

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 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

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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.

Religious Education/ Educación Religiosa

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9:00AM-12:00PM Sat.

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E-mail.: mrojas@icmonrovia.org

Please pray for Intentions of the Week

Por favor oremos por las Intenciones de la semana

Saturday April 15th

5:00PM English

Sophia Hernandez (L)
Emily Schult Torres (L) Health
Kayla Khouzam (D)
Ignacio Arroyo (D)
Norma Montez (D)
Sylvia Glean (D)

Sunday April 16th

8:00AM English

Carmelita Sisters of the
Most Sacred Heart of L.A. (L)
John Gatt (D)
Paula Mancera (D)
Marivic Quitlib (D)
Eriberto Demillo (D)

10:00AM English

Emily Schult Torres (L) Health
Elizabeth Rios (L) Birthday
Veronica Rios (L) Birthday
Jaime Zalvidea (D)
Marie Bruno (D)
Eva Solis Wifrago (D)

12:00PM Spanish

David & Ana Pellecer (L)
Miguel Hernandez Marquez (D)
Ignacio Arroyo (D)
Salvador Munatones Jr. (D) B-Day
Rosalinda Perez (D)

5:00PM English

Carla Lopez (L)
Kaye Biggs (L) B-Day
Kayla Khouzam (D)
Ricardo & Maria Padilla (D)
William Brown (D)
Elodia Diaz (D)

7:00PM Spanish

Todos los estudiantes de Confirmación (L)
Esperanza Martinez (D)
Ramon & Clemencia Rodriguez (D)
Salvador Romo Rojo (D)

Monday April 17th

7:30AM English

Kaye Biggs (L) B-Day
David & Denise Orozco (L)
Bishop Nartatez Moncada (L) B-Day
Kayla Khouzam (D)
Paula Mancera (D)
Francisco Samson (D)
Armando Laygo (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Ignacio Arroyo (D)
Lila Lorenza Yee (D)

Tuesday April 18th

7:30AM English

Marian Estrada (L) B-Day
Francisco C. Samson (D)
Paula Mancera (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Ignacio Arroyo (D)

Wednesday, April 19th

7:30AM English

Paula Mancera (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Ignacio Arroyo (D)

Thursday, April 20th

7:30AM English

Corazon Ojas Castro (L) B-Day
Destiny Glean-Sealey (L) Surgery
Alma N. De Jesus (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Suplica Yuang (D)
Jacinta Arroyo (D)

Friday, April 21st

7:30AM English

Brenda Gonzalez (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Jean Lumbre (D)

Saturday, April 22nd

7:30AM English

Benjamin Silva (D)
Benedict Silva (D)
Loy Silva (D)
Therese Silva (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
- Emily Schult Torres

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.

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



Fellowship in Christ

Every year we have new converts who are prepared to receive confession, baptism, confirmation, and communion on Easter Vigil night. They lead a new life in Christ manifesting itself in the lives of the disciples. Through learning the Christian proclamation means witnessing their faith, participating in every Sunday Mass, caring for each other, and praying. On the other hand, the community of believers must show their faith by supporting them and praying for them. We are not reborn in baptism for self-sufficient aloneness. A wall will not be strong with loose bricks; the bricks must be cemented together. The best example is the first Christian community, after Jesus' resurrection formed them into a well-knit family. ***"The brethren devoted themselves to the apostle's instructions and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, sharing all things in common."*** (Acts. 2:42)

It is not only to support or be part of the community but also to grow with every community member, to derive support from one another and grow in our faith. We are not perfect on our own, but by sharing our joy and faith with help from each other forms our perfection. Sometimes we come to the Sunday Eucharistic celebration as if we are perfect, and we don't need the community. We don't even congratulate the newly admitted members with whom we are supposed to share their joy and faith. We are not so eager to share our fellowship with one another. To belong is to share, not only our monetary support but also time, energy, talents, and service.

Fellowship means to belong, to serve God with our little, is the way to make it more. Fellowship means to come together to pray, to break the Word of God and to break the living bread. A community of such believers is assured of the power of the Holy Spirit working in them. Through worship, fellowship, and service; a Christian community is provided with staying powers. The fearful disciples had hidden from the world. Jesus proclaimed peace and sent them out to the world. Their zeal and fellowship for one another created a strong bond and gave them the power to evangelize.

Father Joachim Lepcha

Comunidad en Cristo

Cada año tenemos nuevos conversos que se preparan para recibir la confesión, el bautismo, la confirmación y la comunión en la noche de la Vigilia Pascual. Llevan una vida nueva en Cristo que se manifiesta en la vida de los discípulos. A través del aprendizaje de la proclamación cristiana significa dar testimonio de su fe, participar en la misa de cada domingo, cuidarse mutuamente y rezar. Por otra parte, la comunidad de creyentes debe mostrar su fe apoyándoles y rezando por ellos. No renacemos en el bautismo para soledad autosuficiente. Un muro no será fuerte con ladrillos sueltos; los ladrillos deben estar unidos con cemento. El mejor ejemplo es la primera comunidad cristiana comunidad cristiana, después de que la resurrección de Jesús los convirtiera en una familia bien unida. "Los hermanos se dedicaban a las instrucciones del apóstol y a la vida comunitaria, a la fracción del pan y a las oraciones, compartiendo todas las cosas en común". (Hch. 2:42)

No se trata sólo de apoyar o formar parte de la comunidad, sino también de crecer con cada miembro de la comunidad, de apoyarnos mutuamente y de crecer en nuestra fe. No somos perfectos por nosotros mismos, pero compartiendo nuestra alegría y nuestra fe con la ayuda de los demás formamos nuestra perfección. A veces llegamos a la celebración eucarística dominical como si fuéramos perfectos y no necesitáramos a la comunidad. Ni siquiera felicitamos a los miembros recién admitidos con los que se supone que compartimos su alegría y su fe. No estamos tan dispuestos a compartir nuestra comunión con los demás. Pertenecer es compartir, no sólo nuestro apoyo monetario, sino también tiempo, energía, talentos y servicio.

Compañerismo significa pertenecer, servir a Dios con nuestro poco, es la manera de hacerlo más. Compañerismo significa reunirse para orar, partir la Palabra de Dios y partir el pan vivo. Una comunidad de creyentes así tiene la seguridad del poder del Espíritu Santo obrando en ellos. A través de la adoración, el culto, la comunión y el servicio, una comunidad cristiana recibe el poder del Espíritu Santo. Los temerosos discípulos se habían escondido del mundo. Jesús proclamó la paz y los envió al mundo. Su celo y compañerismo mutuo crearon un fuerte vínculo y les dieron el poder de evangelizar.

Padre Joaquín Lepcha

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.



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.

ADVERTISING SPACE

We are working with a new publisher, and in an effort to keep the cost down

we would appreciate your advertising support. Bring your business to our community.

If you would like to advertise in our weekly bulletin,

please call the parish office Monday to Friday between 9:30AM to 4:00PM for more details.

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LOS ANGELES

More than an average annual appeal

Together in Mission exclusively supports the most impoverished parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This annual appeal is an opportunity for people to join in action - as one united family. Join us in celebrating the generational support that has been sustaining faith communities for 30 years.



Monthly March 2023

Called to Renew

Update

Parish Goal:

\$1,090,000.00 Total

Pledged:

\$1,329,377.77

Total Paid:

\$542,201.69



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" When you donate to St. Vincent de Paul you are saying "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

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
740 S. Shamrock Ave., Monrovia CA 91016

Donate online at:

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¿Sabías que...?

"Unidos en Oración"

Este año marca el 21 aniversario de la Carta de la USCCB para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes. Nosotros, como Pueblo de Dios, continuamos con nuestro compromiso de Prometer Proteger y Compromiso de Sanar, les pedimos que se unan en una oración especial por las víctimas de abuso sexual infantil.

"Oración por la sanación de las víctimas de abuso"
*Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, sana
las heridas de tu pueblo
y transforma su fragilidad en integridad.
Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad
y la gracia para
actuar con justicia.
Infunde sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y acciones.
Permite que todos los que han sido lastimados
por el abuso encuentren la paz en la
justicia.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.
Amén.*

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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!

Did you know?



"United Together in Prayer"

This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse"
*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your
people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility
and grace,
to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and
abors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find
peace and justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

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Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)**EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH**

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
 Julian Calendar Easter
 Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
 (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
 Tuesday: Income Tax Day
 Friday: St. Anselm of Canterbury
 Saturday: Earth Day

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**From Saint Patrick's Breastplate**

I arise today
 through God's strength to pilot me,
 God's might to uphold me,
 God's wisdom to guide me,
 God's eye to look before me,
 God's ear to hear me,
 God's hand to guard me,
 God's way to lie before me,
 God's shield to protect me,
 God's hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH**Divine Mercy**

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
 Believe me, than in half the creeds.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests,
the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord,
that he may raise them up and save them.

Indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ."

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1499

Bring the suffering homebound for the anointing of the sick,
First Thursday of the month following the 7:30AM and 5:00PM
Mass

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

"Por la sagrada unción de los enfermos y la oración de los sacerdotes
toda la Iglesia encomienda a los enfermos al Señor sufriente y glorificado,
para que los resucite y los salve.

En efecto, les exhorta a contribuir al bien del Pueblo de Dios uniéndose libremente a la pasión y muerte de Cristo".

Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica #1499

Traer a los sufrientes confinados en casa para la unción de los enfermos,
Primer Jueves del mes después de la misa de las 7:30AM y de las 5:00PM