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February 5, 2023



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### SUNDAY MASSES MISAS DOMINICALES

ENGLISH  
Saturday Vigil  
5:00PM  
Sunday  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

( Livestream on  
IC Monrovia  
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ESPAÑOL  
Domingo  
12:00 PM  
7:00 PM

### RECONCILIATION RECONCILIACION

Saturday/ Sábado      3:00-4:00 PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

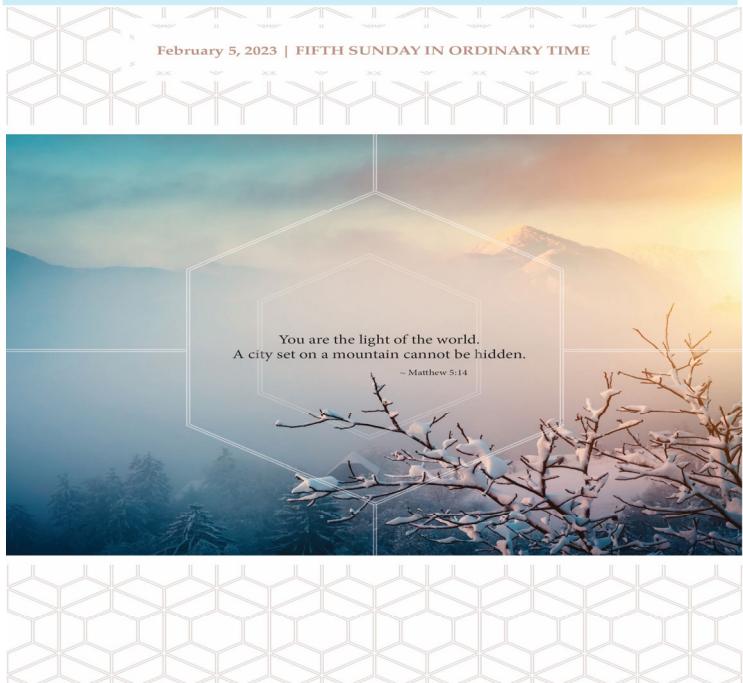
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MONDAY – FRIDAY  
7:30 AM  
SATURDAY  
7:30 AM

ESPAÑOL  
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5:00 PM

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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.



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### 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 February 4th****5:00PM English**

Irma & Gabriel Venegas (L) Anniv.  
 Thelma Cahono (L)  
 Annie Escerily (L)  
 Gary Hinman (D)  
 Leopoldo Guerra (D)  
 Federsin & Conrado Dinsay (D)

**Sunday February 5th****8:00AM English**

Pascual & Josefina Huerta (L)  
 Mother Gloria Therese OCD (L)  
 Melissa Lazaga (L) B-Day  
 Raymundo R. San Diego (D)  
 Irene Grimm (D)

**10:00AM English**

Kamila Hernandez (L)  
 Maria Mejia (D)  
 Valentino Alvero (D)

**12:00PM Spanish**

Julia Mayard Hernandez (L)  
 Andrea Ruiz Carmona (L)  
 Sandra Garcia (D)  
 Jose Garcia (D)  
 Ernestina Pascual (D)  
 Leopoldo Guerra (D)

**5:00PM English**

Eriberta Demillo (D)  
 Inocencia Yu (D)  
 Valentino Alvero (D)

**7:00PM Spanish**

Salvador Sandoval (D)  
 Micaela Correa (D)  
 Paula Figueroa (D)  
 Victoria Cuevas (D) 8 Meses  
 Guadalupe Flores (D) 8 Anos

**Monday February 6th****7:30AM English**

Pascual & Josefina Huerta (L)  
 Souls of Purgatory

**5:00PM Spanish**

Leopoldo Guerra (D)  
 Valentino Alvero (D)

**Tuesday February 7th****7:30AM English**

Lori Pefferle-Ramirez (L)  
 Nenita Karganilla (D) B-Day

**5:00PM Spanish**

Leopoldo Guerra (D)  
 Valentino Alvero (D)

**Wednesday February 8th****7:30AM English**

Leoncita Urbiztundo  
 Souls in Purgatory

**5:00PM Spanish**

Consuelo Flores Magllanes (D) 1 Ano  
 Leopoldo Guerra (D)

**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:**

- Michael Holguin
- Lucia Yanez
- Judy Hernandez

**For the Deceased:**

- Alma de Jesus
- Edward Atencio

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.



## Salt of the Earth

Who can survive without salt? people take the importance of salt for granted. It is salt that preserve food and keeps it from spoiling. It is salt that makes food tasty and gives energy to our bodies. We will go crazy if there is no salt, even for a day. Salt was traded by caravans just as people traded gems and gold in olden days, even today, salt is priceless in some countries. Jesus says that we, his disciples are the "*salt of the earth*" (Mt. 5:13) because we are essential to the world since we carry in us the life which He won by his death and resurrection for all mankind.

We are asked to be salt to our world preserving it from spoiling because of greed, injustice, and lust; preserving it from decaying because of dishonesty, disloyalty, and disrespect. We are called to be salt in the world, transforming it through Christian values such as sharing, fighting for human rights and decency. We are also called to be the light of the world, illuminating our homes and communities with truth, justice, and peace, and guiding the world along the ways shown by Christ.

Tasteless life and darkness is bound to come in our lives. While we serve the world as salt and witnesses of the light of Christ, we will be called to make sacrifices. We may even meet opposition from those who prefer to live in darkness and refuse to approach the light. When we are doing God's work for his glory, we must rely on the power of the Spirit. As Saint Paul puts it so beautifully that we need to depend on the Holy Spirit, "*So that your faith should not depend on human philosophy, but on the power of God.*" (1 Cor. 2:5) Without the Holy Spirit, we can do nothing. Even prayer without the Holy Spirit is like a bird without wings. The strength and flavor of salt and the rays of light within our hearts come from the Holy Spirit.

You are always in my prayers and my parish is my home. I cannot be at peace or relax until I reach home safely. I will be traveling back to Monrovia next week. Please keep me in your prayer.

Father Joachim Lepcha

## Sal de la Tierra

¿Quién puede sobrevivir sin sal? La gente da por sentada la importancia de la sal. Es la sal la que conserva los alimentos y evita que se estropeen. Es la sal la que hace que los alimentos sean sabrosos y da energía a nuestro cuerpo. Nos volveríamos locos si no tuviéramos sal, aunque sólo fuera por un día. La sal se comerciaba en caravanas, igual que antiguamente se comerciaba con piedras preciosas y oro; incluso hoy en día, la sal no tiene precio en algunos países. Jesús dice que nosotros, sus discípulos, somos la "sal de la tierra" (Mt 5,13) porque somos esenciales para el mundo, ya que llevamos en nosotros la vida que Él ganó con su muerte y resurrección para toda la humanidad.

Se nos pide que seamos sal de nuestro mundo para que no se eche a perder a causa de la codicia, la injusticia y la lujuria; para que no se pudra a causa de la deshonestidad, la deslealtad y la falta de respeto. Estamos llamados a ser sal en el mundo, transformándolo mediante valores cristianos como el compartir, la lucha por los derechos humanos y la decencia. También estamos llamados a ser la luz del mundo, iluminando nuestros hogares y comunidades con la verdad, la justicia y la paz, y guiando al mundo por los caminos mostrados por Cristo.

La vida insípida y la oscuridad están condenadas a llegar a nuestras vidas. Mientras sirvamos al mundo como sal y testigos de la luz de Cristo, se nos pedirá que hagamos sacrificios. Puede que incluso encontremos la oposición de quienes prefieren vivir en la oscuridad y se niegan a acercarse a la luz. Cuando realizamos la obra de Dios para su gloria, debemos confiar en la fuerza del Espíritu. Como dice muy bien San Pablo, necesitamos depender del Espíritu Santo: "*Para que vuestra fe no dependa de filosofías humanas, sino del poder de Dios*". (1 Cor. 2:5) Sin el Espíritu Santo, no podemos hacer nada. Incluso la oración sin el Espíritu Santo es como un pájaro sin alas. La fuerza y el sabor de la sal y los rayos de luz dentro de nuestros corazones vienen del Espíritu Santo.

Siempre estarán en mis oraciones y mi parroquia es mi casa y no puedo estar en paz ni relajarme hasta que llegue a casa sano y salvo. Viajaré de vuelta a Monrovia la semana que viene. Les ruego que me tengan presente en sus oraciones.

Padre Joachim Lepcha



## Stewardship

January 29, 2023/Enero 29, 2023

Masses/Misas

**\$10,841.00**

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**\$2,678.00**

**Total:**

**\$13,519.00**

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## NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2023

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "*Marriage...one flesh, given and received*" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

Additionally, this year the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth will be hosting live-streamed events via the [For Your Marriage Facebook Page](#) and sharing new content.

Looking for more resources to strengthen your marriage or advice for dating and engaged couples? Visit the [For Your Marriage](#) website. En Español: [Por Tu Matrimonio](#).

## IC STEM ACADEMY NEWS

Immaculate Conception STEM Academy is accepting registration for the 2023-2024 school year. To book a tour and meet our teachers, call the school office at (626) 358-5129. Join us for Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 11am - 1:30pm. Please visit our website at [www.icschoolmonrovia.org](http://www.icschoolmonrovia.org) for more information. Do not let finances keep you away from an innovative Catholic education. Scholarships are available.

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Concepción  
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2023  
a las 7:00PM**

## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2023

### Mass times:

As we enter our Lenten journey this year, let us remember the One who loved us first and the 'why' we are on the journey.

#### Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7:30AM English speaking Mass

10:00AM English speaking Communion service

12:00PM Bilingual Communion service

3:00PM English speaking Mass with Divine Mercy Hour

5:00PM Spanish speaking Mass

7:00PM Bilingual Mass

## MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

22 DE FEBRERO DE 2023

### Horario de Misas:

Al entrar en nuestro viaje de Cuaresma de este año, recordemos a Aquel que nos quiso primero y el "por qué" estamos en el viaje.

#### Las cenizas serán distribuidas en todas las liturgias.

7:30AM Misa en Ingles

10:00AM Comunión en Ingles

12:00M Servicio de Comunión Bilingüe

3:00PM Misa en Inglés con la Hora de la Divina Misericordia

5:00PM Misa en Español

7:00PM Misa Bilingüe



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Today we celebrate your long-time commitment to support the poor and underserved in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for 30 years during the 30th Anniversary of Together in Mission. The Together in Mission 2023 "Shine His Light" Campaign will launch Announcement weekend of February 4-5, Commitment Weekend on February 11-12, and Follow-up weekend, February 18-19, 2023.

As one Catholic community of faith, let's be rooted in prayer and reflect how we can continue to help our struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles well into the future.

Did you know that one in every five parishes needs financial assistance, and 1 in every 4 Catholic schools needs critical funds to keep their doors open? That's why we need you. We need you to be very generous and help schools and parishes that need your support to continue their ministries and missions. Our cumulative Together in Mission 2023 goal is \$16.7M, representing the Annual Appeal throughout all five regions.

Our parishes' goals and your performance throughout the year are posted on our Together in Mission Leaderboard website, [togetherinmission.org](http://togetherinmission.org). Let's make a difference and gather as one Catholic family for our schools and parishes. Please consider make a generous 30th Anniversary gift today!

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## ¿Sabías que?



La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles celebra 18 años de sociedad con VIRTUS® La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y Joan Vienna, directora de la oficina Safeguard the Children, fueron reconocidas recientemente por su sociedad de 18 años con el programa VIRTUS®, trabajando para mantener a los niños y jóvenes a salvo del abuso sexual infantil en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, hogares y comunidad. "Muchos han experimentado esperanza y sanación a través de la concientización y la educación continuas, y apreciamos la visión [de la Arquidiócesis] de dónde y cómo los programas servirían mejor a nuestra Iglesia y comunidades", dijo Pat Neal, director de Programas y Servicios de VIRTUS®. Para obtener más información, visite <https://angelusnews.com/local/california/virtus-partnering-for-safety/> y <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.

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