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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, 5:00 pm
 Holy Day Masses 8:00 am & 5:00 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

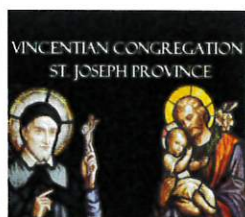


**St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:30 am Holy Days: TBD
10:30 am Mass each Tuesday of the month**

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

Fr. Joseph J Arackal will be visiting all masses this weekend for a second special mission collection, to help the Missionary works of the Vincentian Missionaries. They are engaged in work in all parts of India, Sri Lanka & Nepal. They carry out educational and charitable activities in their missions and need our help.



Please be generous with
your mission offering.

Twentieth Sunday

Do you Possess
the faith



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

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2:00-3:30

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Please Pray For:



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Therese Cooper, Jan Sewell, Augustine DeFurio,
Barbara Katzer, Mark Brozina, Dorothy Alzes,
Natalia Souza, Jean Sullivan, Marena Fritzler,
Justin Marchun, Dick Neville, Phyllis Veale,

Jenna Veale, Kelsay Shackleford, Shirley Armstrong, Marie Blee,
Beckett Diers, Cindy Lively, Anthony Mundschau, Laely Allons, Sue Burns,
Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Lorita Perry, Dori Smeaton, Nancy Boggus,
Tiffany Hughes, Bernard Kochevar, Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger,
Veronica Cukro, Tia Hasley, Rich Jurewicz, Penney Barger,
Karen Hernandez, Alice Bristol, Diane Gigliotti, Gerry Lemarr,
Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram, Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, 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.

Healing Masses

IHM will have a
Healing Mass on the
second Wednesday of every month.
For all those suffering from Cancer,
serious illness, any type of
disease, healing after surgery and all
who need healing of mind,
body & Spirit.

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

If you would like to volunteer for
a healing mass please call
the parish office 970-242-6121 or
there will be a sign up sheet in the
Narthex by the Chapel available two
weeks before a healing mass.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: A: PROMISE OF UNIVERSAL SALVATION

(Is: 56: 1, 6-7; Rom: 11:13-15 and 29-32; Matt: 15: 21-28)

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all though this homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this passage Isaiah looks beyond the chosen people. He affirms that the Lord God's salvation is inclusive of all people (everyone) and not limited to one's nationality, race or religion. It is open to all who worship the Lord God with sincerity of heart no matter where they come from.

Second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to Romans. Paul explains to the Christian community in Rome and all of us that God never takes back His call and His gifts. In order to receive the gifts of God and live His call, we need to accept Jesus Christ. We can receive mercy from God by turning away from our sinful ways and by returning to the love of God.

Canaanite woman's daughter is healed by Jesus.

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. A Canaanite woman pleads with Jesus to heal her daughter from an evil possession. Jews and Canaanites had a hostile relationship. At first Jesus does not respond to her desperate cries. The disciples plead with Jesus to grant her request because she had become a headache for them. Jesus then cites the reason for his inaction. His ministry is limited to the Jews. It is not reasonable that the bread of children is given to the house dogs. He has come to bring back the lost sheep of Israel. However this woman does not take Jesus' no for an answer but persisted with her request. She humbly accepted her unworthiness. Her persistent prayer finally makes Jesus to grant her wish and her daughter gets healed.

This miracle story illustrates to us the following: 1. To be persistent in our prayers even if our prayers are not immediately answered. 2. No one is to be denied of God's love, mercy and healing touch because he or she does not belong to a particular community or a particular religious tradition.

"God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realize that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness and for compassion." - Bishop Desmond Tuto

*"The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings which are part of one another and all involved in one another."
- Thomas Merton.*

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

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**Deanery Eucharistic
Gathering**

Saturday September 9, at St.
Mary's in Montrose, from 9:00
am-3:00 pm.

Everyone is invited!

Come gather with the other parishes in our
area to celebrate our faith in our
Eucharistic Lord!

Hear how the Holy Spirit is bringing people
closer to Jesus in our parishes!

Be inspired by our shepherd,
Bishop Stephen Berg!

Be equipped with tools for sharing the good
news of the Eucharist in our parish!

If you would like to attend

Please register at:

diopueblo.org/md-deanery-gatherings

Early registration will assist with luncheon and
room capacity numbers. Thank you!



Attention Eucharist Assembly (Mass) Minister's!

There will be a training
Tuesday September 12 at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary.

This training will bring all
Assembly Eucharist Ministers (not homebound)
together using the same procedures
given by Church teachings for those of you
who serve at mass. Questions and concerns will
be welcome.

To sign up please contact
Judy Hettinger in the Parish
office at 970-242-6121



*Please join Father Chrysogonus Wednesday
evenings from 6-7:00 pm for Bible Study in
the friendship room. The first study will be
the Book of Revelation. Join us for an evening of
spiritual growth and wisdom in our Catholic Faith.*

RE+TROUVAILLE
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Another marriage saving weekend is coming soon!

Please help families in your community.

Our next weekend is September 8-10, 2023.

Help us get the word out about this important
ministry for troubled/struggling marriages.

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on September 8-10, 2023, call (720) 257-9106 or
email: retrouvaille.co@gmail.com or visit the

website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Attention!

All Middle and High School
students! We are excited to
announce the return of middle and
high school youth group! Our youth
group will meet on Wednesdays in
the Youth Room from 6pm-7pm. Come join us as
we play games, enjoy food, and tap into our
creative gifts.

**Be sure to join us for our first meeting on
Wednesday, September 6th and feel free to bring
your friends!**



A representative will visit
Immaculate Heart of Mary church the
weekend of August 26 & 27th.

He/she will be available to answer questions,
collect names and numbers of those who are
interested in signing up for a stroke scan.

The scanning will take place on
September 7 & 8th here at the church.

Additional information is in the Narthex

Minister Schedule for August 26/27, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Aug. 26, Mass (†) Carl Stewart by Family
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00 pm Aug. 26, Mass (†) Maureen Bernadene McCarroll by
Pat Graves
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, E. Hoy, J. Rau, L. Stefan & 4 Vol.'s
Hospitality: R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: D. Dinkel & B. Luff

7:30 am Aug. 27, Mass (†) Chuck Rosa by Friends
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: J. Snoddy & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: L. Duncan, G. Watts & 2Vol.
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: M. Katzer

9:30 am Aug. 27, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10 am Aug. 27, Mass (I) IHM Staff
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: C. Dotta, D. Peugh, J. Peugh B. Schaneman & 3Vol.'s
Hospitality: C. Dotta & 3 Volunteers
Servers: D. Hurd & 1 Volunteer
Lectors: M. Hurd & G. Hurd

5:00 pm Youth Mass Aug. 27, (I) IHM Youth
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: 8 Volunteers
Hospitality: A. Rastrelli Family
Servers: A. Rastrelli & 1 Volunteer
Lectors: 2 Volunteers

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: IS 56:1, 6-7 ROM 11:13-15, 29-32 MT 15:21-28

Monday: JGS 2:11-19 MT 19:16-22

Tuesday: JGS 6:11-24a MT 19:23-30

Wednesday: JGS 9:6-15 MT 20:1-16

Thursday: RV 21:9b-14 JN 1:45-51

Friday: RU 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 MT 22:34-40

Saturday: RU 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 MT 23:1-12

Calendar of Events Week of August 20, 2023

Sunday, Aug. 20 7:30 am Mass
 Knights Pancake Breakfast after mass
 8:45-9:45 Sac Prep
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 Knights Pancake Breakfast after mass
 11:30 am Faith Formation, Confirmation,
 RCIA & Sac Prep
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, Aug. 21 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 22 8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Aug. 23 8:00 am Mass
 6-7:00 pm Faith Formation, RCIC, Sac Prep
 6-7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, Aug. 24 8:00 am Mass

Friday, Aug. 25 8:00 am Mass
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel

Saturday, Aug. 26 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 2:00-3:30 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass Mission Sunday
 Stroke Scan Sign-ups

Mass Intentions

Sunday Aug. 20, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Doris Stewart by Family
 10:00 am -(I) IHM Parishioners
 5:00 pm-(†) Bernard & Irene Hoffman by Mike Hoffman

Monday Aug. 21, 2023

8:00 am -(†) Jennifer Demond by Mom

Tuesday Aug. 22, 2023

8:00 am -(I) Doreen DeMond by Mom

Wednesday Aug. 23, 2023

8:00 am-(†) Sal Sassano by Kathy

Thursday Aug. 24, 2023

8:00 am- (†) Valerie Hoagland by Justine Tilger

Friday Aug. 25, 2023

8:00 am-(†) Judy Mohrenweiser by Friends

Saturday Aug. 26, 2023

8:00 am -(†) Carl Stewart by Family
 4:00 pm-(†) Maureen Bernadene McCarroll by Pat Graves

Transforming Distractions At Mass and Eucharistic Adorations

We live in a very noisy, busy, loud world, full of distractions. It seems we are always at battle with distractions, whether they be from within ourselves, caused by others or caused by things.

The commute to work starts most of our days, with cars racing by, aggravated drivers beeping their horn, sirens making us look for the latest catastrophe, rocks dropping, or animals jumping in front of us to cross the road. Then there's the harsh weather; severe heat, blizzards or storms. Even in the grocery store and shopping mall, music and announcements blare, busy shoppers push around us, many of them talking or texting on their cell phone and not even noticing they cut in front of us. Cash registers and card readers beeping. The stores try to compensate by installing fake waterfalls, plants and air-conditioning. Even our homes are a metropolis of noise; phones ringing and pinging, television blaring, video games with their repetitive music and sound effects.

The postmodern man is an enclave of noise and distraction. Each one of us receives a daily BOOM of information, which we cannot hope to process in a year's time. Most of it is just junky noisy distraction.

It would seem that one safe haven of peace and tranquility would be in the solitude of a parish church. Be that as it may, the church may not always be the quiet place of reflection we had hoped. On a typical worshipping day, there is always someone who arrives late for Mass, someone who forgets to turn his cell phone to silent mode. The church is always blessed with a crying infant or a toddler who has dropped their toys and they have just rolled under your seat. Sometimes, couples announce their presence by whispering in the pew behind you. The distraction could come from a squeaky kneeler or the bang-drop of one that slipped out of a parishioner's hand.

Since we bring all our problems to the Lord, our coughing and sneezing represents one more way we are all a little imperfect in our ability to distract. Such is the Church of Christ: perfect but endowed with imperfection, human and present in this world - yet divine and heavenly oriented. For this reason, sometimes in the church, silence itself is very noisy and more deafening.

Trust me; there will always be distractions in the place of worship irrespective of worshippers' maturity and the organizational congruence of the administrators. There will always be mental distractions. In deed our mental absence is equally distracting especially in times of worship and prayers. Hence a poet exclaimed, "Not you oh Lord, but us are absent". The mother Church, while teaching her children, recognizes the presence of distractions in prayers. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The habitual difficulty in prayer is distraction. It can affect words and their meaning in vocal prayer; it can concern, more profoundly, Him to whom we are praying in vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer."

To set about hunting down distractions would be to fall into their trap, when all that is necessary is to turn back to our heart: for distraction reveals to us what we are attached to and this humble awareness before the Lord should awaken our preferential love for Him and lead us resolutely to offer Him our heart to be purified. Therein lies the battle, the choice of which master to serve." (CCC 2729) To be continued next week...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele & Shirley Petroff



Registrations for Faith Formation!

We are still accepting registrations for Grades K-12 Faith Formation classes. **Classes begin this week August 20.**

Sacramental Prep Classes (First Communion & Reconciliation) are being offered Sundays 8:30-9:30 am, 11:30-12:30 pm or Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm. Confirmation classes are planned for Sundays from 11:30-12:30 pm.

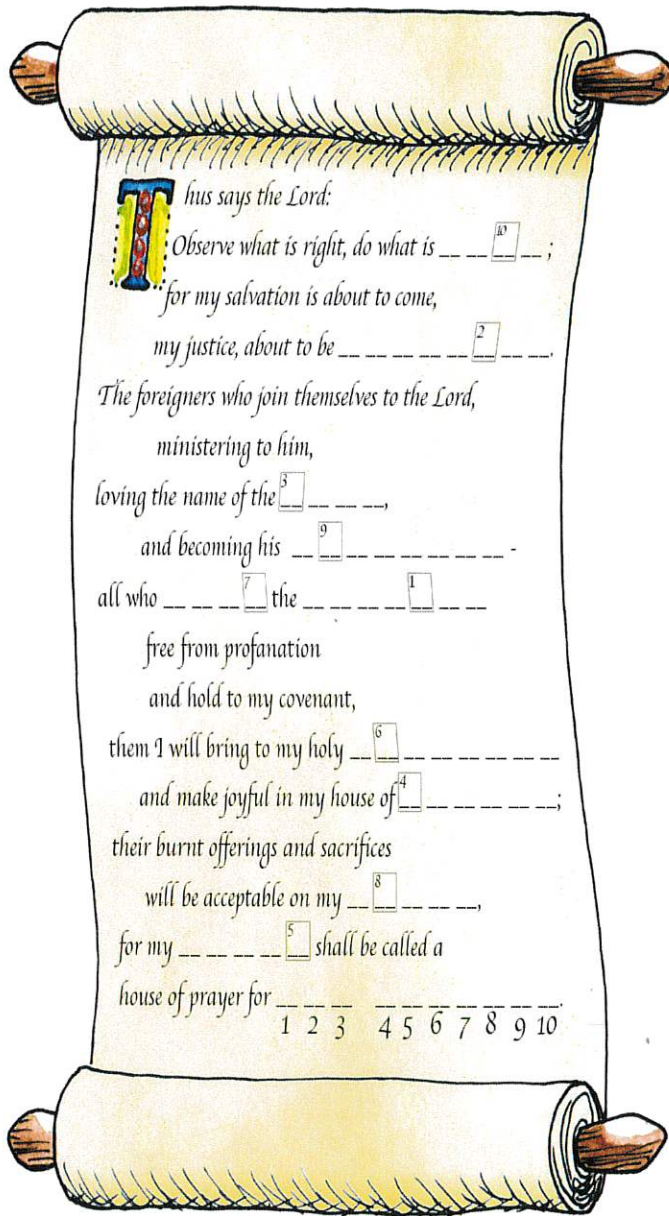
All other classes are scheduled Wednesday nights 6-7:00

Please contact Bernadette in the parish office at 970-242-6121 ext.204 to volunteer or for more information.

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Kids Corner- Twentieth Sunday

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



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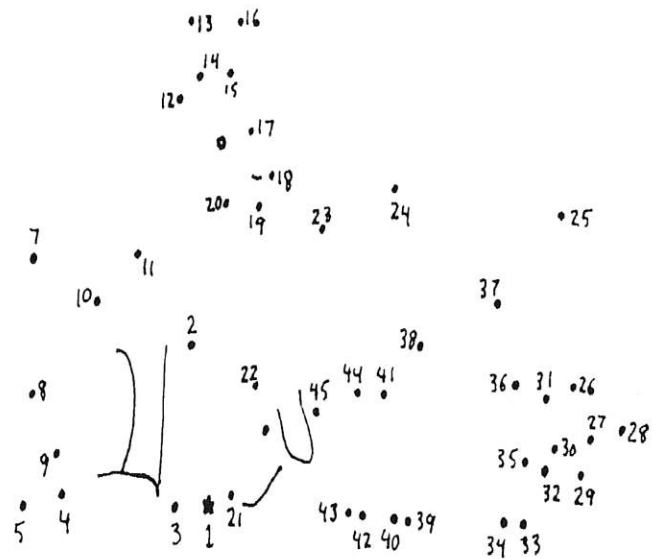
REVEALED
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SERVANTS
SABBATH

KEEP
JUST
LORD

Dot to dot: dogs
Fill in the blanks: just, servants, Lord, revealed, revealed, altar, house, ALL PEOPLES
Prayer, Sabbath, mountain, servants, keep, Sabbath, mountain, prayer.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus,
"But even the _____ eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!



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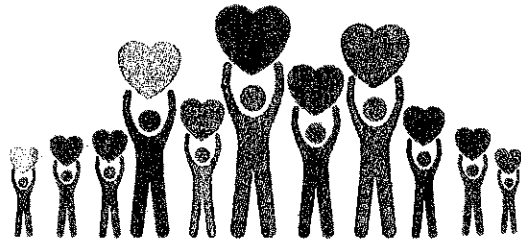
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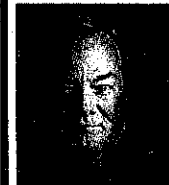
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