

# *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: Every 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

## Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel

Adoration: Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm by Christ in the Desert

Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 in the IHM Library

Rosary: Every 1st Saturday After 8:00 am Mass in the Chapel



IHM Lenten Penance Service  
will be Thursday March 16  
from 9 am - 6:00 pm



IHM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
WILL BE EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT  
BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY



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Our next meeting is on March 12, 2023 at 2:30 pm in the gathering hall at Sacred Heart in Fruita. We will celebrate our 98th anniversary.



**Parish St. Patrick's  
Day Party**

Saturday March 18, after the 4:00 pm Mass in the Friendship hall. Come and enjoy Corned Beef, cabbage, Short Bread etc.. Live Entertainment! Frank Huber on piano and Bob Murphy on the fiddle! All are welcome. Sponsored by IHM



**"The  
Chosen"**

will be shown on Thursday's in the IHM Youth Room after the daily Mass. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Questions. Call Bob Bianchi. 970-822-1147



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: A:

**JESUS THE GIVER OF LIFE-GIVING WATER**

**(Ex: 17: 3-7; Rom: 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn: 4: 5-42)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am pleased to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of Exodus. This passage describes the journey of the people of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. On their way the people became agitated and angry because they had no water to drink. They revolted and spoke against Moses and the Lord God who brought them out of slavery. The Lord God then commanded Moses to strike a rock and Moses did what was told and immediately water gushed out of the rock and they had plenty of water to drink. The Lord God showed his care and concern for His chosen people in spite of their ungratefulness and lack of trust in Him.

The second reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. In this passage Paul explains to the Christian community in Rome and us that God has proved His extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we are still sinners. God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. So God's grace as flowing water is poured down upon each of us.

### **Jesus and the woman at the well**

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. This passage narrates the meeting of Jesus with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. In a most dramatic move Jesus asks this woman for some water to drink. Samaritans and Jews had a rather hostile relationship at that time.

Jesus, a Jew, asking for water from a Samaritan woman is unusual in that context. Yet the woman after some initial hesitation gives water to Him. Jesus' encounter with the woman gradually changes her attitude to life situations. She shares with Him her sad story - her confused and sinful life. Gradually and gently Jesus makes her realize what she had been running away from. Until now, she was thirsting for transitory and worldly pleasures. Jesus tells her about another kind of water that becomes a fountain from within, leading to eternal life. Similarly, Jesus comes into our lives like a weary, thirsty traveler asking for some water.

Jesus makes inroads into our lives as the one who is helpless and who stands in need of us. What He wants from us is more than water. He thirsts for our hearts. Like the Samaritan woman who brought many people to Jesus let us too go out to surroundings and bring many to the presence of the Lord.

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*The account of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well proves unexpected daily occurrences bring about lasting changes in life when Christ is the centre of the experience" -*

*St. Gregory Palamas.*

*"She (Samaritan woman) exhibited the actions of an Apostle, preaching the Gospel to all and calling them to Jesus and drawing a whole city forth to Him." - St. John Chrysostom.*

I wish you all A Very Reflective and Fruitful Lenten Season and A Lovely Weekend. God Bless you all.  
Fr. Selva.

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IHM is in need of Cantors for the weekend Masses. If you love to Sing please consider becoming a Cantor. If interested please call Molly in the parish office. 970-242-6121 or email [musicdirector@ihmgjt.org](mailto:musicdirector@ihmgjt.org)



Altar Server Training is held every other Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Our next session is on March 15. If interested in attending and learning this ministry please contact Alison in the Parish Office. 970-242-6121



**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to our fish fries every Friday during Lent beginning 2/24/23/03/31/23 from 4pm-7pm. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (aged 6-12).



**Eucharist BIBLE STUDY**

This study will include the history of the Mass and the importance of the Eucharist. The Mass is a call to each of us personally from Jesus Christ. Join us, All are welcome! Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, In the Chapel



The Parishes within the Grand Valley will be providing a Marriage Prep Retreat for all engaged (and soon to be engaged) couples. This will be held on Friday May 5 and Saturday May 6 at one of the local parishes. This fulfills the Diocesan marriage preparation requirements. The class has terrific content about life skills, conflict resolution, and growing a family, just to name a few. You will never regret investing this time into your marriage! Please make arrangements to attend. This retreat is also beneficial for those couples seeking Convalidation. Registration is required. To register or for more information contact Judy Fox at 970-250-7008 or email at [coloradofoxes@gmail.com](mailto:coloradofoxes@gmail.com). Share this information with other people seeking a Joy Filled Marriage!



Looking for a way to help your church community?

Consider joining the Altar Care Crew! You may never have seen them, but every week an Altar Care Crew member comes and picks up all of the linens used during mass. They wash them, iron them, and return them. Please prayerfully consider volunteering once a month to carry out this important ministry. For more information and to volunteer your time, contact Alison Bartlett at the parish office 970-242-6121 or email [pastorlassistant@ihmgjt.org](mailto:pastorlassistant@ihmgjt.org)

If you have gone through the Altar Server Training program and would like to be put on our weekend Mass schedule, please contact Judy in the Parish office 970-242-6121 before March 17, as the next mass schedule will be coming out on April 1. Thank you!



**Women Faith & Fun!**

Our next get together is Thursday March 16. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm in the friendship room. Prayer at 6:30 pm then fun & games. This is a wonderful way to meet other Catholic Women. We will support and make friends through praying and playing. You are not alone being a faith-filled catholic woman. We look forward to seeing you. For your convenience park in handicap parking lot.

**Minister Schedule for Mar. 18/19, 2023**

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

**8:00 am Mar. 18 Mass** (†) Eugene Mattedo by Marie Wohlfahrt

**Presider:** Fr. Selvanathan

**4:00 pm Mar. 18 Mass** (†) Dolores O'Connor by Jim O'Connor & Family

**Presider:** Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**Eucharistic:** T. Chapman, M. Meyers, K. Sassano & 5 Vol.

**Hospitality:** S. Mills & 3 Volunteers

**Servers:** 2 Volunteers

**Lectors:** B. Kline & J. Rau

**7:30 am Mar. 19 Mass** (†) Manual & Irene Schmalz by George & Marie

**Presider:** Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

**Eucharistic:** L. Meyers, J. Snoddy & 6 Volunteers

**Hospitality:** G. Ambrosier, A. Ambrosier, G. Watts & 1 Volunteer

**Servers:** M. Pierce & 1 Volunteer

**Lectors:** M. Katzer

**9:15 am Mar. 19 Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**

**Presider:** Fr. Selvanathan

**10:00 am Mar. 19 Mass** (†) Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus #13621 by Knights of Columbus

**Presider:** Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

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

**Hospitality:** E. Bergethon, B. Bianchi, C. Dotta & 1 Volunteer

**Servers:** 2 Volunteers

**Lectors:** K. Bergethon & D. Seatvet

**6:00 pm Mar. 19 Mass** (†) Don Fallis by Nancy Fallis

**Presider:** Fr. Selvanathan

**Eucharistic:** A. Rubalcaba, M. Simpson, R. Thibault-Lloyd & 5 Volunteers

**Hospitality:** 4 Volunteers

**Servers:** 2 Volunteers

**Lectors:** M. Herrera & M. Lipic



**Readings for the Week of March 12, 2023**

**Sunday:** EX 17:3-7 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 JN 4:5-42

**Monday:** 2KGS 5:1-15ab LK 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** DN 3:25, 34-43 MT 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** DT 4:1, 5-9 MT 5:17-19

**Thursday:** JER 7:23-28 LK 11:14-23

**Friday:** HOS 14:2-10 MK 12:28-34

**Saturday:** HOS 6:1-6 LK 18:9-14

**Calendar of Events Week of Mar. 12, 2023**

<b>Sunday, Mar. 12</b>	7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's Palisade 10:00 am Mass 8:45-9:45am Sac Prep & RCIC 11:30-12:30 Confirmation & Sac Prep 6:00 pm Mass
<b>Monday, Mar. 13</b>	8:00 am Mass 6-9:00 pm Fiber Fellowship
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 14</b>	8:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Elisa Fernandez Funeral 5:00 pm Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 15</b>	8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Bulk Mailing 3-4:00 pm Altar Server Training 6-7:00 pm Children's Faith Formation 6-7:00 pm Youth Group HS & MS 6-7:00 pm Sac Prep & RCIC 6-7:00 pm RCIA 6-7:00 pm Eucharistic Study
<b>Thursday, Mar. 16</b>	8:00 am Mass 9-10 am Chosen Series in Youth Room 1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer 9am- 6:00 pm IHM Lenten Penance 6:00 -9:00 pm Women Faith & Fun
<b>Friday, Mar. 17</b>	8:00 am Mass 9 am - 5 pm Adoration in the Chapel 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 4:00 -8:00 Knights Fish Fry
<b>Saturday, Mar. 18</b>	8:00 am Mass 9-11 am Musicians Training 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday Mar. 12, 2023**

7:30 am - (†) **Gene Stanek** by Nikki Blessing Scott Family

10:00 am- (†) **Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus #13621** by Knights of Columbus

6:00 pm- (†) **Marie Davidson DaPilito & Marion Martorano** by Bobby DaPolito

**Monday Mar. 13, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) **Dale & Anna Thompson** by Family

**Tuesday Mar. 14, 2023**

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

**Wednesday Mar. 15, 2023**

8:00 am- (†) **BJ Bass** by Art & Trish Weber

**Thursday Mar. 16, 2023**

8:00 am- (I) **Denise Buchner**

**Friday Feb. 17, 2023**

8:00 am- (I) **Special Intention** by Ellie Walworth

**Saturday Feb. 18, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) **Eugene Mattedo** by Marie Wohlfahrt

4:00 pm- (†) **Dolores O'Connor** by Jim O'Connor & Family

## Mingling of Water and Wine

### THE SYMBOLISM OF THE FERMENTUM:

During the Eucharistic Prayer, by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ (Transubstantiation). As we partake of his body and blood, we share in Christ's divinity who has already shared in our humanity. This is in fulfillment of Jesus' words:

*"He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me, and I in him. As the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father, so he who eats me, even he shall live by me."*

- John 6:56-57

The breaking of bread and the commingling of the Body and Blood in the chalice reminds us that the bread of life we receive is a bread that is broken. Just as the bread is broken, Our Lord's Body is broken on the cross, and mingled with his Blood. We are not just eating spiritual food; we are partaking of a sacrifice, a sacrifice voluntarily given so that we might have eternal life. The consecrated wine is not only the Blood; it is Blood that has been spilled for us.

While the priest is breaking the bread to be placed into the chalice of wine, the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is usually sung by the congregation. This is a highly charged symbol of Christ as our Passover Lamb that is followed by the deeply moving action of everyone present falling to their knees.

### Christ's power to change physical reality:

Early in Christ's ministry he used the symbol of breaking bread by performing the miracle of feeding the five thousand, and the four thousand. This is of huge significance for Catholics because he thus showed us his power to change physical reality. At the Last Supper he literally was able to change the bread to his body and the wine to his blood. And when he revealed himself after the resurrection through the breaking of bread, he fulfilled his promise of salvation and redemption for all who partake.

*"The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". - (I Corinthians 10:16)*

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

Shirley Petroff & Bernadette Hendrickson



### Divine Mercy

The Knights of Columbus, and the Ladies Auxiliary cordially invite all parishioners to our Family/Parish Catechism hour. Thursday March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Friendship room.

*"Divine Mercy and the Promises Christ Has Given Us"*

is the title for the evening.

Babysitting will be provided by the Ladies Guild.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

This is an opportunity for all parishioners to join us as we strive to grow in our Catholic Faith.



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Kids Corner- Third Sunday of Lent

Youth Corner

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.  
Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,  
1.  the love of God has  
been poured into our 2.   
through the Holy 3.  who  
has been 4.  to us. For  
Christ, while we were 5.   
helpless, died at the appointed  
6.  for the ungodly. Indeed,  
only with 7.   
does one die for a just person, though  
perhaps for a good person one  
8.  even find  
9.  to die. But  
10.  proves his love for us in that...  
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

FOR US.  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE	DIFFICULTY	HEARTS
GOD	TIME	GIVEN
SPIRIT	MIGHT	BECAUSE



YOUTH RETREAT

March 25th 8am-4pm



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opening mass starts at 8am



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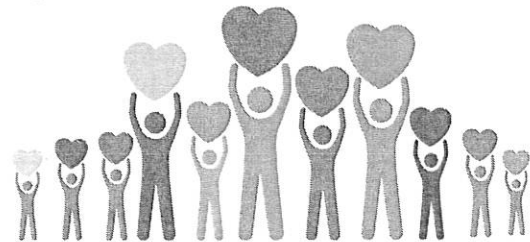
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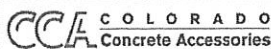
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