

# Third Sunday of Easter

# April 23, 2023



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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.

*3rd Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. —Lk 24:31



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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](mailto:mrojas@icmonrovia.org)

**Please pray for Intentions of the Week****Por favor oremos por las Intenciones de la semana****Saturday April 22nd****5:00PM English**

All Confirmation Students (L)  
All Souls in Purgatory (D)

**Sunday April 23rd****8:00AM English**

Emily Schult Torres (L)  
Almendral Estrella (L)  
Carmelite Sisters of the  
Most Sacred Heart of L.A (L)  
Victor Guardado (D)

**10:00AM English**

Fr. Deusdedict Najja (L)  
Marie Bruno (D)  
Virgillo Curioso (D)  
Ruben de la Cruz (D)

**12:00PM Spanish**

Fr. Joachim Lepcha (L)  
Adrian Manzano (D)  
Sydney Blake (D)  
Jose Lopez (D)  
Dario y Magartia Martinez (D)  
Carmen y Gonsalo Martinez (D)  
Marie Bruno (D)

**5:00PM English**

Silvestre Jose (L) Health  
Ashely Duran (L) Birthday  
Andrey Ereen (L) Health  
All souls in Purgatory

**7:00PM Spanish**

Por las profesoras de Inmaculada Concepcion (L)  
Ricardo Padilla (D)  
Alfredo Padilla (D)  
Fernando Padilla (D)  
Gerardo Padilla (D)

**Monday April 24th****7:30AM English**

Francis & Esther Tacusalme (L)  
All souls in Purgatory

**5:00PM Spanish**

Por las Animas del Pugatorio

**Tuesday April 25th****7:30AM English**

All souls in Purgatory

**5:00PM Spanish**

Por todos los estudiantes de Confirmacion (L)  
Por las Animas del Pugatorio

**Wednesday, April 26th****7:30AM English**

For All the students preparing for the First Holy Communion (L)  
Josefina Pantaleon (D)

**5:00PM Spanish**

Por todos los estudiantes que se preparan para  
la Primera Comunion (L)  
Por las Animas del Pugatario

**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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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>For The sick:</b>  | <b>For the Deceased:</b> |
| • Lucia Yanez         | • Paula Mancera          |
| • Judy Hernandez      | • Edward Atencio         |
| • Katie Tassinari     |                          |
| • Emily Schult Torres |                          |

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.



## Journey to Emmaus

Two of disciple's went through very devastating moments of their lives. They lost their leader who was brutally killed on the cross, their dream shattered, the whole passion, and death of Jesus in Jerusalem made them run away from the city. Surprisingly, Jesus accompanied them throughout their journey to Emmaus (John 24:13-35.) The Emmaus journey is our journey. Jesus meets us on our Emmaus road, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security, and better family relationships. These often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect the Risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the Risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times. Jesus meets us every Sunday when we come to Church and participate in the breaking of the Word and breaking of the Bread. On their journey, Jesus interpreted the Word and when they invited him to stay with them because it was already evening, He broke the bread and as He was breaking the Bread, He disappeared. It was then that they realized Jesus was with them throughout their journey.

We meet Jesus on a daily basis on our life's journey. The Church instructs us to hear Jesus daily through prayer, through the faithful reading of, and meditation on the Bible, and through our experience of Jesus as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration in which the Risen Lord gives us Himself as our spiritual Food and Drink. We meet him through our personal and family prayers, and through our family meals. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist and through the Word of God, we commune with him in prayer, and thus renew our relationship of mutual loving service. These meetings enable us to encounter the Risen Jesus living in all the people we meet, and to offer them our Lord in humble, loving, selfless service.

Does our hearts burn when we listen to the Risen Lord in the Bible? Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Vatican II (*Dei Verbum* 21) tells us that Jesus is to be equally venerated in the Eucharist and in the Bible. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, pray with the Bible, memorize the Bible, meditate on the Word of God with a burning zeal, and practice what the Bible teaches.

The two disciples went back to Jerusalem joyfully proclaiming that they met the Risen Lord, and he is alive. After every Sunday mass, we go back home joyfully proclaiming that He is alive, and He is with us. Alleluia!

*Father Joachim Lepcha*

## El viaje a Emaús

Dos de los discípulos pasaron por momentos muy devastadores de sus vidas. Perdieron a su líder, que fue brutalmente asesinado en la cruz, su sueño se hizo destrozado, toda la pasión y la muerte de Jesús en Jerusalén les hizo huir de la ciudad. Sorprendentemente, Jesús les acompañó durante todo su viaje a Emaús (Juan 24:13-35.) El camino de Emaús es nuestro camino. Jesús se encuentra con nosotros en nuestro camino de Emaús, tanto en las experiencias ordinarias de nuestra vida, como en los lugares a los que nos retiramos cuando la vida es demasiado para nosotros. Nosotros también tenemos esperanzas y sueños de una mejor salud, curación, seguridad económica y mejores relaciones familiares. A menudo se destrozan. La historia nos promete, sin embargo, que Jesús vendrá a nosotros en formas desconocidas para apoyarnos y fortalecernos cuando menos esperemos al Señor Resucitado. Los momentos de Emaús vienen a nosotros cuando nos encontramos con Cristo Resucitado en el camino de nuestra vida a través de tiempos difíciles. Jesús se encuentra con nosotros cada domingo cuando venimos a la Iglesia y participamos en la ruptura de la Palabra y en la ruptura del Pan. En su viaje, Jesús interpretó la Palabra y cuando le invitaron a quedarse con ellos porque ya era de noche, partió el pan y mientras estaba partiendo el Pan, desapareció. Fue entonces cuando se dieron cuenta de que Jesús estaba con ellos durante todo su viaje.

Nosotros nos encontramos con Jesús a diario en el camino de nuestra vida. La Iglesia nos instruye a escuchar a Jesús diariamente a través de la oración, a través de la lectura fiel y la meditación de la Biblia, y a través de nuestra experiencia de Jesús cuando participamos en la celebración Eucarística en la que el Señor Resucitado se nos da a Sí mismo como nuestro Alimento y Bebida espiritual. Nos encontramos con Él a través de nuestras oraciones personales y familiares, y a través de nuestras comidas en familia. Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús en la Eucaristía y a través de la Palabra de Dios, comulgamos con Él en la oración, y renovamos así nuestra relación de mutuo servicio amoroso. Estos encuentros nos permiten encontrar a Jesús resucitado que vive en todas las personas que encontramos, y ofrecerles a nuestro Señor en un servicio humilde, amoroso y desinteresado.

¿No nos arde el corazón cuando escuchas a nuestro Nuestro Señor Resucitado en la Biblia? Cristo se nos presenta más claramente en la Palabra. El Vaticano II (*Dei Verbum* 21) nos dice que Jesús debe ser venerado por igual en la Eucaristía y en la Biblia. Por tanto, necesitamos estudiar la Biblia, rezar con la Biblia, memorizar la Biblia, meditar la Palabra de Dios con celo ardiente y practicar lo que la Biblia enseña.

Los dos discípulos volvieron a Jerusalén proclamando con alegría que habían encontrado al Señor resucitado, y que estaba vivo. Después de cada misa dominical, volvemos a casa proclamando con alegría que Él está vivo, y está con nosotros. ¡Aleluya!

*Padre Joachim Lepcha*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM. 2022-2023

APRIL 23, 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.



**30th ANNIVERSARY**  
**Shine His Light**  
2023 Annual Appeal

MAKE A  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
GIFT TODAY!

Visit [TIMGIVE.org](http://TIMGIVE.org)

### 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.

**TOGETHER IN  
MISSION**  
LOS ANGELES

## GET BOOSTED!

Updated boosters are now available for everyone ages 6 months and older.

Where: Immaculate Conception Church and School STEM Academy

When: Wednesday April 26, 2023

1pm to 3pm

Visit [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) and search by zip code to make an appointment.



For more information on the updated boosters, scan here!



### Before your appointment:

- If you have health insurance, please bring your health insurance card or information.
- A consent form is required for minors to be vaccinated at sites run by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
- You do not need to show ID to get a vaccine. However, it is recommended that when you get a vaccine, you provide the name that is on your ID.

Updated Moderna and Pfizer boosters are recommended 2 months after your primary series or your last booster dose. Children 6 months through 4 years of age who already finished a Pfizer vaccine primary series are not eligible for a booster dose at this time.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Public Health



In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to bring the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families with food, help with utilities, etc. Thank You!

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

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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!

*Querido Parejas,*

*Los invitamos a que se den el regalo de vivir un fin de semana con el Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Esta experiencia nos ayuda a tener una mejor comunicación como pareja y para que nos mantajanos enamorados como cuando éramos novios*

*Para mas información pueden llamar al numero de telefono  
626-327-5131*

*Jesús y María Robles*



## Stewardship

*We Give because He first Gave*

**April 9, 2023 / 9 de Abril 2023**

Masses/Misas

**Total: \$22,808.00**



## 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.

## Stewardship

*We Give because He first Gave*

**April 16, 2023 / 16 de Abril 2023**

Masses/Misas

**Total: \$12,968.00**



## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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"And other seed fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." Mt 13:8-9

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Los Angeles priest Msgr. Jim Halley has been appointed interim episcopal vicar for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' San Gabriel Pastoral Region, filling the absence left after [Auxiliary Bishop David O'Connell's death](#) in February.

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## Did you know?

Together we prevent abuse and protect children & young people

National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) is a good time to review the ways in which we work together as a community of faith to prevent abuse and protect children and young people. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles stands resolute in its commitment to [report](#) allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, [support](#) victim-survivors and [protect](#) minors and the vulnerable. An updated flyer which summarizes the efforts of the Archdiocese to ensure that our parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for children and young people is available at <https://lacatholics.org/protect/protect-resources/>.

## ¿Sabias que...?

Juntos prevenimos el abuso y protegemos a los niños y jóvenes

El Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil (abril) es un buen momento para revisar las formas en que trabajamos juntos como comunidad de fe para prevenir el abuso y proteger a los niños y jóvenes. La Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles se mantiene firme en su compromiso de [reportar](#) alegaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, [apoyar](#) a las víctimas-sobrevivientes y [proteger](#) a los menores y a las demás personas vulnerables. Un folleto actualizado que resume los esfuerzos de la Arquidiócesis para garantizar que nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios sean lugares seguros para niños y jóvenes está disponible en <https://lacatholics.org/protect/protect-resources/>.

### Christian Meditation

Meditation is an inner journey of silence, stillness and simplicity. It is deeply rooted in Christian tradition, yet it is the missing contemplative dimension of Christian life today.

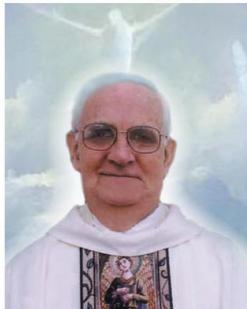


Also known as *contemplative prayer* or *prayer of the heart*, Meditation is the prayer of silence. We go beyond words, thoughts and images into the presence of God within our heart. We do not talk to God or think about God, but we are **being** with God in the present moment.

To begin, we have to learn to become still and attentive so we can enter into loving awareness of the Spirit of Jesus deep within our being. To assist us, we recite and focus on a sacred word or short phrase, a *mantra*. The mantra is a *means* to turn attention from ourselves and our thoughts and concerns, and *lead us to the deeper place within* where God dwells in silence. "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Various mantras may be used, but one of the earliest in our Christian tradition is *Maranatha*. This Aramaic word means, "Come Lord Jesus" and was used by St. Paul (1 Cor. 16:22) and St. John (Rev. 22:20). During the time of Meditation, we do not think of our mantra's meaning; rather, we repeat it, focus on it, listen to it.

With all the noise and distractions of the world, silence is necessary, and silent prayer *is possible* for *all* of us. Meditation is simple, but not easy, so we just begin and then continue faithfully. In Meditation, we deepen our relationship with God who lives in our heart and experience deep peace and joy... "life to the full" (John 10:10).



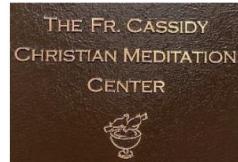
Fr. Frank Cassidy (1935-2016) was our loving, prayerful, dedicated priest at Immaculate Conception Church for thirty years. During that time, he introduced our parish to Christian Meditation, taught it, and began weekly groups for practice, encouragement and study. These groups continue to meet and are part of a growing international group, The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM). Please visit [www.WCCM.org](http://www.WCCM.org) to find much more about Meditation and the WCCM.

You are welcome (no age or experience required) to come to The Fr. Cassidy Christian Meditation Center (church basement) to experience Christian Meditation with any of the groups. Father Cassidy often reminded, "Each time we sit down to meditate, we are a beginner."

Monday - Friday 6:45 - 7:15 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. (English)

Thursday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)



For more information, please come to a group or call our facilitators:  
Donna Camou 626/297-9922 (English) and Clarisa Arostegui 626/823-0351 (Spanish)