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SUNDAY MASSES
MISAS DOMINICALES

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
Saturday Vigil	**Domingo**
5:00PM	**12:00 PM**
Sunday	**7:00 PM**
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	
5:00 PM	
(Livestream on IC Monrovia Facebook)	

RECONCILIATION
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Saturday/ Sábado	(indoor / adentro) 3:00-4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES
MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
MONDAY – FRIDAY	***LUNES-VIERNES***
7:30 AM	**5:00 PM**
SATURDAY	
7:30 AM	

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Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

We the faith community of Immaculate Conception, empowered by our Baptism, commit ourselves to live the Gospel message. Affirmed through the grace of our *Eucharistic celebrations, it is our vision to reach out lovingly in prayer, formation and service.*

Declaración de la misión de la Inmaculada Concepción

Nosotros, la comunidad de fe de la Inmaculada Concepción, facultados a través de nuestro Bautismo, nos comprometemos a vivir el mensaje del Evangelio. Afirmado en la gracia de nuestras celebraciones Eucarísticas, es nuestra visión el poder alcanzarlos cariñosamente en oración, formación y servicio.

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Please pray for Intentions of the Week

Por favor oremos por las Intenciones de la semana

Saturday December 17th
5:00PM English
Michelle & Carina Arias (L)
Victor T. Oyama (D)
David Twing (D)
Angelica Gonzalez (D)

Sunday December 18th
8:00AM English
Gudelia Hernandez (L)
Nicandra Hernandez (L)
Izzy & Lydia Arias (L)
Henry & Melba Navarro (D)

10:00AM English
Armando Laygo (D)
Anallie Fortunato (D)
Alfredo Fortunato (D)

12:00PM Spanish
Adrian Manzano (D)
Sydney Blake (D)
Jose G. Guerrero Garcia (D)
Jose Angel Ramirez (D)
Jose Humberto Rodriguez (D)
Jose Dominguez (D)
Bertila Dominguez (D)

5:00PM English
Souls of Purgatory

7:00PM Spanish
Ivan Castellon (D)

Monday December 19th
7:30AM English
Brittany Briner (L)

5:00PM Spanish
Pedro Gutierrez (D)

Tuesday December 20th
7:30AM English
Joy Silva (D)
Patricia Silva (D)
Loy Silva (D)
Siripathy Jayamaha (D)
St. Anthoy, Thanksgiving

5:00PM Spanish
Erdine Yuang (D)

Wednesday December 21st
7:30AM English
Raymond Sanders (D)

5:00PM Spanish
Jessica Valdez Valdivia (L) Birthday

Thursday December 22nd
7:30AM English
Jose Martin Reyes (D)
Eduardo Bacala (D)
Jacinto Bertho (D)

5:00PM Spanish
Anita Valdez (L) Birthday

Friday December 23rd
7:30AM English
Carmelita Sisters Casa Convent (L)
Carmelita Sisters Duarte (L)
Carmelita Sisters Sacred Hearts Convent (L)
Sister Teresita Gonzales, OCD (L)
Sister Michelle Clines, OCD (L)
Sister Therese Zamacoma, OCD (L)
Sister Mary James Magan, OCD (L)

5:00PM Spanish
Por las Almas de Pugatorio

Saturday December 24
No 7:30AM English Mass

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

* For the health and safety of all our families.
* All who work in the medical field or are first Responders.
* For those who are suffering from COVID-19 and for an end to COVID-19.
* For the priests of our parish Fr. Deus Najja and Fr. Joachim Lepcha
* For all students at home and at school to stay strong and motivated.
* For our community that they may see God's love and mercy during these difficult times.

We also pray for the sick and deceased of our community:

For The sick:
- Irma Castañeda
- Bartolo De la Torre
- Robert McCreary
- Michael Holguin
- Judith Hernandez

For the Deceased:
- Mary Dolores Strode
- David Twing
- Laura Fernandez
- Edmund Beardsley

Join us for Adoration every Wednesday And Friday after 7:30 a.m. English mass.

Acompáñenos en la Adoración todos los Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes antes de la misa en Español de las 5:00 p.m.

God of flesh

God keeps his promise as prophet Isaiah foretold *"A virgin shall be with child and bear a son,"* (Is. 7:14) who was to be the savior of the world and God did keep his word by becoming man in the person of Jesus. Yes, Mighty God is in flesh. So, God needs to prepare a family, a model family to whom He will incarnate. How is it possible?

Everything is possible with God. *"Before Mary and Joseph lived together, she was found to be with child through the power of Holy Spirit."* (Mt. 1:18) Joseph who is from the *"son of David,"* the child to be born will come from the house of David. For Joseph an adopted child was as much a child of the adoptive parents as any biological parents. He is the father of Jesus and Mary the mother to whom Archangel Gabriel confirmed the message of becoming the mother of God, Emmanuel is with us in human flesh. The just man from Nazareth took Mary in his house. He offered the young pregnant Mary a roof over her head and a family lineage. He provided her a place, and a people. The land and the people are very important to any human society. Refugees and immigrants have no country, no place of belonging. Children who are passed from foster home to foster home do not know that security of belonging. Jesus has got a place, a home, and a family.

He had a perfect family who were chosen to be parents of God. He grew up with all wisdom and knowledge and in a holy family. The most important thing is that when God became man, human nature was raised to a divine dignity. The Son of God united himself in some fashion with every human being, as a result, everything on earth is being sanctified and every existing planet share a spark of God's spiritual beauty. All creation has been illuminated by his divine light.

In this human flesh He saved salvation from sins, gave us holiness, grace, and peace. This is the time we reaffirm our faith that *"God is with us"* and will be with us to the end of time. As Saint Paul proclaims, *"Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, Including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ."* (Rom. 1:1-7)

Father Joachim Lepcha

Dios de carne y hueso

Dios cumple su promesa, como predijo el profeta Isaías: *"La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo"* (Is 7,14), que iba a ser el salvador del mundo, y Dios cumplió su palabra haciéndose hombre en la persona de Jesús. Sí, el Dios Poderoso está en carne y hueso. Así pues, Dios necesita preparar una familia, una familia modelo a la que encarnar. ¿Cómo es posible?

Todo es posible con Dios. "*Antes de que María y José vivieran juntos, ella se encontró encinta por obra del Espíritu Santo".* (Mt. 1,18) José, que es "hijo de David", el niño que nacerá procederá de la casa de David. Para José, un niño adoptado era tan hijo de los padres adoptivos como de los biológicos. Él es el padre de Jesús y María la madre a la que Arcángel Gabriel confirmó el mensaje de convertirse en la madre de Dios, Emmanuel está con nosotros en carne humana. El justo de Nazaret acogió a María en su casa. Ofreció a María, joven y embarazada, un techo y un linaje. Le proporcionó un lugar y un pueblo. La tierra y el pueblo son muy importantes para cualquier sociedad humana. Los refugiados y los inmigrantes no tienen patria, ni lugar de pertenencia. Los niños que pasan de un hogar de acogida a otro no conocen esa seguridad de pertenencia. Jesús tiene un lugar, un hogar y una familia.

Tuvo una familia perfecta que fue elegida para ser padres de Dios. Creció con toda sabiduría y conocimiento y en una familia santa. Lo más importante es que cuando Dios se hizo hombre, la naturaleza humana fue elevada a una dignidad divina. El Hijo de Dios se unió de alguna manera con cada ser humano, como resultado, todo en la tierra está siendo santificado y cada planeta existente comparte una chispa de la belleza espiritual de Dios. Toda la creación ha sido iluminada por su luz divina.

En esta carne humana nos salvó de los pecados, nos dio la santidad, la gracia y la paz. Este es el momento en que reafirmamos nuestra fe en que *"Dios está con nosotros"* y estará con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos. Como proclama San Pablo: *"Por medio de Cristo hemos recibido la gracia y el apostolado para suscitar la obediencia de la fe entre todos los gentiles por amor de su nombre, incluidos vosotros, llamados a pertenecer a Jesucristo"*. (Rom. 1:1-7)

Padre Joachim Lepcha

Come Join Us

2022

Simbang Gabi

Jesus is the Bread of Life and the Light of Our Homes.
Si Hesus ang Tinapay ng Buhay at Liwanag ng Ating Tahanan.

Immaculate Conception Church
December 19, 2022 (Monday)
7:00 PM

Fellowship will follow at the Hall. If you want to volunteer/donate, please contact:
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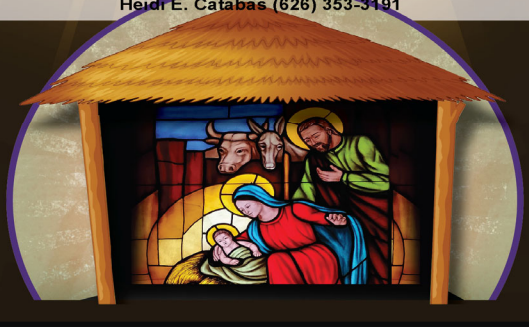

Merry CHRISTMAS

Happy Holidays

Feliz Navidad

On behalf of Father Joachim Lepcha, Father Deus Najja and Immaculate Conception Staff. We wish you and your family Happy Holiday!

En nombre del Padre Joachim Lepcha, Padre Deus Najja y el personal de la Inmaculada Concepción. Le deseamos a usted y a su familia ¡Felices Fiestas!

Advent Penance Service
Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place
December 21, 2022, from 7:00pm
* No prior reservation is needed.

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación se llevará a cabo
diciembre 21, 2022 a las 7:00 pm
*No es necesario hacer reservación.

Due to our Christmas holidays, our office will be closed from the 23rd at noon, and we will be back until the 27th.
Have a Merry Christmas with all your family and friends.

¡Happy Birthday Jesus!

CHRISTMAS CHILDRENI
It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.
—Charles Dickens

OUR FASCINATING FAITH
Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of Las Posadas seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous Misas de Aguinaldo were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (posada) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the “O Antiphons” of the official liturgy, these posadas were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of Las Posadas has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Immaculate Conception Church

December 24, 2022,
Mass at 9:00pm Bilingual

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

8:00am Mass (Eng)

10:00am Mass (Eng)

12:00PM Mass (Sp)

24 de Diciembre de 2022, Misa a las 9:00pm Bilingüe

Día de Navidad

25 de Diciembre de 2022

Misa de las 8:00am (Ing)

Misa de las 10:00am (Ing)

Misa de las 12:00PM (Esp)

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

For 2022

Let us joyfully celebrate this coming Christmas Season 2022 with these beautiful poinsettias.

The secular world has already bypassed our Advent season of waiting and preparing for the beautiful reminder of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The shops are filled with Christmas decorations, and everyone is looking ahead to December 25.

Please consider making a poinsettia donation; monetary, use the drop box at the parish office, write in the memo box Poinsettia. Or deliver a 6" red or white poinsettia from *December 15th through December 23rd* anytime to the church. We need 100 poinsettias, and we can't do it without your support.

DONACIONES DE NOCHEBUENA

Para 2022

Celebremos con alegría estas próximas Navidades de 2022 con estas hermosas flores de Nochebuena.

El mundo secular ya ha pasado por alto nuestra temporada de Adviento de espera y preparación para el hermoso recordatorio del nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Las tiendas están llenas de adornos navideños y todo el mundo espera con impaciencia el 25 de Diciembre.

Por favor considere hacer una donación de nochebuena; monetaria, use el buzón en la oficina parroquial, escriba en la casilla de memo Nochebuena. O entregue una Nochebuena roja o blanca de 6" desde el *15 de Diciembre hasta el 23 de Diciembre* en cualquier momento a la iglesia. Necesitamos 100 Nochebuenas, y no podemos hacerlo sin su apoyo.

Immaculate Conception Church

December 31, 2022
New Year's Eve

7:30am Mass (Eng)
5:00pm Mass (Eng)

January 1, 2023
New Year's Day

8:00am Mass (Eng)
10:00am Mass (Eng)
12:00pm Mass (Sp)

31 de Diciembre 2022
Nochevieja

Misa de 7:30am (Ing)
Misa de 5:00pm (Ing)

1 de Enero 2023
Día de Año Nuevo

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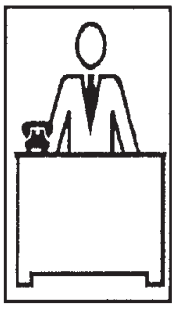

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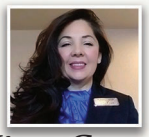

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