

# **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

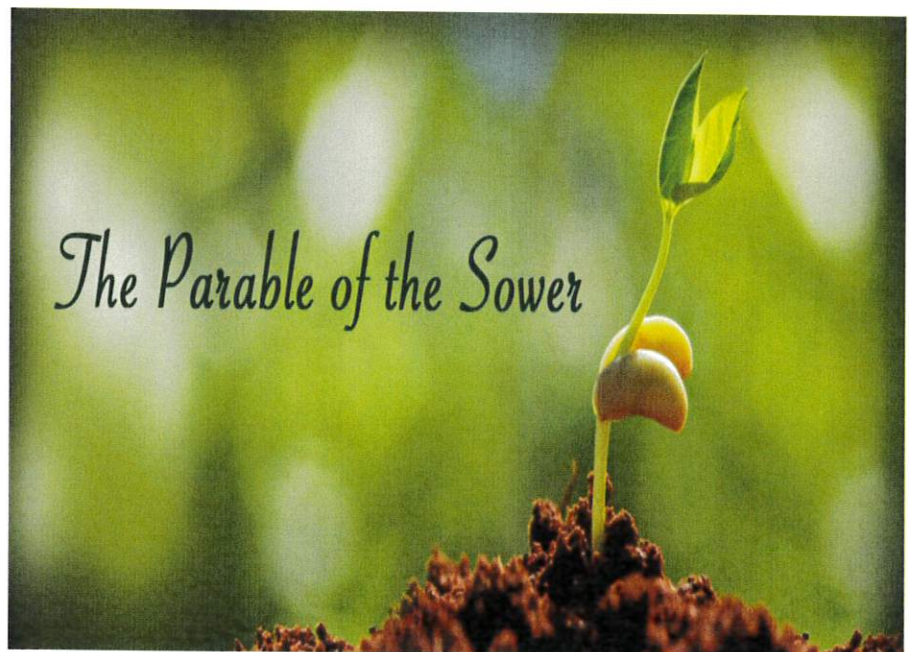
**Adoration:** Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

**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

*Fifteenth  
Sunday  
Ordinary  
Time*



*The Parable of the Sower*



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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.

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.

The Chosen series is over at IHM.

While we are awaiting the  
completion of filming for Season 4,  
there will be a showing of the movie

**Padre Pio, Miracle Man**

by Ignatius Press.

This 214 minute show will be broken  
down into four parts which will be  
approximately 50 minutes each.

Part one of this movie will be played  
after the Wednesday July 12 daily Mass,  
in the IHM Youth Room and will be  
completed on August 2nd. If you have  
any questions see the attached website  
for details on the show

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/  
Padre\\_Pio:\\_Miracle\\_Man](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padre_Pio:_Miracle_Man)

or call Bob or Terri Bianchi at  
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for schedule and times.



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: A:  
FRUITFULNESS OF THE WORD OF GOD  
(Is: 55: 10-11; Rom: 8: 18-23; Mat: 13: 1-23)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this passage Isaiah tells us that God cares for the earth by sending rains to make it fruitful. In the same way He sends His Word so that it may bring forth fruit in our lives. Isaiah assures us that the Word of God will not be empty but will surely accomplish its purpose.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. In this passage Paul instructs the Christian community in Rome and all of us that the glory which awaits us in the next life far outweighs all the sufferings and pains of our present times. He further assures us that the whole of creation is eagerly waiting for the liberation and glory which will be accomplished through Christ. In Christ all of us have become adopted sons and daughters and hence we will receive redemption of our mortal bodies.

**The parable of the sower**

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. In this passage we have the parable of the sower. Jesus compares the Word of God to the seeds that are sown in a field. In the first instance some seeds fell into the pathways. In the second instance some seeds fell on rocky ground and in the third instance some seeds fell on thorny bushes. In all the above three situations the seeds failed to produce the desired results due to various reasons. But in the final instance some seeds fell on good soil and they produced fruits- some thirty, some sixty and some hundred fold.

Jesus told this parable to His listeners to explain to them how the Word of God affects different types of people in the world.

In the later part of the Gospel Jesus explains this parable to His disciples. He highlights four different responses to the Word. As for those who hear the Word of God and do not understand it and the evil one comes and destroys it - they are like those seeds that fell on the road side. Then there are people who hear the Word of God and receive it with joy but when trials and difficulties come their way they give up following the Word- they are like those seeds that fell on rocky ground and failed to produce the desired results. Then there are people who listen to the Word of God but cares of the world choke them and they too fail to produce the desired results- they are like the seeds that fell among thorny bushes.

Finally there are people who hear the Word of God, they accept it and gladly put into practice in their daily lives - they are like seeds that fell on good soil, eventually producing the desired results. The theme of the parable has its echoes in the first reading from Prophet Isaiah that the Word of God is fruitful and will accomplish its purpose. In this context it is worth mentioning that many great works had very humble beginnings like the tiny seeds that fell on the ground.

***"It is not always granted to the sower to live to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith." - Albert Schweitzer.***

I wish you all a Lovely Weekend and Blessed Sunday. Thank you very much and God Bless you. Fr. Selva.



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**There are changes happening here at IHM!**

Our Columbarium expansion is now underway! There will be additional Niches available for a final resting place when the project is completed. A sidewalk is also being added for processions to the Columbarium during inurnments. Please be careful around the construction area on the west side of the church!

If you are attending or would like to attend our Friday Adoration we are asking that at least 3 people sign up per hour so the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. We do not want to shorten our hours of Adoration.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is looking to hire a Maintenance Assistant/Grounds Keeper. This position will be overseeing basic church 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](mailto:raluise@ihmgjt.org)*



The IHM Ladies Auxiliary extends heart felt gratitude to all of our generous parishioners for their contributions to our annual Bottles for Babies campaign this year. We collected over \$3800.00, 100% of which goes directly to Birthright Grand Junction. Birthright offers love, friendship and support to women who are pregnant or may be pregnant, focusing on loving the mother, reminding her there is hope and ensuring she is never alone.

God Bless you all!



**BIBLE STUDY**

*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*



**Catholic Daughter's News**

Mary Ann Romisch, a Catholic Daughter for sixty-three years, passed away on June 15, 2023. Catholic Daughters Court 941 has scheduled three masses at St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the repose of Mary Ann's soul. The masses will be on July 22 at 4:30 p.m., July 27 at 7 a.m. and August 6 at 9:30 a.m.



IHM is in need of volunteers for Eucharist Ministers to the Homebound. This is a very rewarding ministry if you would like to assist those who don't have the privilege of attending mass.

Please contact Judy Hettinger in the parish office at 970-242-6121



**Women Faith & Fun!**

Our next get together is Thursday July 20. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm prayer at 6:30 pm then fun & games. In the friendship room. Park in handicap parking lot. This is a wonderful way to meet other Catholic women. We will support and make friends through praying and playing. You are not alone as a faith-filled catholic woman. We look forward to seeing you.

**Minister Schedule for July 22/23, 2023**

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

**8:00 am July 22, Mass (†) IHM Parishioners**  
**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**4:00 pm July 22, Mass (†) Sal Sassano by Madonna Hayes**  
**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**Eucharistic:** M. Meyers, L. Stefan & 6 Vol.  
**Hospitality:** R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers  
**Servers:** 2 Volunteers  
**Lectors:** D. Dinkel

**7:30 am July 23, Mass(†) Manual & Irene Schmalz by George & Marie**  
**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**Eucharistic:** J. Snoddy & 7 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** L. Duncan, D. Lytle, G. Watts & 1 Volunteer  
**Servers:** E. Scott & N. Scott  
**Lectors:** C. Craig

**9:30 am July 23, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's**  
**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**10 am July 23, Mass(†) Sal Sassano by Art & Trish Weber**  
**Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele**

**Eucharistic:** C. Dotta, J. Peugh, B. Schaneman & 5 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** C. Dotta & 3 Volunteers  
**Servers:** 2 Volunteers  
**Lectors:** Y. Orehek & J. Simmons

**5:00 pm July 23, (I) IHM Staff**  
**Presider: Fr. Selvanathan**

**Eucharistic:** R. Thibault-Lloyd & 7 Volunteers  
**Hospitality:** Rastrelli Family  
**Servers:** A. Rastrelli & P. Jones  
**Lectors:** R. Jones & M. Jones

**Calendar of Events Week of July 16, 2023**

**Sunday, July 16** 7:30 am Mass  
 Knights Pancake Breakfast  
 10:00 am Mass  
 Knights Pancake Breakfast  
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade  
 5:00 pm Mass

**Monday, July 17** 8:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, July 18** 8:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

**Wednesday, July 19** 8:00 am Mass  
 9:00 am Bulk Mailing  
 9-10:00 am Movie in Youth Room  
 6-7:00 pm Bible Study

**Thursday, July 20** 8:00 am Mass  
 1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer  
 6-9:30 pm Women Faith Fun

**Friday, July 21** 8:00 am Mass  
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

**Saturday, July 22** 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday July 16, 2023**

7:30 am - (†) Janet O'Driscoll by Larry & Mary Moran  
 10:00 am - (†) Bus Williams by Family  
 5:00 pm- (I) Fr. Larry Radice

**Monday July 17, 2023**

8:00 am - (†) Sister Mary Glenn OSB by Centering Prayer-  
 Group & Friends

**Tuesday July 18, 2023**

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

**Wednesday July 19 2023**

8:00 am- (I) Jeanice Koon by Darell Smeaton

**Thursday July 20, 2023**

8:00 am- (I) Jim & Patricia Caffrey by Mary Conditt

**Friday July 21, 2023**

8:00 am- (I) Larry Weber by Brian & Cathy Luebbers

**Saturday July 22, 2023**

8:00 am - (I) IHM Parishioners  
 4:00 pm- (†) Sal Sassano by Madonna Hayes

**Readings for the Week of July 16, 2023**

**Sunday:** IS 55:10-11 ROM 8:18-23 MT 13:1-23

**Monday:** EX 1:8-14, 22 MT 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday:** EX 2:1-15a MT 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** EX 3:1-6, 9-12 MT 11:25-27

**Thursday:** EX 3:13-20 MT 11:28-30

**Friday:** EX 11:10-12:14 MT 12:1-8

**Saturday:** SGS 3:1-4b JN 20:1-2, 11-18

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS THE LOVE OF GOD; BY NADINE DRAKE**

Continued from last week...

In the gospel of John, Jesus says "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) Before Jesus gave us His Body and Blood at the Last Supper He talked about giving it to us out of love; when he said, "whoever eats my Body and drinks my Blood dwells in me and I in him." (Jn. 6:53-58) This union is the highest act of love.

In the Old Testament, God told Moses to have a Passover meal in which a paschal lamb had to be sacrificed and eaten. After the paschal lamb was prepared in haste, the blood of the lamb was to be put on the doorpost and lintel to have the angel of death pass over those houses. The Israelites' firstborns were spared due to the blood of the lamb on their doorposts, Exodus 12:13. The Passover is spoken about in the book of Exodus where it says "they shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it." (Exodus 12:8). When they were told about the Passover they were told about it with special instructions of how to prepare the sacrifice and meal. Henceforth the Mass is also laid out in a special way according to the way in which Jesus said.

Out of love for us, God the Father gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ, to be like us in all things, but sin. While on earth Jesus instituted all of the sacraments, but the highest was the Instituting of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper on the day before he was to die. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith as Catholics. The Holy Eucharist is the highest of all because it not only gives grace to one who receives Him worthy but also holds the "*the Author and Source of all grace*, Jesus Christ Himself". The "Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine." (Means of Grace). The Holy Eucharist is not only a Sacrament but also a perfect sacrifice that is lasting as long as the appearances are not changed.

The perfect Sacrifice of love is Jesus Christ. On coming to the earth Jesus knew that He was going to suffer, but he accepted it out of love for the Father and us. At the start of Holy Week, Jesus had a lovely welcoming into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. People laid down palms and their clothing for Him to walk on because they knew He was Holy. During that week, however, things changed in people's hearts. Due to the devil, Judas betrayed Jesus for the earthly short-term pleasure of money, just as still do today. From then on Jesus knew that His death was underway, but was not yet ready to undergo the brutal torture, just as we are not ready to die for our faith.

On the night of before he died, Jesus gathered His disciples at a table, then began to wash each of their feet in turn. He washed their feet out of love to show them the way in which to be servant leaders to others. He washed their feet to get them ready for the Sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist. He also washed their feet in order to make them part of Him. He said "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." (John 13:8). Jesus also shared and created Holy Priesthood by teaching the apostles and feeding them His Body and Blood; and by the mandate: "do this in memory of ME." Again, that night at the table Jesus "took bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take this and eat: this is My Body." After "He took the chalice with wine in it, blessed and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Drink this all of you: this is My Blood." Then He charged them to "Do this for a commemoration of Me" (Means of Grace). Jesus loved us so much that He gave us His Body and Blood before He was put to death. To this day, we still celebrate this perfect Gift, Sacrament, and Sacrifice that Jesus gave to us: his love for and for the whole world.

Continued next week...



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Kids Corner-Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Isaiah 55 Unscramble

*Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!*

Thus says the \_\_\_\_: [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the \_\_\_\_ [NIRA] and \_\_\_\_ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the \_\_\_\_, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving \_\_\_\_ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and \_\_\_\_ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

so shall my word be

that goes forth from my \_\_\_\_; [TOUMH]

my \_\_\_\_ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I \_\_\_\_ [NTSE] it.





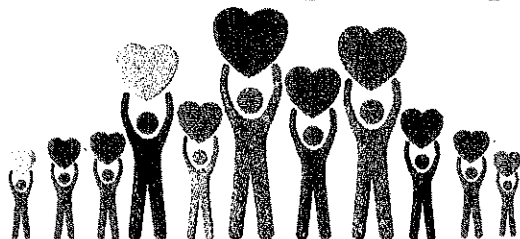
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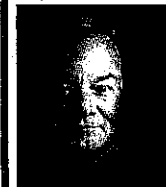
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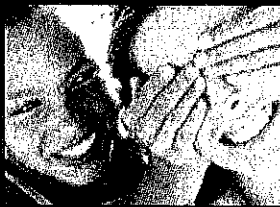
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