## **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

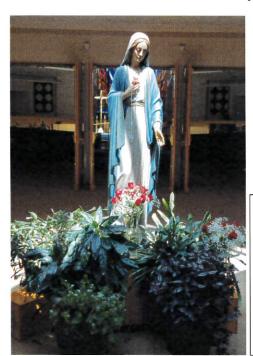
Holy Day Masses 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

**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



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Catholic Daughters First Saturday mass will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Grand Junction at 8 a.m. on April 1, 2023. Our next meeting is on April 16, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Fruita.

SAVE THE DATE: Mother, Daugter, Granddaughter luncheon coming up on April 29, 2023 at Sacred Heart Church in Fruita. Watch for more information and ticket sales.



The Messiah Choral Society of

Grand Junction is presenting its annual performance of Handel's Messiah with professional soloists, chamber orchestra and volunteer chorus.

On Saturday April 15 at 5:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church 3940 27 1/2 Road

# Holy Family School SUBSIDY FORMS

are now available in the parish office. You may pick one up between 9 am & 5 pm Monday - Friday.

This year's Subsidy form is DUE no later than April 30, 2023

So please pick up one right away!



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: A: FROM DEATH TO LIFE

(Eze: 37: 12-14; Rom: 8: 8-11; Jn: 11: 1-45)

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I am well pleased to see you all though this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel. In this passage Ezekiel assures the people of Israel who were under the Babylonian captivity that God's power will restore them from slavery and misery. He compares their captivity in terms of death and that of their liberation and return home in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal. He promises them that they will know and experience Yahweh as their Lord and savior.

Second reading is from St. Paul's letter to Romans. In this passage Paul reminds the Christian community in Rome and all of us that those who live according to the flesh live in accordance with their natural inclinations. But we are in the Spirit and hence we belong to Christ. Paul assures us that it was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. The same Spirit lives in us. So the Spirit of God will give life to our mortal bodies.

#### "I am the resurrection and the life."

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. This passage gives us a vivid account of the death of Lazarus and subsequently how Jesus raises him from the dead. This miracle story is the seventh and the most spectacular of the signs performed by Jesus which includes: the wedding feast at Cana, woman at the well, the healing of the royal official's son, the miracle of loaves, walking on the water, healing of the blind man and finally raising of Lazarus.

By the time Jesus arrives at Bethany, Lazarus was already dead and buried for many days. Martha voices her regret that if Jesus had come early things would have been different. But Jesus' absence is very essential to the whole story. Jesus explains that through the death of Lazarus, "the Son of man will be glorified." The death of Lazarus serves to show that Jesus is the life giver.

The name Lazarus means helpless. He is dead, lifeless in a tomb with a stone in front and the smell of decay inside. This is the state of Lazarus before being raised to life. Jesus wants us to step out of our tombs. When Martha told Jesus that she knows her brother will rise again at the resurrection, Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life." When Jesus becomes the mainstay of our lives we can experience resurrection here and now.

Jesus is the Lord of life. If we believe in Him, death is something that only affects our bodies. We will still live even after our physical lives are over. At the present times we are experiencing a culture of death due to the corona virus infection and consequent deaths all over the world. Today's Gospel reassures us and it should help us to overcome our pain and frustration, just like Martha and Mary when Lazarus died and was buried.

"While the resurrection promises us a new and perfect life in the future, God loves us too much to leave us alone to contend with the pain, guilt and loneliness of our present life." 
J. MacDowell.

"He alone can believe in immortality who feels the resurrection in him already." - F. W. Roberts
"Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every coming together again a foretaste of the
resurrection: - A. Schopenhauer

I wish you all a fruitful Lenten Season and Lovely Weekend. God Bless you. Fr. Selva.

### RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATTIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

If you are interested in singing or playing at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8 or If you know someone who might be interested, encourage them to

join us. Our first practice will be Thursday, March 30 at 6pm in the Sanctuary, please contact Molly in the parish office 970-242-6121 ext. 212 or email musicdirector@ihmajt.org with any questions.



#### **Knights of Columbus**

This Friday March 31 will be the last Fish Fry Friday of the year! Please join us from 4pm-7pm. The cost is \$12 for adults. \$6 for children (aged 6-12).



#### "The Chosen"

will be shown on Thursdays in the IHM Youth Room after the daily Mass.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Questions. Call Bob Bianchi. 970-822-1147



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Come! Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th, the Sunday after Easter. Plan on joining us for a holy hour of prayer and adoration during the 'Hour of Mercy' beginning at 3:00pm at St. Joseph's Church. This will be followed by a video in the St. Therese room with discussion and refreshments. Come celebrate God's greatest gift, HIs infinite and unfathomable mercy! Also, remember to begin the Divine Mercy

Novena on Good Friday, April 7th. Join with millions around the world who will be praying for God's Mercy to be poured out upon the world during the nine days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.



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. Share this information with other people seeking a Joy Filled Marriage!



Altar Server Training will be postponed until after Easter. Watch the bulletin for the dates we

resume training or call Alison in the parish office 970-242-6121 to sign up for our next class.



"I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe that Jesus is the

Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Dillon: Apr. 28-30, For guestions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado



Thank you to everyone who organized & planned, cooked, played music, donated time, donated food and participated in our

St. Patrick's Day celebration party! Minister Schedule for April 1/2 2023
All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am April 1, Mass (I) Charles & Penny Olesky by
Charles Olesky

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00 pm April 1 Mass (†) Eva & Leonard Robertson by Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: J. Rau, T. Chapman, M. Meyers, D. Schmitz,

L. Watson & 3 Volunteers

Hospitality: A Davis & S, Mills
Servers: 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers Lectors: D. Dinkel & B. Kline

7:30 am April 2, Mass (†) Lawrence & Betty Suppes by George & Marie

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: D. Ulman, C. Ulman, J. Snoddy & 5 Vol.

Hospitality: G. Watts, D. Lytle & 2 Volunteers

Servers: N. Scott & N. Scott Lectors: J. Bennett & M. Katzer

9:15 am April 2, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10:00 am April 2, Mass (†) James Karp by Karp Family

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 6 Volunteers Hospitality: R. Bergethon, J. Nasalroad & 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: K. Bergethon & K. Porras

6:00 pm April 2, Mass (I) Sandi & Jim Taylor by Melvin

Ream:

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: T. Garrison, R. Thibault-Lloyd, M. Calderone,

& 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: B. Mills & B. Bianchi Servers: C. Garrison & Z. Garrison

Lectors: M. Lipic

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: EZ 37:12-14 ROM 8:8-11 JN 11:1-45

Monday: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 JN

8:1-11

**Tuesday:** NM 21:4-9 JN 8:21-30

Wednesday: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 JN 8:31-42

**Thursday:** GN 17:3-9 JN 8:51-59 **Friday:** JER 20:10-13 JN 10:31-42 **Saturday:** EZ 37:21-28 JN 11:45-56 Calendar of Events Week of Mar. 26, 2023

Sunday, Mar. 26 7:30 am Mass

9:15 am St. Ann's Palisade

10:00 am Mass

NO CLASSSES SPRING BREAK

6:00 pm Mass

Monday, Mar. 27 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Mar. 28 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Centering Prayer 6-9:00 pm Knights

7:00 pm Knights Catechism Hour

Wednesday, Mar. 29 8:00 am Mass

6-7 pm Faith Formation PreK-5th grade,

RCÍA, RCIC & Sac Prep

6-7 pm High & Mid School Youth Group

6-7 Bible Study Holy Eucharist

Thursday, Mar. 30 8:00 am Mass

9-10 am Chosen Series in Youth Room

Friday, Mar. 31 8:00 am Mass

9 am - 5 pm Adoration in the Chapel 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 -7:00 Knights Fish Fry - Last one

Saturday, April 1 8:00 am Mass

9-11 am Musicians Training 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions** 

Sunday Mar. 26, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Frances Peterson by George Jachim

10:00 am-(†) Tom Graves by Marv & Ellie Walworth

6:00 pm-(I) IHM Parishioners

Monday Mar. 27, 2023

8:00 am - (†) 8 Deceased Members of Genevieve's Family by

Genevieve Fernandez

**Tuesday Mar. 28, 2023** 

8:00 am - Communion Service Only

Wednesday Mar. 29 2023

8:00 am-(I) Marty Olesky by Charles Olesky

Thursday Mar. 30, 2023

8:00 am-(I) IHM Parishioners

Friday Mar. 31, 2023

8:00 am- (I) Chrissy Zaums by Friends

8:00 am - (†) Mayela Vallejos-Ramirez by Friends & Family

Saturday April 1, 2023

8:00 am - (I) Charles & Penny Olesky by Charles Olesky

4:00 pm-(†) Eva & Leonard Robertson by Family

## The Kiss Of Peace: The Holy Kiss

#### UNITY OF JEW AND GENTILE

The holy kiss from a Jewish Christian to a Gentile Christian was evidence that the Gentiles were accepted fully into Christian fellowship. Most of the early Church was comprised of Jewish Christians, some of whom thought a Gentile convert should also become Jewish. Those who thought so, were labeled as "Judaizers". Judaizers held to the Mosaic law as their source of justification, and taught that a Gentile would have to adhere to all Jewish law in order to be a follower of the Messiah. The holy kiss between the Jewish and Gentile believers was done righteously in recognition that all believers are brothers and sisters in the family of God. With the peace of Christ bestowed upon them, they would turn to spouse, family and those nearby to offer a gesture of communality and sharing—just as earth is reconciled to heaven, so the faithful are reconciled to one another.

#### **FORGIVENESS**

The holy kiss was also viewed as a sign of forgiveness before receiving Holy Communion, inspired by the scriptural example of the return home of the prodigal son, whose father kissed him instead of judging him:

"....and [the prodigal son] arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." Luke 15:20

Saint Matthew had something to say about forgiveness as a requisite to entering into the liturgy of the Mass:

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and then remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

#### THE HOLY KISS EVENTUALLY DIED OUT

A few centuries later, the kiss of peace fell into disuse for several reasons. The Church discovered that the ceremony of the holy kiss could not always be decorously maintained if exuberance caused good manners to be forgotten. Then there was the Bubonic Plague and the Black Death (that destroyed one third of the European population) to deal with in the twelfth century.

In the thirteenth century a new tradition was introduced to replace the holy kiss, known as the "Pax-board". This was a little plaque made of metal, ivory or wood, and decorated with a pious carving, usually of Jesus on the cross. The plaque had a handle by which it would be carried to the altar for the Priest to kiss at the proper moment in the Mass. Then it was brought to each member of the congregation who was kneeling at the alter rails, for them in turn to kiss. A linen cloth was used to wipe the pax-board between each kiss. But even this practice eventually died out, being replaced by the Priest simply kissing the corporal spread upon the altar.

For a time it was also customary for the Priest to kiss the sacred Host itself. Nowhere in the rubrics of the Mass is anyone directed to kiss the consecrated host. The proper act of adoring the host during Communion is to bow prior to reception. The Church does permit leeway for some local customs, but those occasions are explicitly permitted in Church documents, and kissing the host is not one of those situations. Because Mass is the public liturgy of the Church, and not a private devotion, the Church instructs the faithful on what to do and when to do it. Believers gather in unity during Mass, as the Body of Christ; and if each person starts doing his or her own thing the visible symbol of oneness can easily get lost.

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

Shirley Petroff & Bernadette Hendrickson



#### **Divine Mercy**

The Knights of Columbus Parish Catechism Hour.

Ever wondered about the extraordinary graces associated with the Divine Mercy? Find out on Tuesday March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Friendship room. Babysitting available by the Ladies Auxiliary and refreshments will be served afterwards. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

### RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATTIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

## Kids Corner- Fifth Sunday of Lent

## C. THUI SUITAGY OF LEITE

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26th, 2023 In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died.

Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

## Youth Corner







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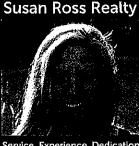


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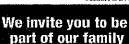
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