

Easter Sunday

April 9, 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
Facebook)

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

ESPAÑOL
LUNES-VIERNES
5:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS/ Horario de Oficina
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5PM
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVING MONROVIA, DUARTE AND BRADBURY SINCE 1905

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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.

Religious Education/ Educación Religiosa

(626) 357-3010

12:00PM-8:00PM Tues-Fri

9:00AM-12:00PM Sat.

Immaculate Conception School

Mon.- Fri. 9AM-1PM (626) 358-5129 or

E-mail.: mrojas@icmonrovia.org

Please pray for Intentions of the Week**Por favor oremos por las Intenciones de la semana****Holy Saturday April 8th**

**8:00PM-Easter Vigil
Celebration Bi-lingual
No Morning Mass or Confession**

Easter Sunday April 9th**8:00AM English Mass****10:00AM English Mass**

**10:15 AM English Mass
Parish Hall**

12:00PM Spanish Mass

**12:15PM Spanish Mass
Salon Parroquial**

Monday April 10th

**No 7:30AM English Mass
No 5:00PM Spanish Mass**

Tuesday April 11th**7:30AM English**

Kayla Khouzam (D)
Paula Mancera (D)
David Obedoza (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Sr. Miguel Guitierrez (D)
Ignacio Arroyo (D)
Isidora Baustista (D)

Wednesday, April 12th**7:30AM English**

Richard Soto (L) B-Day
Kayla Khouzam (D)
Armando Laygo (D)
Paula Mancera (D)
Charlie Day (D)
Bob Day (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Shirley Gavidia (L)
Susan Bagsit (L) Health
Alfred Basgit (L) Health
Ignacio Arroyo (D)
Maria del Socorro Munoz (D)

Thursday, April 13th**7:30AM English**

Kayla Khousan (D)
Paula Mancera (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Ignacio Arroyo (D)

Friday, April 14th

Bishop N. Moncada (L) B-Day
Kayla Khouzam (D)
Paula Mancera (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Ignacio Arroyo (D)

Saturday, April 15th**7:30AM English**

Paula Mancera (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:

- Lucia Yanez
- Judy Hernandez
- Katie Tassinari

For the Deceased:

- Paula Mancera
- Edward Atencio
- Salvador Munatones Jr.

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.



Easter Joy

Sometimes, I find myself without joy within, but Easter celebration brings me joy and lifts my spirit. It is wonderful to experience this joy, meeting many young people who did not come back to the Church after their First Holy Communion, and now making a confession of their lives, pouring out their mind and heart, returning to the Lord with great faith. It rejuvenates my joy of Easter.

This year, sixty-two children like angels received the sacrament of reconciliation with joy and excitement, and now they are getting ready for their First Holy Communion. Thirty-four young confirmation boys and girls are getting ready to receive the sacrament of confirmation in a few weeks. It is all happening, and I experience the Easter joy within me. Easter lilies are blooming around the altar and sanctuary of our Church, symbolizing Christ's resurrection. The whole winter these flowers lay buried in the cold frozen earth, but now they come alive, breaking through the ground and blooming. Jesus buried under the earth for three days, rose again to new life; no ground could hold him. The resurrection of Jesus radiated new life in all its power and glory wherever He went and to whomever He appeared. The disciples were the most joyful and happiest people on earth when He appeared to them, and their lives were transformed. Easter joy began to work in people's lives, death defeated, despair began to give way to hope; darkness began to give way to light, hatred began to give way to love, and sorrow began to give way to joy. We all are having the same Easter joy today and will continue in it.

On this Easter Sunday, Saint Peter shares his own experience of Christ's Resurrection and his joy with the members of the pagan Cornelius family who received the Holy Spirit as he spoke and then were baptized. Saint Paul, bearing witness to his conversion experience, and Faith in the Risen Lord, reminds the Colossians, "***you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God!***" The Gospel of Luke explains the empty-tomb resurrection experiences of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John. Mary Magdalene proclaims her personal experience: "***I have seen the Lord.***" (Jn. 20:18)

As we celebrate this year of the Eucharistic Revival, we see that God wanted Easter to be the centre of our faith today, that he arranged a way to for us meet the Risen Lord. Jesus instituted the Eucharist so that he may be present with us and become the source of our life and joy. Jesus uses the Holy Mass in union with the bloody sacrifice of Calvary to take away our sins. He uses the Eucharistic banquet to come to each of us and experience his presence among us.

Happy Easter!!!

Father Joachim Lepcha

Alegria de Pascua

A veces, me encuentro sin alegría en mi interior, pero la celebración de la Pascua me alegra y me levanta el espíritu. Es maravilloso experimentar esta alegría, encontrando a muchos jóvenes que no volvieron a la Iglesia después de su Primera Comunión, y que ahora hacen una confesión de sus vidas, derramando su mente y su corazón, volviendo al Señor con gran fe. Rejuvenece mi alegría de Pascua.

Este año, sesenta y dos niños como ángeles recibieron el sacramento de la reconciliación con alegría y emoción, y ahora se preparan para su Primera Comunión. Treinta y cuatro jóvenes confirmandos se preparan para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación dentro de unos días. recibir el sacramento de la confirmación dentro de unas semanas. Todo está sucediendo, y experimento la alegría pascual dentro de mí. Los lirios de Pascua florecen alrededor del altar y del santuario de nuestra Iglesia, simbolizando la resurrección de Cristo. Durante todo el invierno, estas flores estuvieron enterradas en la fría tierra helada, pero ahora cobran vida, rompen la tierra y florecen. Jesús, enterrado bajo tierra durante tres días, resucitó a una nueva vida, sin que ninguna tierra pudiera retenerlo. La resurrección de Jesús irradiaba nueva vida; en todo su poder y gloria donde quiera que fuera y a quienquiera que se le apareciera. Los discípulos eran las personas más alegres y felices de la tierra cuando Él se les apareció, y sus vidas fueron transformaron. La alegría pascual comenzó a obrar en la vida de las personas, la muerte venció, la desesperación comenzó a dar paso a la esperanza; la oscuridad comenzó a dar paso a la luz, el odio comenzó a dar paso al amor, y la tristeza comenzó a dar paso a la alegría. Todos nosotros tenemos hoy la misma alegría pascual y continuaremos en ella.

En este Domingo de Pascua, san Pedro comparte su propia experiencia de la Resurrección de Cristo y su alegría con los miembros de la familia pagana de Cornelio, que recibieron el Espíritu Santo mientras él hablaba y luego fueron bautizados. San Pablo, dando testimonio de su experiencia de conversión y de su fe en el Señor resucitado, recuerda a los colosenses: "**Habéis muerto, y nuestra vida está escondida con Cristo en Dios**". El Evangelio de Lucas explica las experiencias de resurrección en la tumba vacía de María Magdalena, Pedro y Juan. María Magdalena proclama su experiencia personal: "**He visto al Señor**". (Jn. 20:18)

Al celebrar este año del renacimiento eucarístico, vemos que Dios ha querido que la Pascua sea hoy el centro de nuestra fe, que ha dispuesto un camino para que nos encontremos con el Señor resucitado. Jesús instituyó la Eucaristía para estar presente con nosotros y convertirse en fuente de nuestra vida y alegría. Jesús utiliza la Santa Misa en unión con el sacrificio cruento del Calvario para quitar nuestros pecados. Utiliza el banquete eucarístico para venir a cada uno de nosotros y experimentar su presencia entre nosotros.

¡¡¡Feliz Pascua!!!

Padre Joachim Lepcha

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DIVINE MERCY
Nine Day Novena &
Divine Mercy Sunday

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY (April 7 – 15, 2023) & CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 16, 2023

NOVENA SCHEDULE (Nine Days of Offering Different Group of Souls to God)

Adoration Chapel

- + April 8 - 9:00 a.m. (right after the (Holy Saturday) morning prayers)
- + April 9 - 9:30 (right after the Holy (Easter Sunday) Sacrifice of the Easter Mass)

Inside the Church

- + April 7 - 1:45 (right after the (Good Friday) Passion Music)
- + April 10-15 - 8:10 (right after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass)
- + April 15 – Confession (Regular Saturday schedule – 3:00-4:30 p.m.)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (A Great Feast of Mercy)

April 16, 2023

The Celebration will start at 2:30 p.m. with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image.



*"The soul that will venerate
this image will not perish."
(Diary, 48)*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CONFIRMATION
PROGRAM. 2022-2023

The Confirmation candidates had the opportunity to live their spiritual retreat from March 23 to 26, 2023.

They are waiting for the day to do the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place on April 28, 2023. let's pray for them, that they may be faithful disciples of Christ.

Confirmation Year 1, Retreat is coming on April 29, please let's pray for these candidates so that the Lord will open their hearts.

Stewardship



We Give because He first Gave

April, 02 2023/2 de Abril 2023

Masses/Misas

\$17,393.00

Special Collection/Colección Especial

\$3,345.00

Total: \$ 20,738.00



Thank You



The teen confirmation program is inviting the community to adoration night.

Saturday April 22, 2023. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. In the Church

Please join us to pray for all the families in the community, and for all those who will be doing the sacraments this Easter.

Also, April is the month of awareness and prevention of sexual abuse, we will be praying for all those who have been victims and for those who are being abused, let us as a community of faith pray for them.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

"Walk united in one Spirit
**PROCESSION and Homage in honor of
 our beloved, Bishop David O'Connell
 Sab, April 15 * 8:00am to 2pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Irwindale**

8:00am for opening prayer and adoration.

Procession with Blessed Sacrament and images of our Mother Mary, bring yours, or a flower to offer.

At the Pastoral Center on Cypress and Irwindale Ave., we will gather for adoration and Consecration of the office, grounds, and the building to our beloved friend, Bishop David.

We then continue to the parish hall at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church where we will hold a Conference honoring Bishop, a slide presentation, Testimonies, and a presentation of a Book of Condolences. We will then share a simple meal of lentil soup and bread.

For more info: St. Gabriel Pastoral Center, 626 960-9344
 bouttelucy@gmail.com

*"Caminad unidos en un solo Espíritu
 PROCESIÓN y Homenaje en honor de
 nuestro querido, Obispo David O'Connell
 Sab, 15 de abril * 8:00am a 2pm
 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Irwindale*

8:00am para la oración de apertura y adoración.

Procesión con el Santísimo Sacramento e imágenes de nuestra Madre María, traiga la suya, o una flor para ofrecer.

En el Centro Pastoral en la Avenida Cypress e Irwindale, nos reuniremos para la adoración y Consagración de la oficina, los terrenos y el edificio a nuestro querido amigo, el Obispo David.

Después continuaremos al salón parroquial de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe donde tendremos una Conferencia en honor al Obispo, una presentación de diapositivas, Testimonios y la presentación de un Libro de Condolencias. Después compartiremos una sencilla comida de sopa de lentejas y pan.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord (Psalm 118).

(1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) **Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).



KEEP SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

Church still pays utilities, insurance, staff, and other bills. Without your support the Church cannot function. Please consider maintaining your donations by mail or online

Giving at:
<http://myowngiving.com/>
 God bless you!



La Sociedad Guadalupana les recuerda a los miembros de la sociedad que la junta del mes se llevará a cabo el miércoles 12 de abril después de la misa de 5pm

Invitamos a toda la comunidad el viernes 14 de abril a la hora santa a las 4pm, seguida por la misa a las 5pm dedicada a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Gracias Sociedad Guadalupana

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;
 Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

When you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering. You give them Easter hope and joy!

When you donate to St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering
 St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference
 c/o Immaculate Conception Parish
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Donate online at:

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Immaculate Conception Parish
Parish Goal: \$1,090,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,329,377.77
Total Paid: \$542,201.69



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. Please visit our website at www.icschoolmonrovia.org for more information. Do not let finances keep you away from an innovative Catholic education. Scholarships are available.

Mrs. Miriam Rojas
 Immaculate Conception STEM Academy
"Innovation in Catholic Education"

Did you know?

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support.

La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, afirmamos nuestro compromiso continuo de reportar alegaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes en su jornada de sanación y proteger a los niños y a las demás personas vulnerables. Para ello, la Arquidiócesis creó un sitio web, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar el abuso. Si usted o alguien que conoce es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, contacte a las autoridades policiales y llame a la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> para ayuda y apoyo.

DANCING FOR JOY

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.
 —Alexander Carmichael