

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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
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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

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

9:00AM-12:00PM Sat.

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Please pray for Intentions of the Week**Por favor oremos por las Intenciones de la semana****Saturday May 13th**

5:00PM English
 Henry Florentino (D)
 Domingo Castro (D)
 Alejandro Domingo (D)

Sunday May 14th

8:00AM English
 Rutilda Alvarez (L) Health
 Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart
 of L.A (L)
 Paula Mancera (D)
 Mary Johnson (D)
 Ferman Herrera (D)
 Enedina Salgado (D)
 Roger & Phyllis Johnson (D)

10:00AM English

Carina Arias (L)
 Lydia Arias (L)
 Marie Bruno (D)
 Emilio Roberto Sanchez (D)
 Luz Alvarez (D)
 Mariano Pantaleon (D)

12:00PM Spanish

Antonio Nieto (D)
 Maria Elena Caballero (D)
 Jose Lopez (D)
 Maria Ramos (D)
 Raul Torres (D)
 Irma Caballero (D)
 Ferman Herrera (D)
 Jose Humberto Rodriguez (D)

5:00PM English

All Souls in Purgatory

7:00PM Spanish

Graciela Lopez Ramirez (D)
 Socorro Castaeda de Orozco (D)
 Maria & Federico Quinteros (D)
 Albina Lopez (D)
 Esteban Lopez (D)

Monday May 15th

7:30AM English
 Martha Jansen (D)
 All Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM Spanish

Magartia Barragan (L)
 Angelica Tafur (D)
 Emilio Tafur (D)
 Para todos las personas consagrada a la vida Religiosa (L)
 Almas del Purgatorio

Tuesday May 16th

7:30AM English
 Greg & Grace Lieber (L)
 Alfredo V. Nartatez (L) Birthday
 Michael Gates (D)
 Robert Sanders (D)
 Carolina Flores (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Por las almas del Purgatorio

Wednesday, May 17th

7:30AM English
 Daniel & Nenita Karganilla (D) Wedding Anniv.
 Michael Gates (D)
 Robert Sanders (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Oscar Gaytan (L) Birthday



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

For The sick:

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

For the Deceased:

- James Igual
- 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://myownngiving.com/>
 God bless you!

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.



Righteousness

Today we live in a world where Christians face indirect persecution through different false ideologies. We are experiencing difficulties in our own rightful claim even in our own normal, moral, and physical human existence. Sometimes our faith is shaken deeply; we are confused to choose the truth. We may go along with delusional propagandas and teachings of the world in order to not offend anyone, so we co-exist. We are not called to compromise with the world, at the cost of our souls and the kingdom of God. We are called to stand firm in our belief and truth, and we need to live up to the call of the Risen Lord, to remain strong in all adversities of the world and to practice righteousness.

Saint Peter supported the persecuted Christians in their struggle to remain faithful to Christ. They are blessed who suffer because of righteousness. (1 Peter 3:14) Righteousness means, among other things, responding to hostility as Christ did, the Lord of hearts; with peace and gentleness, instead of revolting evil against evil, insult against insult, we are invited to sanctify Christ as Lord on our hearts. We are called to be always ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks us for a reason for our hope, and we are asked to do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping our conscience clear, so that, when we are maligned, those who defame our good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.

The peace and gentleness are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The last Supper discourse continues with Jesus' promise of the Spirit. He has just assured the apostles that he will not abandon them but will return to take them to the Father. Moreover, he promises that he will send "another" The Advocate, suggesting that the Spirit will do for them what Jesus did. We are called to focus on the rigorousness that we practice every day with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are called not to focus on so much negatives that the world may offer us; but to fall in love with Jesus and walk in righteousness. When we encounter the friendship of the living God, we are changed. We are filled with radiant joy.

As Pentecost approaches, we can prepare to be empowered and sent out into our ordinary lives to be extraordinary people. We are to be an enthusiastic people of purpose, with determination, resolution, drive, tenacity, and commitment to living Jesus' joy-filled way of life. As Christians we practice righteousness with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Mother's day!

Fr. Joachim Lepcha

Justicia

Hoy vivimos en un mundo en el que los cristianos se enfrentan a una persecución indirecta a través de diferentes ideologías falsas. Estamos experimentando dificultades en nuestra propia reivindicación legítima incluso en nuestra propia existencia humana normal, moral y física. A veces nuestra fe se tambalea profundamente; nos confundimos al elegir la verdad. Podemos estar de acuerdo con propagandas y enseñanzas delirantes del mundo para no ofender a nadie, así que coexistimos. No estamos llamados a transigir con el mundo, a costa de nuestras almas y del reino de Dios. Estamos llamados a mantenernos firmes en nuestras creencias y en la verdad, y necesitamos estar a la altura de la llamada del Señor Resucitado, para permanecer fuertes en todas las adversidades del mundo y a practicar la justicia.

San Pedro apoyó a los cristianos perseguidos en su lucha por permanecer fieles a Cristo. Son bienaventurados los que sufren a causa de la justicia. (1 Pedro 3:14) La justicia significa, entre otras cosas, responder a la hostilidad como lo hizo Cristo, el Señor de los corazones; con paz y mansedumbre, en lugar de rebelar mal contra mal, insulto contra insulto, se nos invita a santificar a Cristo como Señor en nuestros corazones. Estamos llamados a estar siempre dispuestos a dar una explicación a quien nos pida una razón de nuestra esperanza, y se nos pide que lo hagamos con mansedumbre y reverencia, manteniendo limpia nuestra conciencia, para que, cuando seamos calumniados, los que difaman nuestra buena conducta en Cristo queden ellos mismos avergonzados.

La paz y la mansedumbre son frutos del Espíritu Santo. El discurso de la última Cena continúa con la promesa de Espíritu. Asegura a los apóstoles que no los abandonará, sino que volverá para llevarlos al Padre. Además, promete que enviará "otro" El Abogado, sugiriendo que el Espíritu hará por ellos lo que Jesús hizo. Estamos llamados a centrarnos en el rigor que practicamos cada día con la guía del Espíritu Santo. Estamos llamados a no centrarnos en tanto negatividades que el mundo pueda ofrecernos; sino a enamorarnos de Jesús y caminar en justicia. Cuando nos encontramos con la amistad del Dios vivo, cambiamos. Nos llenamos de alegría radiante.

Al acercarse Pentecostés, podemos prepararnos para recibir la fuerza que nuestras vidas ordinarias para convertirnos en personas extradianas Hemos de ser personas de propósito, con determinación, resolución, empuje, tenacidad y compromiso para vivir el estilo de vida llenos del gozo de Jesús. Como cristianos, practicamos la justicia con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo.

¡Feliz Día de las Madres!

P. Joachim Lepcha

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Students!

Felicitaciones a nuestros alumnos de Primera
Comunión!



Margarita Mota Is retiring!

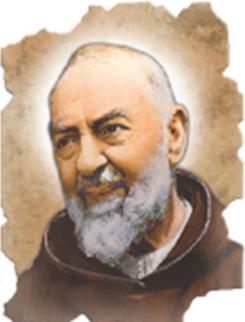


After an incredible 12 years of dedicated service in religious education, Mrs. Margarita Mota is retiring. Although we are so very sad to see her step down from her position as Director of Religious Education she will still be very much present in our Parish Family.

Immaculate Conception Parish invites you to please take the time and join us in thanking Mrs. Margarita for her many years of faithful service to our community and parish.

May her new journey in life find fulfillment, peace and happiness.

SAINT Padre Pio



Mass & Healing Service
Thursday, May 25, 2023

Celebrated By:
FR. MICHAEL BARRY & FR. RON CLARK

Music By:

TREVOR THOMSON

**Relic with the Glove
of St. Padre Pio
will be present**

6 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
with Recitation of the Holy Rosary

7 pm: Mass & Healing Service

ST. DOROTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH
241 S. Valley Center Ave., Glendora, CA 91741

IC STEM Academy News

This past week, we celebrated our amazing teachers. The key to our success at IC is the wonderful environment that our educators provide for the students. Not only do they offer a valuable Catholic education but also a place where students can practice the Gospel message - Love One Another. Thank you, teachers, for your commitment and dedication to an innovative Catholic education.

On May 19th, IC will host our final fundraiser for this school year. A Foam Run! All funds from this event will help provide resources for our students and enrich our curriculum. If you are interested in donating to help our students, please contact the school office at (626)358 - 5129. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception STEM Academy is currently 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.

God Bless,
Mrs. Rojas
Principal

IC STEM Academy Summer Adventures

- Academics
- Fun
- Creativity
- And of course, STEM!

From June 12 to July 7
morning care available from 8 - 8:30am

8:30 - 11:30am \$350

After school camp
11:30am - 4:30pm \$250



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and through us into the hearts of those who are 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
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 740 S. Shamrock Ave., Monrovia CA 91016

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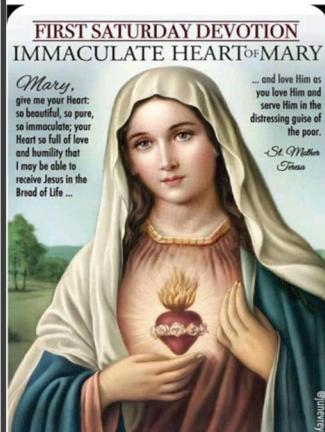
Stewardship

We Give because He first Gave

May 7, 2023 / 7 de Mayo, 2023

Masses/Misas

Total: \$11,144.00



**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.**

This Week's Schedule

May 15th, 2023

6:45am Meditation - English

7:00pm Al-Anon - Youth Hut

7:00pm Grupo de Oración/Crecimientos – 5A

May 16th, 2023

6:00pm Confirmation – 1A, 3A, 5A, & Hall

7:00pm Coro Grupo de oración – 2C

7:00pm Crecimientos/ Grupo de Oración – Youth Hut

May 17th, 2023

6:00pm Rel Ed Catechist's Appreciation Dinner - Hall & Kitchen

3:00pm Mr. Bullara - 2C

6:00pm Father Deus - Youth Hut

7:00pm Grupo de Oración - Church

7:00pm Grupo Génesis - 2C

7:00pm Meditation Evenings – English

May 18th, 2023

6:00pm Meditación/ Español – Meditation Room

6:00pm Coro Guadalupano – 2C

6:00pm Father Deus – Youth Hut

7:00pm Ministros Eucarísticos - Church

May 19th, 2023

6:00pm Biblia en español - Youth Hut

6:00pm Encuentro Matrimonial - 5B

6:00pm Retiro Preparación Matrimonial -Hall & Kitchen

6:30pm RCIA - 5A

7:00pm Al- Anon 6-B

7:00pm Grupo de Jóvenes Génesis - 2C

May 20th, 2023

Retiro Preparación Matrimonial – Hall & Kitchen

May 21st, 2023

Retiro preparación matrimonial – Hall & Kitchen

10:00am Práctica del coro – 2C

5:00 pm Práctica del coro – 2C

Happy Mother's Day

In honor:

- Victoria Academia
- Ma. Guadalupe Campos
- Marisela Llamas
- Angie Julie Muñoz
- Carmen Ochoa Muñoz
- Esther Ramirez Henyord
- Mary Ramirez


In memory:

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| • Chonita G. Cardenas | • Guadalupe Estrada |
| • Catherine I. Woodward | • Paula Nuñez |
| • Juliet Martha Quinones | • Chonita G. Cardenas |
| • Elena Ermodian | • Catherine I. Woodward |
| • Marie Samuelian | • Lucille Stifer |
| • Francisca Bumanglag | • Mary Fernando Pusle |
| • Mary Lloyd | • Jean Pullenaya Gam |
| • Merle Rodriguez | • Marlene Conraad |
| • Margareth Hamilton | • Nicolasa Robles |
| • Emerenciana Salonga | • Carmen de Ochoa |
| • Agustina Canoy | • Adela L. Ramirez |
| • Valentina Canoy | • Catalina Torres |
| • Baldomera Tabora | • Mary Zarate |
| • Maria Santos Candelas | • Diane Sifuentes |
| • Maria Cruz Arvizu | |



Did you know? May 13-14 Recognize signs of grooming behavior

Many adult predators "groom" their victims, creating an emotional and psychological connection with a child to lay the groundwork for future sexual abuse. Some basic signs of child grooming can include taking an undue interest in someone else's child or calling a child a "special friend." Groomers may give money or gifts for no reason or invite a potential victim on isolated day trips or outings without the child's parents. For more signs of grooming behavior, read the VIRTUS® article "The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Liturgy Corner

Mother's Day was first observed soon after the turn of the twentieth century in the Methodist Church as a memorial service for those who had lost their mothers. The observance spread to other churches, and in 1914 became a civic holiday. Since the Middle Ages Roman Catholics had long observed the Fourth Sunday of Lent as "Mothering Sunday," with the liturgy's imagery of a mystical homecoming in "Mother Jerusalem." Today we celebrate all mothers.



Prayer For Mom in Heaven

O Lord my God, I thank you that you are the Lord of life. The life of my mother was a gift from you. She received love as your child, and I am grateful that she poured out that love to me. I look forward to the day when Jesus returns to bring the resurrection of the dead. I await an eternity spent in your presence with my mother and all your people. I look with hope to a future with no sin, pain, or death. As my mother encounters you face to face, I ask that you bring me comfort. Amen.

¿Sabías que...?

Reconozca las señales de un comportamiento de acoso sexual de menores

Muchos depredadores adultos "preparan" a sus víctimas creando una conexión emocional y psicológica con un niño para abrir el camino para futuros abusos sexuales. Algunas señales básicas de acoso sexual de menores puede incluir mostrar un interés desmedido en el hijo de alguien más o llamar a un niño su "amigo especial". Los acosadores pueden dar dinero o regalos sin motivo alguno, o invitar a su víctima potencial a excursiones aisladas o a salidas sin la presencia de los padres de familia del niño. Para conocer sobre más señales de comportamiento de los acosadores sexuales, lea el artículo de Virtus® en inglés, "The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse" (La respuesta a veces hostil de la comunidad con respecto a la acusación de abuso sexual infantil) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES



Marriage and family are at the heart of God's plan. In the Bible's first pages, we read about the marriage of Adam and Eve. In its last pages, we read about the "wedding feast" of Jesus and his Church. Jesus was born and raised in a family. He performed his first miracle at a wedding. And he gave his Church the mission of completing God's plan — proclaiming that God is our Father and inviting all nations to live as one family. Family is the natural bond that holds every society together.

Families face many challenges, which we must confront. But the key to renewal is for us to rediscover the beauty and simplicity of family in God's plan. There is something unique — beautiful and sacred — about the relationship between man and woman in marriage. Their union creates new life, a new generation of society. We are called to support families trying to live these truths. We reach out with tenderness to those who have trouble living these truths. Marriage is a sacrament — a living sign of God's love. It is a vocation — a calling to spouses to bear witness to God's love and build his Kingdom, his family on earth.

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Alguacil de la Sierra
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