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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



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



Command Center preparing for Count down!

Vacation Bible School will Blast off June 5 at 9:00 am come prepared to Shine in Jesus' Light!



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

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele, Ph.D.
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(970) 242-6121 ext. 208

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Funerals, Baptisms,
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(970) 242-6121

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Judy Hirschfeld
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(970) 242-6121 ext. 210

Confessions Saturday

2:00-3:30

Parish Office Hours

9:00-5:00 M-F

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

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(970) 242-6121 — press 9



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Linda Weber
970-242-6121 ext. 211

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970-216-9670

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Middle and High School Musicians Needed!

If you like to sing or play an instrument the youth music group wants you!
Do not limit your self by thinking they don't want drums, cellos, violins or a bass
guitar. This is a youth choir and it is all about the musical gifts you can share with your parish family.
If interested call Bernadette in the parish office 970-242-6121 ext. 204



Please Pray For:

Laura Triest, Jesse Morrow, Sandy Morrow, Marena Fritzler, Justin Marchun, Dick Neville,
Phyllis Veale, Jenna Veale, Barbara DeLosa, Shirley Armstrong, Marie Blee,
Beckett Diers, Cindy Lively, Anthony Mundschau, Laely Allons, Sue Burns,
Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Sofia Grasso, Lorita Perry, Thomas Gannon,
Dori Smeaton, Nancy Boggus, Tiffany Hughes, Bernard Kochevar, Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger, Veronica Cukro,
Tia Hasley, Beverly Wacker, Rich Jurewicz, Mike Beaudoin, 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.



FEAST OF ASCENSION SUNDAY: A: JESUS' ASCENSION TO HEAVEN (Acts: 1: 1-11; Eph: 1: 17-23; Matt: 28: 16-20)

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. In this passage St. Luke gives us a brief description of Jesus' meeting with His disciples after His resurrection. Jesus instructs them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit and to witness to Him in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and to the end of the world. Later as they were talking to Him, Jesus was lifted up to heaven and a cloud took Him out of their sight. This incident is narrated in order to strengthen our faith in the Risen Lord and to go forward in faith.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to Ephesians. In this passage Paul tells the Ephesians' community and us the meaning of the ascension of Jesus. He explains that God by raising Jesus from the dead has given Him authority and power to rule over the whole world. With the ascension, Jesus is the head of the Church and everything in the world. Those who believe in Him will accomplish great things.

Authority in heaven and on earth is given to Jesus.

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. In this passage the ascension of Jesus is narrated. On a mountain in Galilee Jesus gave instructions to His disciples who were gathered there. He told them that all authority in heaven and on earth is given to Him by God the Father. He also told them to go to the whole world and to make disciples. They were told to baptize the believers in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He promised them that He would be with them till the end of the world. Thus the ascension of Jesus is the assurance that Jesus will be with His disciples always till the end of time.

Feast of Ascension gives us the following messages:

1. The Risen Lord is now in His glory seated at the right hand of God the Father.
2. Jesus assures us that after His ascension He will send the Holy Spirit to guide us.
3. Jesus promises us that even after being ascended into heaven he will continue to be with us till the end of the world - by the Word of God and by His presence in Holy Eucharist.
4. Jesus' ascension gives us the hope that one day those who believe in Him will participate in His glory.

I wish you all Lovely weekend and Blessed Sunday to you all and God bless you. Fr. Selva.



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All Existing & New Eucharist Ministers are asked to attend one of the masses For Commissioning or Re-commissioning at the Corpus Christi masses

on the weekend of June 10 & 11th.

Please plan on attending this formal acknowledgement of the call to serve in your Ministry. Commissioning blesses you and affirms the use of the gifts that God has given you.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is looking to hire a Grounds Keeper/ Maintenance assistant.

This position will be overseeing basic church grounds and irrigation system, sprinkler repair, overall upkeep and basic maintenance duties within the church and outside on the property.

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

Healing Masses

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

September 13, 2023 12:00 Noon

October 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.



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

Once again it's time for the IHM Ladies Auxiliary annual Bottles for Babies fundraiser! We will hand out empty baby bottles after all masses May 20 & 21.

Fill them up with spare change and return them the weekend of Father's Day June 17 & 18.

It's that easy! All proceeds are donated to Birthright Grand Junction, a pregnancy support service whose focus is on loving the mother, reminding her there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Please join us!



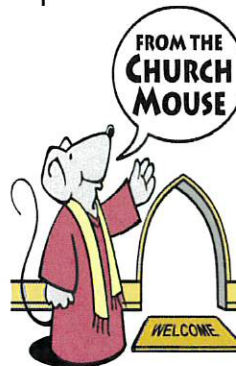
There will be a Memorial Day Mass celebrated at the Cavalry Section of the Orchard Mesa Cemetery at 10:00 am Monday May 29th



All are welcome!

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

Minister Schedule for May 27/28 2023**All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.****8:00 am May 27, Mass** (†) Cecilia Cutshaw by Joan Wasinger
President: Fr. Larry Radice**4:00 pm May 27 Mass** (†) Renee Phillips by Mike & Cindy Adams
President: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: Youth Mass

Hospitality: Youth Mass

Servers: Youth Mass

Lectors: Youth Mass

7:30 am May 28, Mass (†) Hank Kimbrell by Kimbrell Family
President: Fr. Larry Radice

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & 7 Volunteers

Hospitality: L. Duncan & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: K. Coomer

9:15 am May 28 Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
President: Fr. Selvanathan**10:00 am May 28 Mass** (I) Victoria, Claire, Daniel by Parents
President: Fr. Larry Radice

Eucharistic: C. Dotta, B. Schaneman & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: C. Dotta & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lectors: Y. Orehek & D. Seatvet

6:00 pm May 28, Mass (I) Kristin Rau by Friends
President: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: M. Calderone & 7 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Rastrelli Family

Servers: Aiden Rastrelli & 1 Volunteer

Lectors: M. Lipic

Calendar of Events Week of May 21, 2023

Sunday, May 21 7:30 am Mass
Knights Pancake Breakfast
You, Me and The Lottery Concert
 9:15 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
Knights Pancake Breakfast
You, Me and The Lottery Concert
 6:00 pm Mass

Monday, May 22 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 23 8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, May 24 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, May 25 8:00 am HFS Mass
 9:00 am "The Chosen" in the Youth Room

Friday, May 26 8:00 am Mass
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:00 Quinceanera Rehearsal

Saturday, May 27 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 12:00 noon Quinceanera
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Youth Mass
 Youth Fellowship to follow mass

Mass Intentions**Sunday May 21, 2023**

7:30 am - († & I) For All Mothers by IHM

10:00 am - († & I) For All Mothers by IMH

6:00 pm - († & I) For All Mothers by IHM

Monday May 22, 2023

8:00 am - († & I) For All Mothers by IHM

Tuesday May 23, 2023

8:00 am - († & I) For All Mothers by IHM

Wednesday May 24, 2023

8:00 am - (I) Jeri Schulz by Friend

Thursday May 25, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Clebe T. Gordon by Family

Friday May 26, 2023

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

Saturday May 27, 2023

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

4:00 pm (†) Renee Phillips by Mike Phillips & Cindy Adams

Readings for the Week of May 21, 2023**Sunday:** ACTS 1:1-11 EPH 1:17-23 MT 28:16-20**Monday:** ACTS 19:1-8 JN 16:29-33**Tuesday:** ACTS 20:17-27 JN 17:1-11a**Wednesday:** ACTS 20:28-38 JN 17:11b-19**Thursday:** ACTS 22:30; 23: 6-11 JN 17: 20-26**Friday:** ACTS 25:13b-21 JN 21:15-19**Saturday:** ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 JN 21:20-25

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

If the person's condition is terminal, the Church offers the Eucharist along with the Anointing of the Sick as food for the journey home. In this case, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prepares the person for a peaceful death with an assurance of the Church's, as well as the Lord's, help. Here the healing is spiritual in the forgiveness of sins and the preparation for death.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick touches us in the weakness of our human existence for the Lord wants to be involved when we are most vulnerable. It recognizes our frailty and assures us that even in our weakest or declining moments, God is right there to strengthen us. He will not leave us on our own.

And I can attest that participating in the Sacrament of Anointing with my mother has strengthened me and other members of our family in these trying days.

In comparing the Sacraments to human life...

*As we must nourish our bodies to live, we also must nourish ourselves spiritually through the reception of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

When we are physically sick we need remedies to heal us, when we are spiritually sick (sin) we are healed by the Sacrament of Penance. As our parents guide us spiritually and physically, the Pope, bishops, and priests, after receiving the Sacrament of Holy orders, guide us by administering the Sacraments for our spiritual life.

*As a society reproduces itself, the Church gains new members through the Sacrament of Matrimony. As we prepare for death by making peace with our loved ones, we prepare for eternity by making our final peace with God in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

In addition to Sanctifying Grace, each Sacrament gives us Sacramental Grace, to carry out each Sacrament. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Sacrament of Eucharist and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be received multiple times.

The sacrament of the Eucharist is a Sacrament of the Living - your soul must be in a sinless state to receive the Eucharist (Penance can restore a dead soul), most important Sacrament of the Living

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the Living - one can only receive while a person is in a state of grace.

Sacraments of the Living give the soul, already alive in grace, more grace, an increase in grace.

The Holy Eucharist is a Sacrament and a Sacrifice. Under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Jesus Christ is contained, offered, and received.

Jesus Christ changed ordinary bread and wine into His own Body and Blood. He then provided a means for all Catholics to receive Holy Eucharist for all time.

The Consecration at Mass is the greatest miracle on Earth! After the Consecration, each (bread and wine) contains Jesus Christ whole and entire, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. *It is not necessary to receive both the body and blood, as He is fully present in each.

Jesus Christ, by His almighty power, becomes our Divine Food to help us attain eternal life. He gives Himself COMPLETELY! Our senses fail to grasp what is happening!

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

Shirley Petroff & Bernadette Hendrickson

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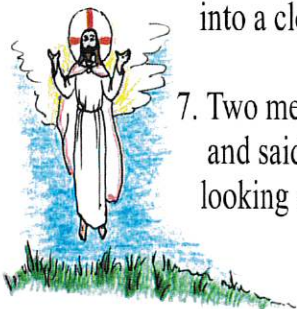
Kids Corner-Seventh Sunday of Easter

True or False about...
The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension?

*See if you know which of these are true
and which are false:*

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



Answer to True & False: 1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True
5. True 6. False 7. True

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Vacation Bible School

Volunteers Needed!

*VBS is scheduled June 5-9 from
9:00 am-Noon. At Holy Family School*

*We need Volunteer Catechists and youth
team Leaders. Please consider joining us
for this fun filled Stellar week!*

*Contact Bernadette in the Parish office
970-242-6121 X 204*



Feast of
Corpus Christi

All children who have received their First Communion this year are cordially invited by the Knights of Columbus to participate in the procession done at the Corpus Christi Mass. The procession will be done at all Sunday Masses on June 10th at 4 pm, and June 11th at 7:30am, 10 am and 5 pm. The children will be at the beginning of the procession following directly after the candle Bearers.

We hope you are able to join in the wonderful celebration.



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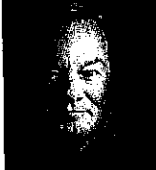
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