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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

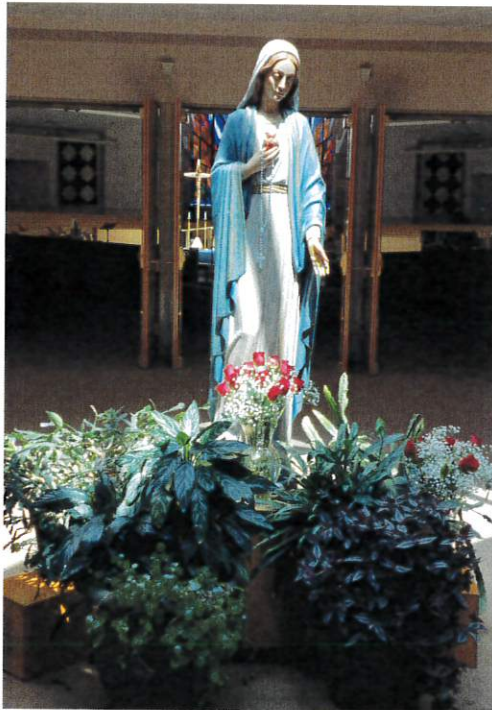
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am **Holy Days:** Anticipated Mass, 6:00 pm

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

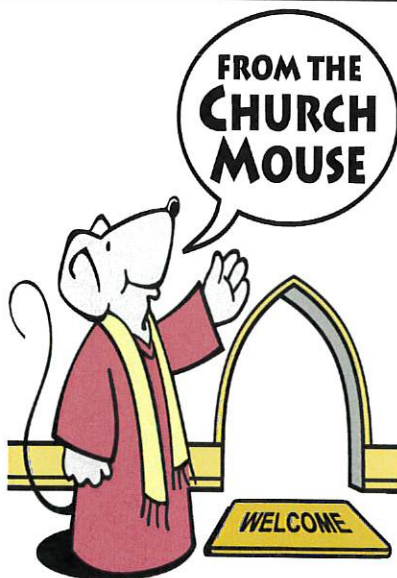
Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel

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



The Following changes will go into effect

June 4, 2023 here at

Immaculate Heart of Mary

**The Sunday 6:00 pm evening Mass will be shifted to
Sunday 5:00 pm**

**The St. Ann's Mission Parish Sunday morning Mass
will be shifted from 9:15 am to 9:30 am
also beginning June 4, 2023**

Thank you, Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

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

Parish Staff

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Confessions Saturday

2:00-3:30

Parish Office Hours

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Please call the office to schedule
a home or hospital visit.

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Please Pray For:

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Anthony Mundschau, Laely Allons, Sue Burns,
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Penney Barger, Karen Hernandez Alice Bristol,
Diane Gigliotti, Gerry Lemarr, Dolores K.,
Fr. Carlos Gallardo, Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram, Alex &
Ashlynn Kirstatter, Chuck Rosa, Bob Ferencsik, Richard
Hopkins, Stephanie Lane, Marty Olesky, Charles Chisholm,
Tim Allons, Nikki Allons, Kim B. and for all those written in
the Red Book of Prayer.

Healing Masses

Our next Healing Mass is coming soon!

May 10 at 6:00 pm.

We will need volunteer Lectors, EM's,
Altar Servers, and Hospitality Ministers.

If you would like to volunteer for
this mass please call
the parish office or there is a sign up sheet in
the Narthex by the Chapel.
at 970-242-6121

**The dates for the rest of the year
are as follows:**

May 10, 2023 6:00 p. m.

September 13, 2023 12:00 Noon

October 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: A:
JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
(Acts 2: 14 and 36-41; 1 Pet: 2: 20-25; Jn:10: 1-10)

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. This passage is a part of the testimony of St. Peter on the day of Pentecost. Peter spoke very boldly and courageously about the crucified and the risen Christ who has brought salvation for humankind. He urged everyone to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus to receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. After listening to the exhortation of Peter, a large group of people - about three thousand - received Baptism on that day and accepted Jesus as their saviour and Lord.

The second reading is from the first letter of St. Peter. In this passage Peter exhorts all Christians to be ready to suffer patiently for righteousness. He also tells us that Jesus, our good shepherd, has given us an example by bearing unjust sufferings with patience for the love of us.

"I am the door of the sheepfold"

Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. In this passage Jesus compares His love for His followers to the love of a shepherd for his sheep. He gives us the example of two types of people who enter the sheepfold. The first type is a person who does not enter through the gate of the sheepfold. He is not a shepherd but a thief who comes to steal and to destroy. The second type is a person who enters through the gate of the sheepfold. He is the shepherd of the sheep. He is the one who knows the sheep by name and takes care of them day and night. He is the good shepherd.

Jesus further adds that He is the door of the sheepfold. Jesus by being the door of the sheepfold gives four kinds of safety and security for His sheep.

1. Jesus gives safety to His flock by guarding the sheep from harmful influences from outside.
2. Jesus protects the sheep from evil and destructive powers which could harm the flock.
3. Jesus protects the sheep from undue worries and anxieties so that His sheep are at peace. Anyone who enters through the door of the sheepfold will have the safety that only Jesus can give.
4. Jesus is the door of the sheepfold that leads to the salvation and life eternal. Hence anyone who wants to be saved must pass through the door that is Jesus.

So, Let us too listen to the good shepherd and follow Him so that we too may be found worthy of the salvation promised by the Lord.

"The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" - John 10:11

I wish you all Wonderful weekend and Lovely day to you all, God bless you. Fr. Selva.

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As we honor Mary, the Mother of God, in May, join others in the Youth Room on Monday, May 1st from 9:00-10:30am or Tuesday, May 2nd 6:00-7:30pm for a video presentation about our Blessed Mother by Father Don Calloway.

(Please note that the sound quality is not the same as an in-person presenter).



Immaculate Heart of Mary is looking to hire a Pastoral Assistant.

This position will be coordinating Funerals, Baptisms, Marriages, Quinceaneras, Columbarium, Homebound Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Server Training and all liturgy.

If interested please contact Rick in the Parish office at 970-242-6121 or email raluise@ihmgjt.org



Catholic Daughters First Saturday mass will be held at IHM on May 6, 2023 at 8 a.m. Our next meeting will be on May 7, 2023 at St. Ann's in Palisade at 2:30 p.m.

Contact Mary Folchert if you are attending the State Convention June 9 - 11, 2023 and need a meal form.



"...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Live your married lives "more abundantly" by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Colorado Springs: June 2-4, Durango: Sept. 15-17, Dillon: Nov. 3-5

For questions, 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



57 Hour Perpetual Adoration 2023 Diocese of Pueblo Eucharistic Congress May 1-3, 2023

A 57 hour Perpetual Adoration will be held in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room of the Parish Hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church,

Grand Junction, starting on May 1st at 8:00 AM and continuing until Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:00 PM. Our prayers and sacrifices are needed for the Eucharistic Congress. Join Catholics from the Western Slope as we pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our Shepherd of Christ, Bishop Stephen Berg, and the many priests, deacons and lay ministers discerning the best direction to lead the Diocese of Pueblo.

You are called for an hour or two of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

A Sign up sheet is in the IHM Narthex, call St. Joseph Church or go down, a sign-up sheet will be on the table at the west entrance of St. Joseph Church.



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 Friday May 5 from 5pm to 9pm and Saturday, May 6 from 8am to 5pm at Sacred Heart Church in Fruita, 1210 17 1/2 Road. This is part of the Diocesan marriage preparation requirements

and is a great opportunity to deepen your love relationship. 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. Contact Judy Fox for more information or to register at 970-250-7008 or email at coloradofoxes@gmail.com. Share this information with other people seeking a Joy Filled Marriage!

Minister Schedule for May 6/7 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am May 6, Mass (†) Sal Sassano by Lou & Cathy

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00 pm May 6 Mass (†) Henry & Germaine Martinez by Gina & Kent Shettler

Presider: Fr. Larry Radice

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, B. Kline, M. Meyers, D. Schmitz, L. Watson & 3 volunteers

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

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: D. Dinkel

7:30 am May 7, Mass (I) Mary Serge by George Jachim

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

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

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

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: J. Bennett

9:15 am May 7 Mass at Palisade St. Ann's

Presider: Fr. Larry Radice

10:00 am May 7, Mass (†) Ian Chaffee by Elizabeth & Joshua

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: K. Coomer, J. Peugh, D. Peugh & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers

Servers: D. Hurd & 1 Volunteer

Lectors: M. Hurd & G. Hurd

6:00 pm May 7, Mass (I) Joe & Kim Walsh by Jeanette Pierce

Presider: Fr. Larry Radice

Eucharistic: T. Garrison, A. Rubalcaba, R. Thibault-Lloyd & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: B. Bianchi, B. Mills & 2 Volunteers

Servers: Z. Garrison & C. Garrison

Lectors: N. Hall & P. Hall

Readings for the Week of April 30, 2023

Sunday: ACTS 2:14a, 36-41 1 PT 2:20b-25 JN 10:1-10

Monday: ACTS 11:1-18 JN 10:11-18

Tuesday: ACTS 11:19-26 JN 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 COR 15:1-8 JN 14:6-14

Thursday: ACTS 13:13-25 JN 13:16-20

Friday: ACTS 13:26-33 JN 14:1-6

Saturday: ACTS 13:44-52 JN 14:7-14

Calendar of Events Week of April 30, 2023

Sunday, April 30 7:30 am Mass
8:45-9:45am Sac Prep & RCIC
9:15 am St. Ann's Palisade
10:00 am Mass
11:30-12:30 Confirmation & Sac Prep
1:00 -4:00 pm Confirmation Practice
6:00 pm Mass

Monday, May 1 8:00 am HFS Mass
9 -10:30 am Video "Mary" Fr. Don Calloway
5:00-8:00 pm HFS 8th Grade Dinner

Tuesday, May 2 8:00 am Mass
6-7:30 pm Video "Mary" Fr. Don Calloway
6:00-9:30 Knights
6:30-8:30 Ladies Auxiliary
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, May 3 8:00 am Mass
9:30-10:30 Eucharist Meeting
6-7:00 pm Faith Formation Classes
6-7 1st Communion Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4 8:00 am HFS Mass
9:00 "The Chosen" in the Youth Room
9-1:30 am Mary's Moms
1:30 -2:30 Silent Prayer
6-9:00 Knights

Friday, May 5 8:00 am Mass
9 am-5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, May 6 8:00 am Morning Prayer
2:00-3:30 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday April 30, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Lawrence & Betty Suppes by George & Marie
10:00 am - (†) Sue Miller by All Current & Past IHM Staff
6:00 pm- (†) Sal Sassano by Brian & Cathy Luebbers

Monday May 1, 2023

8:00 am - (I) Morning Mass Group by Friends

Tuesday May 2, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Sal Sassano by Friends

Wednesday May 3, 2023

8:00 am- (†) Patsy Stewart by Family

Thursday May 4, 2023

8:00 am- (†) Marie Torvonik by Ken & Cathy Steadman

Friday May 5, 2023

8:00 am- (†) Sal Sassano by Art & Trish Weber

Saturday May 6, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Sal Sassano by Lou & Cathy
4:00 pm (†) Henry & Germaine Martinez by Gina & Kent Shettler

Relationship Between the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick and the benefits of their Union

Continued from last week..

The Sacrament of Anointing was formerly called Extreme Unction. "Extreme" refers to those who have an extreme disability or are likely to die: "unction" means oil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, "Over the centuries, the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. Because of this, it received the name 'Extreme Unction'" (n. 1512). Now, however, those at the point of death are certainly candidates for receiving this Sacrament in a wider sense, such as when someone is very old or seriously ill.

What is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? When people are very sick, their spirits sometimes fall under the weight of their illness and they lose hope. It is a time when all they may think about is their pain. They can become exhausted and may be more vulnerable to attacks by the devil. The purpose of the Sacrament is to revive the sick person into awareness that he is not alone, God is with him. The Sacrament gives him hope and strength to carry on. Sometimes the person is healed of his sickness and his health is restored.

Because of the sin of Adam, we all suffer and die. In God's glorious plan, however, suffering and death are to be patiently endured and even embraced. Suffering is a very important means to become holy. Nothing impure can enter Heaven (Rev 21:27). Suffering with resignation purifies the soul and makes it holy and more pleasing to God. The Sacrament enables the sick person to accept God's healing grace and not rebel against his pain and suffering.

The blessed oil used for the anointing of the sick has been blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday. As the priest anoints the sick person with the blessed oil, he prays: "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." The sick person responds, "Amen." The priest says: "May the Lord, Who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." The sick person responds, "Amen."

If we are in danger of death we should prepare to receive this Sacrament as we prepare for all the Sacraments. When the priest comes, we should make a good Confession by preparing properly for the Sacrament of Penance. We should also say the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity, as well as other prayers, such as the Our Father and the Hail Mary. To be continued next week...

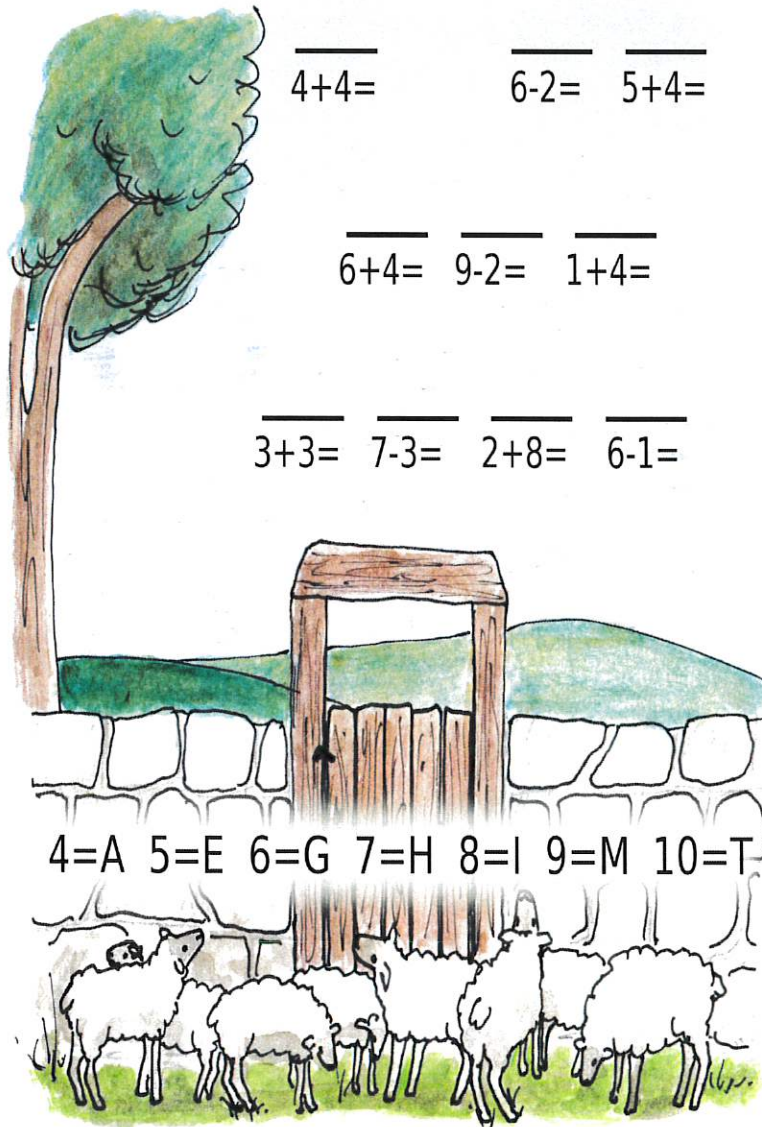
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Kids Corner- Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Answer: I am the gate.

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Youth Corner



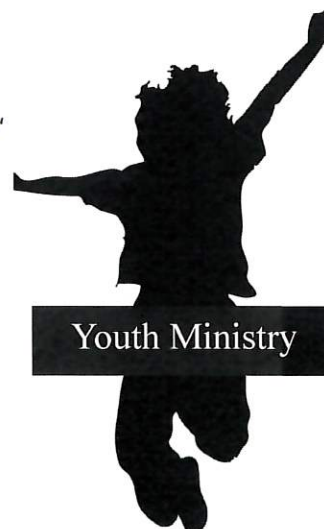
Thank You from the
IHM Youth Team!

Thank you to everyone who contributed, gifts, eggs and candy for the Easter egg hunt. Another big shout out to everyone who tirelessly worked to stuff the eggs, and the volunteers who hid eggs. The Children had an amazing time and were so kind and generous to each other. It was a wonderful expression of Christ's presence among us.

Happy Easter!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers
Needed!

We need Volunteer Catechists and youth team Leaders. If you need volunteer hours, consider helping with this event.



Contact Bernadette @

970-242-6121 X 204

VBS will run

June 5-9 from

9am-Noon

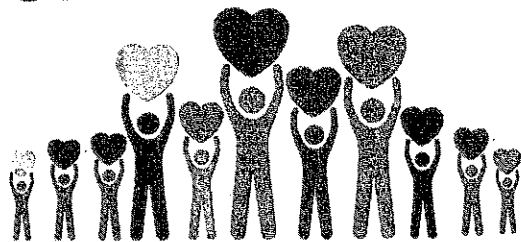
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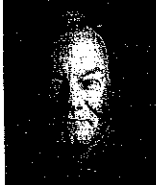
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