

# **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

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## **Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30 am,

10:00 am, 6:00 pm

**Monday-Saturday:**

8:00 am

**Holy Days:** Anticipated

Mass, 6:00 pm

**Holy Day Masses,**

8:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday:

2:00 pm — 3:30 pm or

by appointment

**Adoration:**

First Friday of the Month

**Office Hours:**

**M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**St. Ann, Palisade**

**Sunday Mass: 9:15 am**

**Holy Days: TBD**

**10:30 am Mass each**

**Tuesday of the month**



## **Blue Mass**

Today we honor those who died in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and all those who serve the public as police officers, fire-fighters, and emergency medical technicians. In these times when the shadow of sin casts a long mark on our country, be assured that those who serve in establishing justice in our country are in our prayers.



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**Confessions Saturday**

**2:00-3:30**

**Parish Office Hours**

**9:00-5:00 M-F**

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



**Weekend Mass Schedule**

We would like to welcome you to  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish!

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

St. Ann's in Palisade 9:15 am Sunday

**Are you a Registered Parishioner?**

If you currently do not receive our yearly Easter & Christmas Letter, it is probably because you are not registered with us. Please stop by the office to fill out a registration form or register on our website so that you can be kept informed with our parish.

This allows us to reach out to all of our catholic members.





**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: C:  
"THE MERCIFUL AND CARING GOD"  
(Ex: 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1Tim:1:12-17; Lk: 15:1-10)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. The holy mother church invites you and me to reflect on the theme of **"THE MERCIFUL AND CARING GOD"**. That is what we are going to see in all the three reading of today's word of God.

Today's first reading is from the book of Exodus. This passage describes how the chosen people disobeyed the Lord God and went away from Him. They turned their back on their savior and Lord who brought them out of the slavery of Egypt and went after other gods and worshiped idols. Moses pleaded with the Lord God for the people of Israel who had sinned and had become idolaters. The Lord God listened to the plea of Moses and spared them from destruction and punishment.

Second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy. In this passage Paul recalls his sinful past and expresses his gratefulness to God and for the infinite mercy of Lord Jesus Christ. He admits that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Through his conversion Paul himself experienced the mercy of God.

**"The Good Shepherd"**

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Luke. This passage graphically illustrates to us the mercy of God for the least and the lost ones through two parables. Pharisees complained that Jesus was socializing with the sinners and outcasts of the society. In this context Jesus told these two parables- the parable of the good Shepherd and the parable of the lost coin. In the first parable Jesus portrays God as a Shepherd who has 100 sheep. When one of them is lost, the Shepherd leaves the ninety nine and goes after the lost one. The Shepherd goes after the lost sheep because of two reasons. First of all the lost sheep by itself cannot find its way back. Secondly the Shepherd loves each one of his sheep and feels great pain when one of them is lost. Similarly the Heavenly Father, when we go astray and get lost is in great pain and He searches for the lost one till He finds it.

The second parable is about the lost coin. A woman has 10 coins in her purse. When one of them is lost she searches for the lost one diligently till she finds it. The lost coin may have been a part of her ancestral possessions representing the most precious possession and her future security. She relentlessly searches for it until she finds the lost one.

Hence no matter how deep we fall or how far we wander from the loving God, He never ever gives up on us. The Heavenly Father searches for us until He finds us. Everyone is important and precious in the sight of God.

*"There is no Saint without a past, no sinner without a future" -St. Augustine*

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and a Blessed Sunday to you all. God Bless us. Fr.Selva.

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**Please Pray For:**

Nancy Boggus, Patricia Hurley,  
Tiffany Hughes, Bernard Kochevar,  
Joan Burns, Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger,  
Yvonne Beuerle, Gene Stanek, Veronica Cukro,  
Tia Hasley, Dory Smeaton, Jonathon Aluise,  
Beverly Wacker, Jack, Rich Jurewicz,  
Mike Beaudoin, Penney Barger, Steve Mills,  
Karen Hernandez, Alice Bristol,  
Patrick Martinez, Vanessa Tuttle, Chris Love,  
Diane Gigliotti, Gerry Lemarr, Choy Gasperini,  
Dolores K., Fr. Carlos Gallardo,  
Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram, Juli,  
Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Chuck Rosa,  
Bob Ferencsik, Richard Hopkins, Olivia,  
Stephanie Lane, Marty Olesky, Tom Graves,  
Charles Chisholm, Tim Allons, Nikki Allons &  
Kim B. and for all those written in the  
Red Book of Prayer

**Faith Formation**

Classes will begin the week of September 18.

Registration has been extended so if you haven't registered, forms are in the Narthex.

Justine has a great year planned out for Faith Formation.

We would love to see all the children attend!

Our program is still in need of Catechist Aides to assist with the Catechist in different classes.

Please consider this wonderful Ministry.

**Our children need you!**



Sacred Heart has been given an opportunity to have our Shrine donations matched, dollar for dollar up to \$28,000 by the Catholic Extension until January 15, 2023.

Please consider giving to the Shrine and your funds given will be doubled by this most generous offer. All of our Catholic churches will enjoy the benefits of this beautiful garden!



We have received our New Parish Directories!  
You can pick up your copy in the Parish office!

There is no charge to anyone who had a photo taken but we are asking for a \$10.00 donation per copy to those who did not get their picture taken.

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last several months we have waited.

We have the best parishioners!



**RIGHT  
TO  
LIFE**

Please join us for the Mesa County Right To Life Banquet on Friday September 23.

The banquet will begin at 6:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary friendship hall.

The speaker is the General Counsel for 40 days for Life.

Tickets are \$20.00 each or a table of 8 is \$150.00

Students are \$10.00.

For more information please call 970-242-3242.



**Minister Schedule for Sept. 17/18 ,2022**

**All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.**

**8:00 am Sept. 17 (I) Melanie Deal** by Elaine Cannon

**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**4 pm Sept. 17 (I) Diane G.** by Richard G.

**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**Eucharistic: B. Kline, K. Sassano & 6 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers**

**Servers: 2 Volunteers**

**Lector: E. Hoy**

**7:30am Sept. 18, (†) Millie Luebbers** by Greg & Terry Cooper

**7:30am Sept. 18, (†) Mia & Jim Dietvorst** by Annimeke & Gary Ambroiser

**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**Eucharistic: C. Ulman, D. Ulman & 6 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: G. Ambrosier, A. Ambrosier & 4 Volunteers**

**Servers: E. Scott & Neil Scott**

**Lector: R. Hurd**

**9:15 am Sept. 18, St. Ann's Palisade**

**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**10:00 am Sept.18, (†) Steve Hurd** by Tom & Pat Graves

**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**Eucharistic: C. Dotta & 7 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: C. Dotta 4 Volunteers**

**Server: 2 Volunteer**

**Lector: K. Coomer & T. Cooper**

**6 pm Sept. 18, (I) Logan Monsmith** by Steve & Maryellen Boissonnault

**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**Eucharistic: J. Downing & 7 Volunteers**

**Hospitality: M. Simpson & 3 Volunteers**

**Server: 2 Volunteers**

**Lector: M. Herrera**

**Readings for the Week of September 11, 2022**

**Sunday:** EX 32:7-11, 13-14 1 TM 1:12-17 LK 15:1-32

**Monday:** 1 COR 11:17-26, 33 LK 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31a LK 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** NM 21:4b-9 PHIL 2:6-11 JN 3:13-17

**Thursday:** 1 COR 15:1-11 JN 19:25-27

**Friday:** 1 COR 15:12-20 LK 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49 LM 8:4-15

**Prayer Opportunities:**

**Morning Prayer:** Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Sanctuary

**Morning Mass:** Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Sanctuary

**Calendar of Events Week of September 11, 2022**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 11</b>	7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's 10:00 am Blue Mass for First Responders Knights Pancake Breakfast 6:00 pm Mass
<b>Monday, Sept. 12</b>	8:00 am 6-9:00 pm Fiber Fellowship
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 13</b>	8:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Finance Council 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
<b>Wednesday, Sept.14</b>	8:00 am Mass 10- 12:30 St. Bridget's Circle
<b>Thursday, Sept.15</b>	8:00 am Mass 9-11:00 am Mary's Mom's 1:30 -2:30 Silent Prayer
<b>Friday, Sept. 16</b>	8:00 am Mass 5:30 Lead Ministry Meeting
<b>Saturday, Sept. 17</b>	8:00 am Mass 2:00 - 3:30pm Confessions

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday Sept. 11, 2022**

7:30 am - (I) (†) **First Responders** by IHM

10:00 am - (I) (†) **First Responders** by IHM

6:00 pm- (I) (†) **First Responders** by IHM

**Monday Sept. 12, 2022**

8:00 am -(†) **Isabelle Thompson** by Family

8:00 am - (†) **Allen Beuerle** by Judy Blevins & Carroll Multz

**Tuesday Sept.13, 2022**

8:00 am - (†) **James Rau** by Kristen Rau

**Wednesday Sept.14, 2022**

8:00 am - (†) **Rita & Lawrie Fernandes** by Menon Family

8:00 am - (†) **Cecilia Cutshaw** by Joan Wasinger

**Thursday Sept.15, 2022**

8:00 am-(I) **Uyghur refugees, war & conflict victims, oppressed & persecuted** by Anonymous

**Friday Sept.16, 2022**

8:00 am- (†) **Marilyn Caldwell** by Elaine Cannon

8:00 am -(†) **Marie DaPolito** by Bobbie DaPolito

**Saturday Sept.17, 2022**

8:00 am -(I) **Melanie Deal** by Elaine Cannon

4:00 pm -(I) **Diane G.** by Richard G.

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**IHM Eucharistic**

**Adoration**

On ALL First Fridays  
following the 8 am mass  
until 6:00 pm.

All are invited to come and spend  
time with our Lord  
in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sign up sheets will be posted one week in advance if  
you can commit to one hour.

Contact Anna Neam at 970-424-0546 or  
Vince Stone at 720-936-1996 for questions



**Baptism Preparation**

**Classes**

For parents wishing to baptize their  
child/children,  
infant to the age of seven  
please contact Alison in the parish office  
for information, at 970-242-6121 or email  
pastoralassistant@ihmgjt.org  
Both parents and Godparents **must** attend.



Save the Date



**“EMPTY Bowls is Back”!  
Saturday, October 8, 2022**

11:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

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main office and on the day of the event.

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**ROSARY FOR LIFE** Still Going Strong!

The Supreme Court recently overturned Roe vs Wade returning the issue to individual states.  
The Colorado State Legislature passed a law protecting abortion rights in April of 2022,  
Gov. Jared Polis signed the bill.

A small group of us are still praying the Rosary every Wednesday at 10 am in the cul-de-sac entry to the Women's  
Clinic across from St. Mary's Hospital off 8th St. Please join us. If you have questions, call Patti Brown (970-241-6266).



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Kids Corner- Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Fill in the Blanks: The Lost Coin

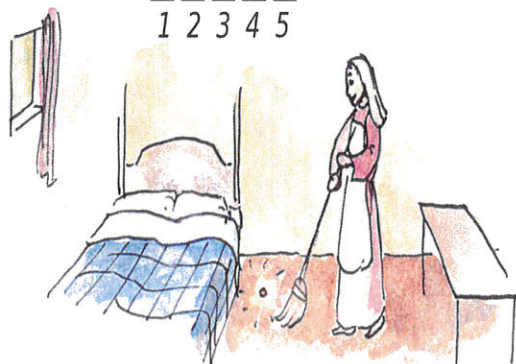
Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can fill in the blanks and use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins,  
if she  one coin, does not light a lamp  
and sweep the house and seek diligently  
until she finds it?

And when she has  it, she calls  
together her friends and neighbors, saying,  
'Rejoice with me, for I  found the coin  
which I had lost.'

Just so, I  you, there is joy before  
the angels of God over one  who  
repents."

This parable helps to show us how much  
God  each of us.



Answers: There are 5 hidden sheep.  
Fill in the blanks: loses, found, have, tell, sinner. LOVES



Luke 15:1-32

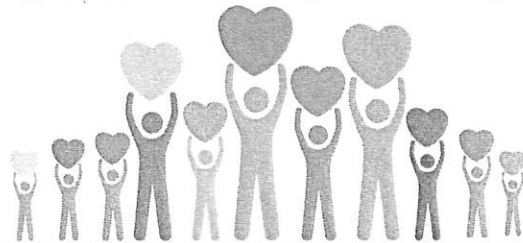
Jesus told us that God is like a shepherd  
that cares for every one of His sheep.  
There are some sheep lost in this picture.  
Can you find them?  
Then you can colour in the rest of the picture.

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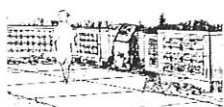
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