

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 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
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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

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

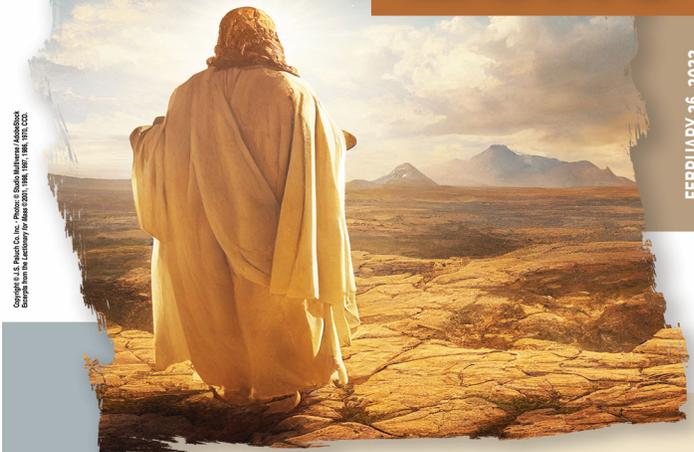
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Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent



FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
let by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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 25th

5:00PM English

Anna Alacon (L)
Hoan Dao (L)
Peter Wahba (D)
Leopoldo Guerra (D)

Sunday February 26th

8:00AM English

Mother Gloria Therese OCD (L)
Mary Estrada (L)
Alfonso Diaz Lopez (D)
Jess Grimm (D)
Dickson Larson (D)

10:00AM English

Susan Holizinger (L)
Sandy Holizinger (L)
Mike Greco (D)
Patricia Aguirre (D)
Roberto Romero (D)
Federico Nigos (D)

12:00PM Spanish

Serafin Victor Valdez (L) B-Day
Antonio Guerreo (L) B-Day
Leopoldo Guerra (D)
Raul Torres (D)
Sydney Blake (D)
Adrian Manzano (D)
Jose Humberto Rodriguez (D)
Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio

5:00PM English

Souls in Purgatory

7:00PM Spanish

Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio

Monday February 27th

7:30AM English

Mary Estrada (L)
Sister Paul Maria (L)

5:00PM Spanish

Leopoldo Guerra (D)
Familia Padilla Diaz (D)
Ricardo Padilla y Elodia Diaz (D)
Maria Cruz Sandoval (D)

Tuesday February 28th

7:30AM English

Mary Estrada (L)
Robert Sanders (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Leopoldo Guerra (D)

Wednesday, March 1st

7:30AM English

Mary Estrada (L)
Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM Spanish

Leopoldo Guerra (D)
Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio

Thursday March 2nd

7:30AM English

Mary Estrada (L)

5:00PM Spanish

Leopoldo Guerra (D)

Friday March 3rd

7:30AM English

Mary Estrada (L)

5:00PM Spanish

Leopoldo Guerra (D)

Saturday March 4th

7:30AM English

Mary Estrada (L)
Immaculate Conception Parish (L)

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:

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| <p>For The sick:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Holguin • Lucia Yanez • Judy Hernandez | <p>For the Deceased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alma de Jesus • Edward Atencio |
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Join us for Adoration every Wednesday And Friday after 7:30 a.m. English mass.

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



The Temptations

The first Sunday of Lent brings the reality of temptations. The temptations are real. Even Jesus was tested repeatedly by Satan and He never sided against God. Jesus gave us the example of "*desert experience*," of fasting, praying, and soul strengthening to confront Satan's temptations successfully, and then to preach the Good News of salvation.

Satan urged Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation of mistrusting His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs, thus reducing His Divine mission to self-satisfaction. The devil then suggests that Jesus prove that He is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God's superior and demand He prove His Trustworthiness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Jesus with all the kingdoms of the world.

Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory; and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass) with penance, and with meditative reading of the Bible.

My dear sisters and brothers, we are invited to spend time during this Lenten season by making time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible. We are called to repent by penitential acts; by getting reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them; by sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need.

Father Joachim Lepcha

Las Tentaciones

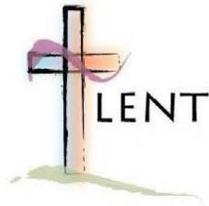
El primer domingo de Cuaresma trae la realidad de las tentaciones. Las tentaciones son reales. Incluso Jesús fue probado repetidamente por Satanás y nunca se puso del lado de Dios. Jesús nos dio el ejemplo de la "experiencia del desierto", del ayuno, la oración y el fortalecimiento del alma para enfrentarse con éxito a las tentaciones de Satanás y predicar después la Buena Nueva de la salvación.

Satanás instó a Jesús a convertir las piedras en panes. Pero Jesús rechaza esa tentación de desconfiar de su Padre satisfaciendo sus propias necesidades inmediatas y temporales, reduciendo así su misión divina a la autosatisfacción. El diablo sugiere entonces a Jesús que demuestre que es realmente el Hijo de Dios saltando desde el parapeto del Templo. Jesús rechaza esto como una tentación de actuar como superior de Dios y exigirle que demuestre Su Confiabilidad. Por último, Jesús rechaza la tentación de la idolatría, aunque adorar a Satanás enriqueciera y diera a Jesús todos los reinos del mundo.

Cada uno de nosotros es tentado a buscar placeres pecaminosos, riquezas fáciles y una posición de autoridad, poder y gloria; y a usar cualquier medio, incluso los injustos o pecaminosos, para obtener estas cosas. Jesús nos sirve de modelo para vencer las tentaciones fortaleciéndose a sí mismo mediante la oración, la penitencia y el uso eficaz de la Palabra de Dios. Por eso, durante esta Cuaresma, hagamos frente a nuestras malas tendencias con la oración (especialmente participando en la santa Misa), con la penitencia y con la lectura meditativa de la Biblia.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, durante este tiempo de Cuaresma se nos invita a dedicar tiempo a estar con Dios todos los días de Cuaresma, hablándole en la oración ferviente y escuchándole a través de la lectura meditativa de la Biblia. Estamos llamados a arrepentirnos mediante actos penitenciales; a reconciliarnos con Dios mediante el Sacramento de la Reconciliación; y a reconciliarnos con los demás pidiéndoles perdón por nuestras ofensas contra ellos; a compartir nuestro amor con los demás mediante el servicio desinteresado y humilde, la limosna y la ayuda a los necesitados.

Padre Joachim Lepcha



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
2023 LENTEN MISSION**

March 2nd in the church and March 9th and 16th in the Parish Hall

Our Lenten Mission's Theme *"Why we do, what we do, at Mass."* Tea and Spirituality with Father Deus Najja. Robust discussions, questions, and answers to help you grow closer to Christ during this Lenten sojourn. 6:00PM- 9:00PM, You **must register** at the parish office during business hours or flocknote. All are welcome. Free will offering

**INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN
MISIÓN DE CUARESMA 2023**

El 2 de Marzo en la Iglesia y el 9 y 16 de Marzo en el Salón Parroquial

Tema de nuestra Misión de Cuaresma *"Por qué hacemos, lo que hacemos, en Misa"*. Té y Espiritualidad con el Padre Deus Najja. Sólidas discusiones, preguntas y respuestas para ayudarle a crecer más cerca de Cristo durante esta estancia de Cuaresma. 6:00PM- 9:00PM, **Debe registrarse** en la oficina parroquial durante horas de oficina o flocknote. Todos son bienvenidos. Ofrenda voluntaria

Bereavement Ministry



Blessed are those who weep and mourn for they shall be comforted."

On Tuesday February 28th, 7:00PM here in the church, our Bereavement Ministry Coordinators, Fred and Irene Gonzalez and Our guest speaker, Ann Sanders will present an evening of reflection allowing you an opportunity to discern if this ministry is for you. We are excited to bring this ministry back to our Church. We are seeking men and women willing to serve those during their pain and sorrow, to build this ministry and to offer you the opportunity to grow spiritually by showing your love and compassion. Training will be provided to those chosen. Please call the parish office to register. We would love to know you are coming in order to prepare accordingly.

Ministerio de Duelo

Bienaventurados los que ellos serán consolados". lloran y se lamentan porque

El Martes 28 de Febrero, 7:00PM aquí en la iglesia, nuestros coordinadores del Ministerio de Duelo, Fred e Irene González y nuestra oradora invitada, Ann Sanders presentarán una noche de reflexión que le permitirá la oportunidad de discernir si este ministerio es para usted. Estamos muy contentos de traer este ministerio de nuevo a nuestra Iglesia. Estamos buscando hombres y mujeres dispuestos a servir a aquellos durante su dolor y tristeza, para construir este ministerio y ofrecerle la oportunidad de crecer espiritualmente mostrando su amor y compasión. Se proporcionará formación a los elegidos. Por favor llamen a la oficina parroquial para registrarse. Nos encantaría saber que van a venir para prepararnos adecuadamente.

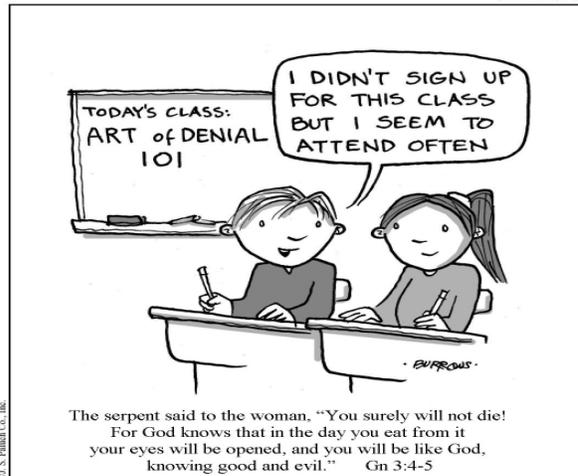
**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Prayer during Lent**

Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to return to you.
As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and
resurrection of your Son, our Savior and
Redeemer. He is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

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The Little Ones

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN THE CHURCH

Join us this Lenten Season every Friday at 6:30PM for the Stations of the Cross led by one of our Liturgical and group Ministries within our Parish community.

Starting: February 24; March 3; March 10; March 17; March 24; March 31.

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa and is Franciscan in origin.



Come spend time on Fridays on the journey!

ESTACIONES DEL VÍA CRUCIS

LOS VIERNES EN LA IGLESIA

Únase a nosotros en este tiempo de Cuaresma todos los Viernes a las 6:30PM para el Vía Crucis dirigido por uno de nuestros ministerios litúrgicos y de grupo dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Comenzando: 24 de Febrero; 3 de Marzo; 10 de Marzo; 17 de Marzo; 24 de Marzo; 31 de Marzo.

Las Estaciones del Vía Crucis, también conocidas como Vía Crucis, conmemoran la pasión y muerte de Jesús en la cruz. Hay 14 estaciones que representan cada una un momento de su viaje al Calvario, normalmente a través de arte sacro, oraciones y reflexiones. La práctica comenzó cuando los peregrinos piadosos trazaron su camino a través de Jerusalén en la Vía Dolorosa y es de origen franciscano.

¡Ven a pasar un rato los viernes en el viaje!

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It is important to take immediate action if someone discloses abuse to you, or if you suspect abuse or neglect is happening. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles offers a detailed list of resources with information about what to do if you suspect a child, vulnerable or elderly adult is being abused. All employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are expected to report suspected abuse to the appropriate civil authorities and to Victims Assistance Ministry. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit lacatholics.org/protect.

Sepa cómo denunciar abusos en California

Es importante tomar medidas inmediatas si alguien le revela el abuso o si sospecha que está ocurriendo abuso o negligencia. La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles ofrece una lista detallada de recursos con información sobre qué hacer si sospecha que un niño, un adulto vulnerable o un adulto mayor está siendo abusado. Se espera que todos los empleados y voluntarios dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles reporten sospechas de abuso a las autoridades civiles correspondientes y al Ministerio de Asistencia a las Víctimas. Para obtener más información, visite lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse. Para obtener más información sobre el apoyo a las víctimas-sobrevivientes y los esfuerzos de protección y prevención del abuso de la Arquidiócesis, visite lacatholics.org/protect.