the corporal. The congregation continues to praise, "Blessed be God for ever!" and we move into the next prayer next week! SM



In Support of the Pregnancy Center Please come out for a Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00am till noon at Sherwood Park. Call the Pregnancy Center at 241-7474 for details. Minister Schedule for May 15/16, 2021
Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone
to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass.
All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am May 15 (†)

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00 pm May 15 (†) Mothers Day Novena

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Servers:

Lectors: E. Hoy

Eucharistic: M. Meyers

Hospitality: R. Bertrand, A. Davis & S. Mills

7:30am, May 16 (†) Mothers Day Novena

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: K. Coomer

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: G. Ambrosier, A. Ambrosier & L. Duncan

9:15 am May 16, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10:00am, May 16, (†) Mothers Day Novena

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Servers:

Lectors: B. Murphy & J. Simons

Eucharistic: J. Peugh Hospitality: C. Dotta

6:00pm, May 16 (†) Mothers Day Novena

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Servers:

Lector: M. Herrera

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: M. Simpson

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1JN 4:7-10 JN 15:9-17

Monday: ACTS 16:11-15 JN 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: ACTS 16:22-34 JN 16:5-11

Wednesday: ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1 JN 16:12-15

Thursday: ACTS 18:1-8 JN 16:16-20

Friday: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 JN 15:9-17

Saturday: ACTS 18:23-28 JN 16:23b-28

Calendar of Events Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday May 9 7:30am Mass 1st Communion

9:15am St. Ann's

10:00am Mass 1st Communion

6:00pm Mass

Monday, May 10 8am Mass

Tuesday, May 11 8am Mass

Wednesday, May 12 8am Mass

Thursday, May 13 8am Morning Mass

Friday, May 14 8am Morning Mass

Saturday, May 15 8am Morning Mass 2:30-3:30 Confession

4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday May 9, 2021

7:30 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

10:00 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

6:00 pm - (†) Mothers Day Novena

Monday May 10, 2021

8:00 am -(†) Mothers Day Novena

Tuesday May 11, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

Wednesday May 12, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

Thursday May 13, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

Friday May 14, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

Saturday May 15, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Mothers Day Novena

4:00 pm- (†) Mothers Day Novena

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel Until further notice.

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IHM Charitable Giving

Catholic Outreach Donations

December: \$2,325 January: \$1,212 February: \$692 March: \$782

Emergency Aid - Assistance to the Poor Donations

December: \$400 January: \$300 February: \$300 March: \$250

Holy Family School Subsidy

December: \$4,833 January: \$4,833 February: \$4,833 March: \$4,833



DMF 2020

Paid: \$143,191.75 (89.5%) Shortfall: \$16,747.25 (10.5%)

Thank you for all your support!



Memorial Mass

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday June 5, 10:30 am for those

who passed away during the restricted times of Covid-19, as some were unable to hold funerals or inurnments. If you would like to honor your loved ones bring in a photo of them with your contact information on the back. We will display the photos during the Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office 242-6121

Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 225 person capacity at mass while maintaining 6 feet Social Distancing. We are asking that you wear Face Coverings over the nose and mouth upon entering and moving throughout the building be followed. Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners. Thank You, IHM Staff.



Happy Mothers Day!

Did you know becoming a mom is possibly the greatest gift bestowed on a woman? Birth itself is a miracle but the gift of nurturing and caring for a child is even bigger. There are always new surprises each day. Every age has it's challenges. You will never know how it will all turn out.

Here are a few points to help support and nourish Moms to become great Catholic moms!

- Trust God gives you what it takes. Mt. 6:34 Give all of your worries to God. The worries about how you take care of your infant to the teen years right into adulthood. A mom's job is really never done.
- 2. Make every day a Holy Day. Gathering at the dinner table to share a meal can be a very sacred time.
 - Celebrate by participating in the Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy days.
- 4. Grow in your own faith. Peter 2:2-5 Growing your own faith models discipleship for your children.
- It's ok to admit weakness. This will show children & spouses that you are fully human and are also in need of Christ's redemption.
- 6. Enjoy being a Mom! There is no greater joy than laughing with your children. It is a great stress reliever too. Next time your child knocks over the box of cereal or dumps a glass of milk in your lap say a little prayer and laugh! Motherhood isn't easy, but it can be fun!



Baptism Preparation Classes

For parents wishing to baptize their child/children, infant to the age of

seven. IHM will be hosting a Baptism Prep Class on Saturday May 15 & Thursday May 27. Both the parents and Godparents **must** attend. For more information, please contact Katie Coomer in the parish office at 970-242-6121 ext. 221 or email kcoomer@ihmgjt.org



This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous

and faith-filled, but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. From the formation of clergy to communications programs that bring the Gospel to remote territories to youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples, the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges, and we support them as they build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Please be generous. To learn more, visit

www.usccb.org/africa.

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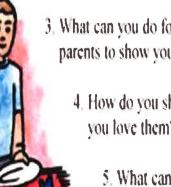
Kids Corner - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



- 1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
- 2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?

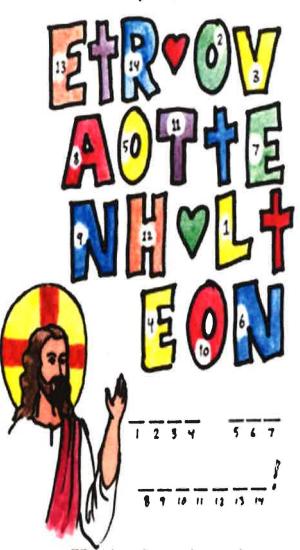


- 3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
 - 4. How do you show your friends you love them?
 - 5. What can you do to love. someone that doesn't like vou?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9th, 2021



What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading? Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

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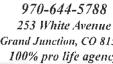
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