

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 07, 2023



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVING MONROVIA, DUARTE AND BRADBURY SINCE 1905

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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
(626) 358-1166

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

Saturday May 6th

5:00PM English

Yatsury Anai Silva Zamora (L) B-Day
Jose Ramon Lopez (D)
Jose Manuel Prieto (D)

Sunday May 7th

8:00AM English

Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of L.A (L)
Alma de Jesus (D)
Emilio Sanchez (D)
Ralph Burgess (D)

10:00AM English

Vrigina Reyes (L)
Daniela Rodriguez (L)
Mary Kaye Selvaggio (D)
Felicitia Rionbaqa (D)
Marie Bruno (D)
Souls in Purgatory

12:00PM Spanish

Isabella Orozco (L) Cumpleanos
Epifanio Rodriguez (D)
Ferman Herrera (D)
Peter T. Calmer Jr. (D)
Carlos Uriel Quezada (D)
Jose Hernandez Reyes (D)

5:00PM English

Graduation Students of I.C (L)
Michael Gates (D)
Zita Sequeria (D)
Joseph Bernal (D)

7:00PM Spanish

Maria Guadalupe Leana (L) Health
Emilio Tafur (D)
Angelica Tafur (D)
Jose Ramon Lopez (D)
Agustin Sanchez (D)

Monday May 8th

7:30AM English

Fr. Joachim Lepcha (L)
Fr. Deus Najja (L)
Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM Spanish

Isabella Orozco (L) Birthday
Jose Ramon Lopez (D)
Avelina Hernandez (D)
Animas del Purgatorio

Tuesday May 9th

7:30AM English

Juliana Maria R. (L) B-Day
All Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM Spanish

Jose Ramon Lopez (D)

Wednesday, May 10th

7:30AM English

Maria Gayman (L) Birthday
David Miyasita (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Maria de Jesus Quezada (L)
Cristina Villa (L)
Paula Mancera (D)

Thursday, May 11th

7:30AM English

Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM Spanish

Catalina Valenzuela (D)
Marina Gaona (D)
Marcel Gaona (D)

Friday, May 12th

7:30AM English

Alma de Jeuses (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Alma de Jesus (D)
Jose Hernandez Reyes (D)
Jose Ramon Lopez (D)

Saturday, May 13th

7:30AM English

Souls in Purgatory



We also pray for the sick and deceased of our community:

For The sick:

- John Clark
- Judy Hernandez
- Katie Tassinari
- Emily Schult Torres

For the Deceased:

- Paula Mancera
- Edward Atencio
- Salvador Marquez
- Joseph Bernal
- Michael Gates
- Odette Cucaro



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!

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.



Joy of Christ

The early Christian community of Jews and Gentiles were having a social division. They were sensing a practical problem of neglect of the Gentiles widows. They could not take time from their particular ministry to make sure that everyone's needs were met. Their hearts were one for the care of the needy, but still felt distanced in their dealing with the group and different ministries in the community. The amazing thing is that they started regrouping their mission, keeping aside their social and cultural background. Since they were filled with the Spirit and wisdom; they prayed together and with great concern. Saint Peter's preaching drew them to the Lord, who was building them a temple where they offered spiritual sacrifices to God.

We are moving forward with one spirit and many things we have accomplished together for the greater glory of God; but we may also find some cultural and social barriers that hinder our unity to Jesus our true Shepherd. Jesus as a good shepherd treats and loves us equally and we belong to one sheepfold.

The early church community kept aside their differences and remained in Christ, both in good and bad times because they were filled with the Holy Spirit. ***"The Church was at peace and enjoyed the increased consolation of the Holy Spirit."*** (Acts 9:31) If we remain in Christ, the true joy will flow in us, because we will find joy in Him, not a superficial joy that the world can offer us. The joy that comes from the fulfillment of one's potential, a joy that will produce many fruits such as curbing violence and bringing back peace in our streets; removing injustices and establishing equality. And a joy that gives us a power with which we can do good things for God and the world.

We live in Him, by keeping God's word continually in our mind and making it the guide of our actions, maintaining a prayer life, by receiving the Sacraments that draw out his grace, by avoiding all sins and yielding to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Everything is in Love. ***"Little children, let us love in deed and truth and not merely talk about it."*** (1 John 3:18)

Father Joaquín Lepcha

Alegría de Cristo

La primitiva estaban divididas socialmente en la comunidad cristiana de Judíos y Gentiles tenía una división social. Percibían un problema práctico de desatención a las viudas Gentiles. No podían sacar tiempo de su ministerio particular para asegurarse de que las necesidades de todos estaban cubiertas. Sus corazones eran uno para el cuidado de los necesitados, pero aún así se sentían distanciados en su trato con el grupo y los diferentes ministerios de la comunidad. Lo sorprendente es que empezaron a reagrupar su misión, dejando de lado su trasfondo social y cultural. Como estaban llenos del Espíritu y de sabiduría, oraban juntos y con gran interés. La predicación de San Pedro los atrajo hacia el Señor, que les estaba construyendo un templo donde ofrecían sacrificios espirituales a Dios.

Avanzamos con un mismo espíritu y hemos realizado juntas muchas cosas para mayor gloria de Dios; pero también podemos encontrar algunas barreras culturales y sociales que dificultan nuestra unidad hacia Jesús, nuestro verdadero Pastor. Jesús, como buen pastor, nos trata y nos ama por igual y pertenecemos a un solo redil.

La comunidad de la Iglesia primitiva mantuvo a un lado sus diferencias y permaneció en Cristo, tanto en los buenos como en los malos momentos, porque estaban llenos del Espíritu Santo. ***"La Iglesia estaba en paz y gozaba de la consolación creciente del Espíritu Santo"***. (Hechos 9:31) Si permanecemos en Cristo, la verdadera alegría fluirá en nosotros, porque encontraremos la alegría en Él, no una alegría superficial que el mundo pueda ofrecernos. La alegría que proviene de la realización del propio potencial, una alegría que producirá muchos frutos, como frenar la violencia y devolver la paz a nuestras calles; eliminar las injusticias y establecer la igualdad. Y una alegría que nos da un poder con el que podemos hacer cosas buenas para Dios y para el mundo.

Vivimos en Él, manteniendo continuamente en nuestra mente la palabra de Dios y haciendo de ella la guía de nuestras acciones, manteniendo una vida de oración, recibiendo los Sacramentos que atraen su gracia, evitando todos los pecados y cediendo a la dirección del Espíritu Santo. Todo está en el Amor. ***"Hijos Míos, amemos con obras y de verdad, y no nos limitemos hablar de ello"***. (1 Juan 3:18)

Padre Joaquín Lepcha

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students Felicitaciones a nuestro Estudiantes de Confirmación



IC STEM ACADEMY NEWS

May is an exciting time for our students at IC STEM Academy! Our second graders are celebrating their First Communion on May 6th. We are so proud of our students taking this important step in their spiritual journey and strengthening their relationship with Jesus.

We will honor our Mother Mary at the 11am School Mass on May 10th as our 8th graders will participate in May Crowning. We will also honor our own Mothers at the same Mass. May our Mother Mary continue to be a shining example of love and tenderness to all mothers.

The Scouts will host a Camp Out on May 12 for our IC students. This is a great opportunity to build community and learn more about the outdoors.

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. We can't wait to welcome you to the IC School Family.

Liturgy Corner

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Immaculate Conception, May is an incredibly exciting month. First Holy Communion is a special time in our children's lives. Each will encounter our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, fully and completely in the Holy Eucharist; His body, blood, soul, and divinity. The excitement of receiving Jesus for the first time brings such joy, sometimes more for the parents and grandparents of the one receiving the Holy Eucharist.

The first group of children received our Lord on Saturday May 6th, and the second group will joyfully receive Him next Saturday May 13, 2023.

We believe that the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Faith. The life of the Catholic believer is wrapped in that belief. It was the gift our Saviour gave us, not a symbol, not a piece of wafer; Jesus gave us himself. The food to sustain and nourish us in a way that we will never go hungry once we receive Him. Only through faith can this take place in our hearts. If it remains in our head, we cannot be nourished.

First Holy Communion is always preceded by the Sacrament of Penance, which many refer to as confession, and also known as reconciliation. We as Catholics believe in the scripture, where Jesus, also offered us the opportunity to receive his forgiveness. Hopefully our children will continue to remain connected to Jesus, willing to build on the friendship they have started. Jesus wants to have a true friendship with each of them. God our Creator provided all the opportunities for us to worthily receive Him in Holy Communion. We should always be properly disposed to present a clean temple to receive our Lord.

Shalom!

Sacred Music

"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 112). The composition and singing of inspired psalms, often accompanied by musical instruments, were already closely linked to the liturgical celebrations of the Old Covenant. The Church continues and develops this tradition: "Address . . . one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart." "He who sings prays twice" (Eph 5:19; St. Augustine, En. in Ps. 72,1:PL 36,914; cf. Col 3:16).

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1156

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 mantengamos enamorados como cuando eramos novios

Para mas informacion pueden llamar al numero de telefono

626-327-5131

Jesus y Maria Robles



Called to Renew update April 2023

Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Goal: \$1,090,000.00

Total Pledge \$1,326,127.77

Total \$552,559.96

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 8, 2023

6p Confirmation - 1A, 3A, 5A, Hall

6p FHC Yr 2 Rehearsal - Church

7p Coro del Grupo de Oracion

7p Crecimientos GDO - Youth Hut

7p Nutrición - Meditation

7p Padres y Madres Orantes 6-B

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6p Confirmation - 1A, 3A, 5A, Hall

6p FHC Yr 2 Rehearsal - Church

7p Coro del Grupo de Oracion

7p Crecimientos GDO - Youth Hut

7p Nutrición - Meditation

7p Padres y Madres Orantes 6-B

Wednesday May 10, 2023

6pm Mr Bullara - 2C

6pm Father Deus - Youth Hut

7pm Grupo de Oración - Church

7pm Grupo Génesis - 2C

7pm Meditation Evenings - English

Thursday May 11, 2023

FHC Yr 2 Rehearsal - Church

6p Grupo de Oración - 2C

6p Meditation Spanish

6p Father Deus - Youth Hut

6:30p Grupo de Oración ó Hall

Friday May 12, 2023

6p Biblia en español - Youth Hut

6p Encuentro Matrimonial - 5B

6:30p RCIA - 5A

7p Al- Anon 6-B

7pm Grupo Genesis ó 2C

Saturday May 13, 2023

7a 2,000 Hail Mary Group - Youth Hut

8a Rel. Ed. - Hall

9a First Communion English - Church

11:30a First Communion Spanish ó Church

Sunday May 14, 2023

10a Practica de coro - 2C

11:30am Pre baptismal Classes - 5A, 3A

2p Confirmation/RCIA - Hall, Youth Hut, 1A, 3A & 5A,

5p Practica de coro - 2C



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. You can help St. Vincent de Paul bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

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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Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul. Para comunicarse con San Vicente de Paul, marque: (626) 358-1166.

Online giving on the month of April

Total: \$12,395.00

On behalf of I.C. Church

Thankyou



JOIN OUR MISSION WORK, BE A MISSIONARY WITH US!

**MISIONERAS CARMELITAS DE SANTA TERESA DEL NINO JESUS
 PUEBLA, MEXICO**

PUEBLA-MEXICO

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN, ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

A second collection will take place on May 13th & 14th.

On May 13th & 14th, the Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus from Puebla Mexico, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, will have a second collection in this Parish to raise funds to continue with their construction of the Mission house that was destroyed by Hurricane Grace in August 2021 in Huehuetla, Sierra Norte of Puebla. A place of mission with indigenous people for 80 years: where many indigenous people have come to know God through retreats, bible studies, catechetical formation, basic medical services, and much more. Please consider helping them. Let us give the best of ourselves to dignify God's creation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COOPERACION MISIONERA, ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES, CA



LA SEGUNDA COLECTA SERA EL 13 Y 14 DE MAYO

Los días 13 Y 14 de mayo, las Misioneras Carmelitas de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús de Puebla México, a través de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, estarán realizando una segunda colecta para recaudar fondos económicos y poder continuar con la construcción de la casa Misión que fue destruida por el huracán Grace en agosto 2021 en Huehuetla, Sierra Norte de Puebla. Lugar de misión con indígenas desde hace 80 años, donde muchos indígenas han conocido a Dios a través de retiros, catequesis, clases de biblia, servicios médicos básicos y mucho más. Por favor considera en ayudarlas y colaborar con ellas. Demos lo mejor de nosotros para dignificar la creación de Dios.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

Stewardship

We Give because He first Gave

May 1, 2023/ 1 de Mayo, 2023

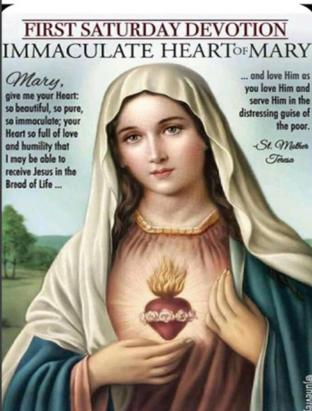
Masses/Misas

Total: \$10,017.00

Fiesta Tickets \$2,472.00

Fiesta Mass Collections \$1,861.00

Thank You Gracias



2,000 Hail Mary Group invites the community to join them on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, from 8:00AM to 9:00PM. To pray to 2,000 Hail Mary Devotions at the Youth Hut.

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30th

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GRAN CELEBRACIÓN
A NUESTRA SEÑORA:
LA VIRGEN de FATIMA

13 DE MAYO, 2023

Procesión y
Santo Rosario 
6: 00pm

Misa: 7:00pm

Habrà:
Consagración a los
Niños.



TRAIGAN:
ROSAS BLANCAS 

Iglesia: Inmaculada concepción
Dirección: 740 S Shamrock Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016

Para más información llamar a: Morena (626) 316-4947

Did you know? May 6-7 || The importance of protective software

Children spend more time online than ever before. How can parents keep up with what they are doing and seeing? One easy way is to install accountability and filter software. Programs like Covenant Eyes, Bark Home Web Filter, or Circle can limit the sites and apps available to your children, and allow you to see their online activity. For more internet safety tips, read the VIRTUS® article “Five Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article “Five Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity” here.

¿Sabías que...? La importancia del software de protección

Los niños pasan más tiempo en línea que nunca antes. ¿Cómo pueden los padres de familia mantenerse al día con lo que sus hijos hacen o ven? Una manera fácil es instalar un software de responsabilidad y de filtrado. Los programas como Covenant Eyes, Bark Home Web Filter o Circle pueden limitar los sitios y aplicaciones disponibles para sus hijos y permitire a usted ver la actividad de ellos en la Internet. Para obtener más consejos de seguridad en Internet, lea el artículo de Virtus® en inglés, “Five Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity” (Cinco claves para monitorear la actividad de los niños en línea) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Lea el artículo de Virtus® en inglés, “Five Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity” (Cinco claves para monitorear la actividad de los niños en línea) aquí.

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE DIACONATE
ORDINATION AND FIRST
DIACONAL MASSES OF

MARKO RUDELA



DIACONATE ORDINATION:

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 27, 2023, 9:00AM

LOCATION: CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

555 WEST TEMPLE STREET

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

FIRST DIACONAL MASSES:

SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES: 10:00AM ENGLISH, 12:00PM SPANISH

ACOMPÁÑENOS A LA
ORDENACIÓN DIACONAL Y A LAS
PRIMERAS MISAS DIACONALES DE

MARKO RUDELA



ORDENACIÓN DIACONAL

EL SÁBADO 27 DE MAYO A LAS 9:00AM

EN LA CATEDRAL DE NTRA. SRA. DE LOS ÁNGELES

555 WEST TEMPLE STREET

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

PRIMERAS MISAS DIACONALES

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

28 DE MAYO DEL 2023

EN LA PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

740 S SHAMROCK AVE. MONROVIA, CA 91016

A LAS 10:00AM EN INGLÉS Y A LAS 12:00PM EN ESPAÑOL

SPRING FESTIVAL

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11am. to 11pm.

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Fanaticos de la cumbia
Alguacil de la Sierra
Alejandro Gaona
MAMBO SUN
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SOLIN



* KARAOKE

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OF DJ RAFITA SOLIN
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* BALLET

FOLKLOICO

* GAMES

* LIVE MUSIC

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ROCK EN ESPAÑOL
FUNDADA EN LOS ANGELES
POR JUAN FIGUEROA
HACE MAS DE 10 AÑOS
PARA CONTRATACIONES
SIGUENOS EN REDES
SOCIALES

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Sunday
28 May

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