

# **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 & 5:00 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: 9:30 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 in the Seton Room

**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

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary**

*Happy  
Fathers  
Day!*





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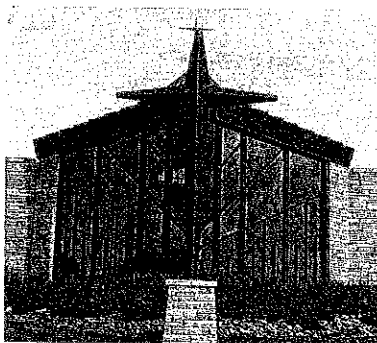
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and for all those written in the Red Book of Prayer.

If there is someone you wish to have put on our prayer list please contact Judy in the parish office after receiving permission from the person or persons.





**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: A:**  
**THE HARVEST IS PLENTY BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW**  
**(Ex: 19:2-6; Rom: 5:6-11; Mat: 9:36-10:8)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this homily. Today's first reading, from the Book of Exodus, we must wonder what was in the minds of God's "chosen people" when God says "I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself." When these chosen people fled from Egypt, it was a miraculous event in their lives. They never really believed that they could be free.

When Pharaoh's army pursued them, they must have felt that they would be destroyed, and yet the sea opened before them and they escaped. But that was the beginning. Then we hear all about their stories of not having enough water, not having enough food, of the problems of going through the desert—and on and on and on. This does not sound like being born up on eagle wings and being brought to the mountain of God!!

Sometimes we can get caught up in our own sufferings and not see what is really happening. If we look at the sufferings of the chosen people in the desert, we can't possibly describe it as being born up on eagle wings. On the other hand, if we look at their escape into freedom and their arriving at the mountain of God, we begin to understand the eagle wings. They could not have been there if God had not sustained them and helped them.

This is surely a part of the lesson of this Sunday that we are celebrating. We must begin to look at the deeper meanings of history, both the history of salvation and our own personal history of walking with God. So often we get caught up only in our present sufferings and don't keep an awareness of where God is leading us. Always God is leading us to encounter His divine presence.

In Matthew's Gospel today, we can also wonder about this Good News that Jesus asks the apostles to preach. They are to go only to the Jewish people and to proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. For us, this Kingdom may not mean very much. For the Jewish people of the time of Jesus, it probably meant that the Messiah had come and a lot of them would have hoped for freedom from the Romans and freedom to live their faith without interference from others. For some, this Kingdom would have meant a re-establishment of the previous Kingdom of Israel.

Jesus generally means that the Kingdom is the presence of God in the world. The Kingdom is truly present in you and in me when we are following God and trying to be faithful to God's word. The Kingdom is present within us. And when we join with others who are also faithful to the Word of God, then the Kingdom becomes present within the believing community.

So when Jesus sees that lots of people are looking for God and want to follow God, Jesus tells us that the harvest is abundant.

What about our own times? Are people looking for God? Are you looking for God? Am I looking for God? That is the challenge. That is the invitation. God invites us to seek the Kingdom. And as we seek, then we discover that the Kingdom is right here in our midst. Like the chosen people in Exodus, we shall suffer on the way to discover the Kingdom, even though it is right here.

Let us pray this Sunday for a deeper awareness of God's divine presence in personal lives and in the life of our Christian communities. Let us ask that the Holy Spirit will give us the vision to see how God is present in our world. May we have the power to ask for God's healing, for the life of those who are dying, for freedom from demons. Let us ask for the gift to see how we have been born up on eagle wings.

I wish you all Blessed Sunday and Wonderful Weekend. God Bless you. Fr. Selva.



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A warm  
welcome...



Please welcome  
our newest Staff  
Member  
Judy Hettinger.

Judy is the  
Pastoral Assistant and will handle  
many different jobs around  
our parish.

Don't hesitate to get to know her!

### Novenas

#### Father's Day Novena

will begin June 18 and go through June  
26th



### Holy Baptism



### Baptism at IHM

If you are looking to have your  
child baptized here at IHM these  
are the documents we have to  
have on file in our office before your Baptism can  
be scheduled.

These are mandated requirements  
from the Diocese:

1. Birth Certificate (state issued) of the child/  
person being baptized.
2. At Least one Godparent must be a  
Confirmed Catholic. They must submit a  
baptismal certificate with notations from their  
parish of baptism.
3. A letter from the parent explaining why they  
want their child baptized, how you plan on  
living the faith, and what you intend to do to  
help your child receive all the sacraments.
4. A letter from the godparent explaining how  
they will help their godchild with their faith  
throughout their life.

A class for parents and godparents may also  
be required.

Contact our Pastoral Assistant in the  
parish office to assist you with this process.



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

This position will be  
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maintenance duties within the  
church and outside on the property.

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Happy Father's Day! Why not give  
your husband a gift of a lifetime by  
spending a special weekend away with  
each other. Learn how to have a great  
marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage  
Encounter Experience on: 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.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org).



Father Chrysogonus will be  
resuming his Bible Study on  
Wednesday evenings  
from 6-7:00 pm.

The first study will begin with the  
Book of Revelation.

Join us for an evening of spiritual growth and  
wisdom in our Catholic Faith.

### Walk for Life

Mesa County Right to Life is sponsoring  
a rally and a **Walk for Life** on  
Saturday, June 24th beginning at noon  
at the old Mesa County Court House at  
6th and Rood. After the rally we will walk  
through downtown Grand Junction and  
regather at the parish hall at St. Joseph's  
Catholic Church at 3rd and White for lunch  
provided by the Knights of  
Columbus. Please join us.



Come out and take a **Stand for  
Life!** See [mcrtl@mcrtl.net](mailto:mcrtl@mcrtl.net) for  
details.



**Minister Schedule for June 24/25 2023****All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.****8:00 am June 24, Mass****Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele****4:00 pm June 24, Mass (†)****Presider: Fr. Selvanathan****Eucharistic:** B. Kline, B. Luff, M. Meyers, L. Stefan & 4 Volunteers**Hospitality:** R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** D. Dinkel**7:30 am June 25, Mass(†&I) Fathers Day Novena****Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele****Eucharistic:** J. Snoddy & 7 Volunteers**Hospitality:** L. Duncan, D. Lytle & 2 Volunteers**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** K. Porras**9:30 am June 25, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's****Presider: Fr. Selvanathan****10 am June 25, Mass(†&I) Fathers Day Novena****Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus****Eucharistic:** C. Dotta, J. Peugh, B. Schaneman & 5 Volunteers**Hospitality:** E. Bergethon, C. Dotta & 2 Volunteers**Servers:** 2 Volunteers**Lectors:** K. Bergethon**5:00 pm June 25, (†&I) Fathers Day Novena****Presider: Fr. Selvanathan****Eucharistic:** R. Thibault-Lloyd & 7 Volunteers**Hospitality:** Rastrelli Family**Servers:** A. Rastrelli & 1 Volunteer**Lectors:** 2 Volunteers**Calendar of Events Week of June 18, 2023****Sunday, June 18**

7:30 am Mass

Knights Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade

10:00 am Mass

Knights Pancake Breakfast

5:00 pm Mass



Happy Father's Day!


**Monday, June 19**

8:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, June 20**

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

**Wednesday, June 21**

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Bulk Mailing

**Thursday, June 22**

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am "The Chosen" in the Youth Room

**Friday, June 23**

8:00 am Mass

9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

6:00 pm Rosary- Chuck Rosa

**Saturday, June 24**

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Rosa Funeral

2:00-3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions****Sunday June 18, 2023**

7:30 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

10:00 am -(† &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

6:00 pm - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Monday June 19, 2023**

8:00 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Tuesday June 20, 2023**

8:00 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Wednesday June 21, 2023**

8:00 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Thursday June 22, 2023**

8:00 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Friday June 23, 2023**

8:00 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Saturday June 24, 2023**

8:00 am - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

4:00 pm - († &amp; I) Father's Day Novena

**Readings for the Week of June 18, 2023****Sunday:** EX 19:2-6a ROM 5:6-11 MT 9:36-10:8**Monday:** 2 COR 6:1-10 MT 5:38-42**Tuesday:** 2 COR 8:1-9 MT 5:43-48**Wednesday:** 2 COR 9:6-11 MT 6:1-6, 16-18**Thursday:** 2 COR 11:1-11 MT 6:7-15**Friday:** 2 COR 11:18, 21-30 MT 6:19-23**Saturday:** IS 49:1-6 ACTS 13:22-26 LK 1:57-66, 80



## Benediction

Continued from last week...

The aim of Benediction is that: "God himself, our Father and our Lord Jesus may direct our way. That our Lord Jesus Christ may increase and abound our love for one another and for all, and strengthen our hearts to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. 1Thessalonians 3:11-13. This will help us "to mend our ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of The Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you." Hebrews 13:20-21

It includes expositions of the Holy Eucharist in the Monstrance, (an open or transparent receptacle in which the consecrated Host is exposed for veneration). Monstrance derives from the Latin word monstrare, to show clearly.

The assembly usually sings a hymn of praise (O Salutaris Hostia written by St Thomas Aquinas). A time of silent prayer follows. Special devotion or Scripture readings are often part of the service. The service ends with a hymn of adoration. Then the priest wearing a shawl (Humeral) around his shoulders, without reached arms and hands covered by the shawl takes the Monstrance in both hands, raises it for all to witness and blesses the congregation with the sign of the cross.

Exposition, adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a devotion but the highlight of the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist; that Our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

### The History of Benediction:

The practice of exposition and Benediction began in the Middle Ages. People did not receive communion very often, so adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was the way in which they connected with Jesus in the Eucharist. The feast of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, began during this time. On that feast day the Eucharist was placed in a monstrance and carried in procession. Eventually a custom arose in Germany of Keeping the Eucharist exposed to view for a certain period of time in church. In France and elsewhere it became the custom to gather in church after work to sing songs to Mary. Over time, the two services merged: songs and chanted prayer accompanied the period when the Holy Eucharist was exposed.

The chosen people of Israel were called to be holy, set apart as God's own. We also as children of God are called to be holy. Not like everyone else in society, but the light in a dark world. We all may want to fit in, have the same monetary benefits and earthly pleasures as our neighbors. As God's children we are set apart on the day of our baptism, blessed to attain holiness at a higher level. The benefits are life eternal in our heavenly home. We are called to holiness. Benediction offers the blessing, the guidance, the opportunity to cultivate a personal relationship with our Creator, to reach for that holiness. None of us are perfect; none this side of heaven are perfectly holy. Through Benediction we open the gate to holiness and all the blessings the Lord has to offer.

Our lives tend to get "busy", cluttered with the demands and noise of this earthly home. On our journey we can use all the help, blessing, encouragement and love possible. Participation in Benediction is a perfect way to receive the blessing to maintain our strength on the path to our heavenly home.

Benediction is held at Immaculate Heart of Mary, after the 8:00 AM Mass on Fridays, followed by Adoration in the Chapel.

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele

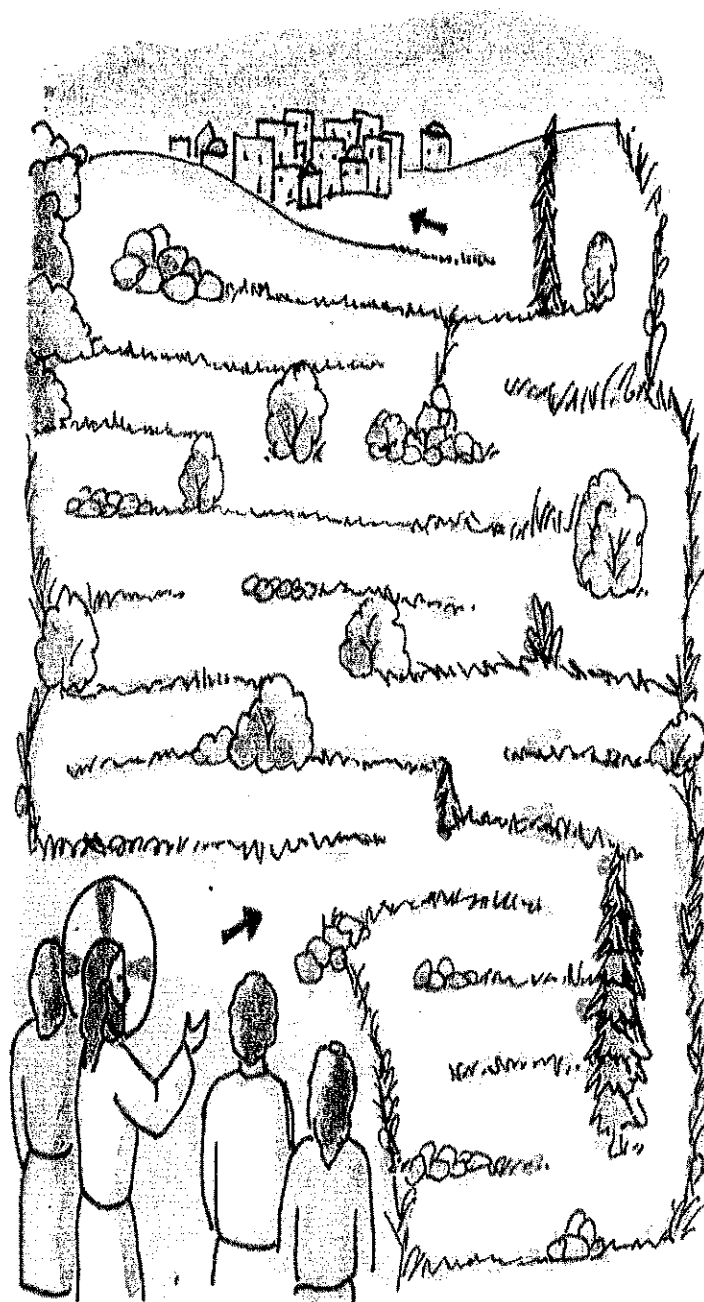
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## RAISING DISCIPLES TO INSPIRE RELATIONSHIPS WITH JESUS

## Kids Corner-Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus sent His Apostles to the surrounding towns to preach and heal. Can you find the way to the nearby town for the Apostles?*

Answer to Word Find: Apostles

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## Jesus Sends out the Apostles

### Word-Find

*Find the words in CAPITALS hidden in the puzzle.  
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.*

The names of the twelve apostles are these:  
first, Simon called PETER, and his brother ANDREW;  
JAMES, the son of Zebedee, and his brother JOHN;  
PHILIP and BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS and  
MATTHEW the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus,  
and THADDEUS; SIMON from Cana, and JUDAS Iscariot  
who betrayed him.

JESUS sent out these twelve after INSTRUCTING them  
thus, "Do not go into PAGAN territory or enter a  
SAMARITAN town. Go rather to the lost SHEEP of the  
HOUSE of ISRAEL. As you go, make this  
PROCLAMATION: 'The KINGDOM of heaven is at hand.'

IPKINGDOMAJP	Cure the SICK, raise
SABNTHOMASEO	the dead, cleanse
RGASSHEEPASD	LEPERS, drive out
AARTIGIVEMUE	DEMONS.
ENTRCSJTPASM	Without cost YOU have
LDHUKMAHERHO	received; without cost
PROCLAMATION	you are to GIVE."
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