



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVING MONROVIA, DUARTE AND BRADBURY SINCE 1905

Parish Staff

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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
Saturday 9AM-12PM
(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.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 Ext. 271, 272 or 274

Tuesday-Friday 12:00PM-8:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM -1:00PM

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 October 7th

Zenaida de Jesus (L)
Robin Diaz (L)
Emma Villa (D)
Jose Refugio Quezada (D)
Lucida Yañez (D)

Sunday October 8th

8:00AM English
Destiny Sieggreen (L)
Ted Ury (D)
Clayton & Margaret Brown (D)
Howard & Nancy Haddon (D)
Ivo Casal Motomal (D)
Romanita Carreon (D)

10:00AM English

To All Pregant Mothers (L)
Carolina Galang (D)
Norwina Miclat (D)
Marilyn & John Mckenzie (D)
Donal Beauchemins (D)
Amelia Odell (D)

12:00PM Spanish

Seferino y Amanda Vega (L) Boda de Anniv. 12 Años
Maximo Morales (L) Por su Salud
Ruben Miramontez (L) Por su salud
Ernestina Pascual (D)
Benito Pascual (D)
Ricardo y Josefa Farret Garcia (D)
Camerino Pascual (D)
Ricardo Estrada (D)
Caritina Valdivia (D)

5:00PM English

Mario Tapia (L) Health
Mark Vicente (L) Health
Deacon Pedro Rojas (D)
Lucida Yañez (D)
Dan Mack (D)
Jim Cole (D)

7:00PM Spanish

Aaron Ramos (L) Cumpleanos
Mya Iniguez (L) Cumpleanos 16 años
Maria Luisa Figueroa (D)
Angel Castello'n (D)
Angelica Moreno (D)

Monday October 9th

7:30AM English
Elizabeth Santos (D)
Caritina Valdivia (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Caritina Valdivia (D)
Por las animas del pugatorio

Tuesday October 10th

7:30AM English
Pacita Irmiter (L) Birthday
Eleanor David (D)
Caritina Valdivia (D)
Barry Keener (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Caritina Valdivia (D)
Por las animas del Pugatorio

Wednesday October 11th

7:30AM English
Dinah Macale (D)
Caritina Valdivia (D)

5:00PM Spanish

Caritina Valdivia (D)
Por las animas del Pugatorio

Thursday October 12th

7:30AM English
Caritina Valdivia (D)
Ron Lowe (D)
Bess Fadden (D)
5:00PM Spanish
Caritina Valdivia (D)

Friday October 13th

7:30AM English
Caritina Valdivia (D)
5:00PM Spanish
Emilio Sanchez (D)
Caritina Valdivia (D)

Saturday October 14th

7:30AM English
Caritina Valdivia (D)
Souls in Purgatory



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

For The sick:

For the Deceased:

- Liwayway Gonzalez
- Robin Diaz
- Robert Flexen
- Ramon Garcia
- Nef Rogoff
- Hyacinth Lontok
- Harolyn Rhue
- Marian Finn
- Lorraine Bernal
- Ana Eagles
- Ferman Herrera Jr
- Emily Schult Torres
- Agapito Gallardo
- Antonio de Jesus Macias
- Caritina Valdivia



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.



The Conversion

God gave the people of Israel his love and friendship and a beautiful vineyard to tend, (Mt. 21:33) but like the tenants of the parable, they rejected God's friendship and betrayed his love. God's love is everlasting and enduring; hence He sent His own son hoping that they would respect and honor him, but they abused him and killed him. God showed his enduring love and compassion even when they killed his son. He chose to outdo the hatred of his son to give new life to his people by a generous outpouring gift of his Holy Spirit on them.

We are his children, and we are invited to imitate him, and even if we have fallen from his grace, he is ready to forgive us, and accept us as we are. He is slow to anger and abounding in mercy. The heart is the source of actions; the purity of heart should be the goal of Christian life. The interior conversion is so important that Saint Paul writes it in a right perspective. ***"Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, and everything that we love and honor and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise."*** (Phil. 4:8)

God is patiently waiting for our conversion, from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. The vineyard owner made three efforts to get the tenant farmers to change their ways. Similarly, God is waiting for us to change our way of life and repent and return to Him. He knows that patience achieves more than force. A day will come when God's patience will run out. When the vineyard owner saw that the more patience was futile, he passed judgment on the tenants, holding them accountable for their actions. Now is the time to repent and return to God. There is no time to repent in the grave.

The parable of the vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run our life as we choose. And in living our lives we have to choose Him first. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times He forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Yes, let us not delay but acknowledge of our weaknesses and beg his mercy and compassion. Because He is merciful.

Father Joachim Lepcha

La Conversión

Dios dio al pueblo de Israel su amor y amistad y una hermosa viña que cuidar, (Mt. 21:33) pero como los habitantes de la parábola, rechazaron la amistad de Dios y traicionaron su amor. El amor de Dios es eterno y perdurable; por eso envió a su propio hijo con la esperanza de que lo respetaran y lo honraran, pero lo maltrataron y lo mataron. Dios mostró su amor perdurable y su compasión incluso cuando mataron a su hijo. Eligió superar el odio a su hijo para dar nueva vida a su pueblo mediante una generosa efusión de su Espíritu Santo sobre ellos.

Somos sus hijos, y estamos invitados a imitarle, e incluso si hemos caído de su gracia, está dispuesto a perdonarnos y aceptarnos tal como somos. Es lento a la cólera y abundante en misericordia. El corazón es la fuente de las acciones; la pureza del corazón debe ser la meta de la vida cristiana. La conversión interior es tan importante que San Pablo la escribe en una perspectiva acertada. ***"Por último, hermanos, llenad vuestra mente de todo lo que es noble, de todo lo que es bueno y puro, de todo lo que amamos y honramos y de todo lo que puede considerarse virtuoso o digno de alabanza"***. (Fil. 4:8)

Dios espera pacientemente nuestra conversión, de corazones de piedra a corazones de carne. El dueño de la viña hizo tres esfuerzos para que los campesinos arrendatarios cambiaran sus costumbres. Del mismo modo, Dios espera que cambiemos nuestro modo de vida, nos arrepintamos y volvamos a Él. Él sabe que la paciencia logra más que la fuerza. Llegará un día en que la paciencia de Dios se agotará. Cuando el dueño de la viña vio que más paciencia era en vano, juzgó al habitantes, haciéndole responsable de sus actos. Ahora es el momento de arrepentirse y volver a Dios. No hay tiempo para arrepentirse en la tumba.

La parábola de la viña está bien equipada con todo lo que los arrendatarios necesitan. El propietario se marchó y dejó la viña en manos de los labradores. Del mismo modo, Dios confía en nosotros lo suficiente como para darnos libertad para dirigir nuestra vida como queramos. Y al vivir nuestra vida tenemos que elegirle a Él en primer lugar. Esta parábola también nos habla de la paciencia y la justicia de Dios. No una, sino muchas veces perdona a los arrendatarios sus deudas. Pero aunque los arrendatarios se aprovechan de la paciencia del dueño, al final prevalecen su juicio y su justicia. Sí, no nos demoremos, reconozcamos nuestras debilidades y supliquemos su misericordia y compasión. Porque Él es misericordioso.

Padre Joachim Lepcha

IC STEM Academy News



During the month of October, we honor and celebrate the Holy Rosary. Our students will learn about the mysteries and recite the rosary together. As you pray the rosary, please keep our teachers and students in prayer. We pray for our students to follow Mary's example and say yes to God.

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Immaculate Conception STEM Academy is still 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,
Miriam Rojas
Principal

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Miriam Rojas
Principal

Religious Education Office

We are very grateful and blessed to begin a new year of catechesis, many thanks to all the families who have placed their trust in Immaculate Conception for the religious education of their children. Special thanks to all the catechists who, without expecting anything in return, give their voluntary time to instruct the children and adolescents.

We also make a reminder to all first communion families to please attend our Faith Formation nights, so that they can walk together with their children and be ready for the day they receive their Sacraments. If you have any questions, you can call the Religious Education office at 626-357-3010.

Spanish October 24, 2023, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

English October 25, 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Thank you very much.

In Christ

Religious Education Coordinators

Ms. Rosie Carrillo and Mrs. Maria Castro

Oficina de Educación Religiosa

Estamos muy agradecidos y bendecidos por comenzar un nuevo año de catequesis, muchas gracias a todas las familias que han depositado su confianza en la Inmaculada Concepción para la educación religiosa de sus hijos. Un agradecimiento especial a todos los catequistas que, sin esperar nada a cambio, dan su tiempo voluntario para instruir a los niños y adolescentes.

También hacemos un recordatorio a todas las familias de primera comunión para que por favor asistan a nuestras noches de Formación en la Fe, para que puedan caminar juntos con sus hijos y estar preparados para el día en que reciban sus Sacramentos. Si tienen alguna pregunta, pueden llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 626-357-3010.

Español Octubre 24, 2023, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Inglés Octubre 25, 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Muchas Gracias

En Cristo

Coordinadoras de Educación Religiosa

Sra. Rosie Carrillo y Sra. Maria Castro

ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

The Environment Ministry of our Parish in conjunction with The Altar Society help clean and decorate the altar and church throughout the year. Keeping all the areas of our church to reflect a clean and welcoming atmosphere. During the Liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter they are the first to come forward to help prepare for those liturgies. We teamed up with our Environment Coordinator, Cathy Pupo, helping with floral bows, arrangements to sewing banners and preparing various decors. All those interested in enhancing our worship environment are encouraged to participate. For more information on how you can participate in this ministry, please call the Parish Office, at 626-358-1166.

**JOIN THE DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY
COMMUNION OF REPARATION TO THE
SACRED HEART OF JESUS &
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



**FIRST FRIDAY
HOLY HOUR**

Right after the 7:30 a.m. Mass – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
+Act of Consecration & Litany to the Sacred Heart
+Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers for Divine Mercy
+Prayers for Priests & Vocation
+Holy Rosary
+Benediction

**FIRST SATURDAY
DEVOTION**

Right after the 7:30 a.m. Mass – Adoration Chapel
+Angel's Prayer
+Five Joyful Mysteries in correlation to the five types of offenses & blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
+Act of Reparation & Consecration
+Meditation for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’

Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.

But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them.

Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Prayer for Radical Solidarity” (respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

MES DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

"Un viejo proverbio irlandés dice: 'Es al abrigo unos de otros como vive el pueblo'.

En efecto, hemos sido creados para depender unos de otros y caminar juntos en el sufrimiento.

Pero cuando nuestros familiares o amigos se acercan al final de la vida, puede que no sepamos cuál es la mejor manera de 'cobijarlos'.

He aquí algunas formas concretas de cuidarles con compasión: usccb.org/end-of-life-care .

Secretariado de Actividades Provida de la USCCB "Prayer for Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)



Venta de Comida
Organizado por la Sociedad Guadalupeña de IC



Food Sale
Organized by the Guadalupeña Society of IC

FECHA / DATE:

Domingo - 15 de Octubre / Sunday - October 15

Después de la misa de 8am, 10am y 12pm

After the 8am, 10am and 12pm mass

*Salon Parroquial / Parish Hall

Lo recaudado se destinará a las fiestas de Diciembre de la Virgen de Guadalupe
Proceeds will go towards the Virgen de Guadalupe December Celebrations

POZOLE



MENUDO



**PANCAKES, EGGS
+ BACON**



Querido Parejas,

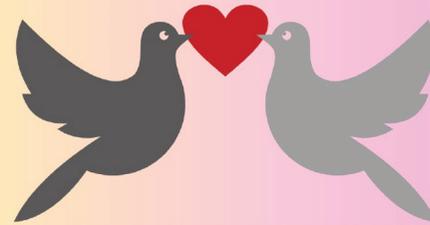
Los invitamos a que se den el regalo de vivir un fin de semana con el Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial.

Esta experiencia nos ayuda a tener una mejor comunicacion como pareja y para que nos mantajanos enamorados como cuando eramos novios

Para mas informcion pueden llamara al numerro de telefono

626-327-5131

Jesus y Maria Robles



**Encuentro Matrimonial
Mundial (Región XIV – Encuentro San Gabriel)**

Domingo 22 de Octubre 2023. “Día Mundial del Sacerdote”. Que es el Dia Mundial del Sacerdote?. Es una celebración y afirmación de los hombres que comprometieron sus vidas al Señor y a la iglesia. Mediante el sacramento del orden sagrado. Es una oportunidad para que los feligreses catolicos agradescan, afirmen y compartan su amor y apoyo a nuestros sacerdotes.

“Ustedes no me eligieron a mí; he sido yo quien los eligió a ustedes y los preparé para que vayan y den fruto, y ese fruto permanezca. Así es como el Padre les considera todo lo que le pidan en mi Nombre.” Juan 15:16.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Sunday October 22, 2023, “World Priest Day”. What is World Priest Day? It is a celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic Parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests.

*“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father In my name he may give you”
John 15:16.*

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.



St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference
c/o Immaculate Conception Church

740 S. Shamrock Ave.,
Monrovia CA 91016
Donate online at:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=5JXD9AHBRZ568

 **Stewardship**
We give because he gave

October 1, 2023 / 1 de Octubre

Masses/ Misas

Total: \$11,563.00

Thank you for you blessing

Called to Renew

September 2023 Called to Renew update

Parish Name: Immaculate Conception Parish

Parish Goal: \$1,090,000.00

Total Pledged: \$1,223,077.77

Total Paid: \$631,520.50

Please continue to send in your pledges. Your donations will help to complete our goal.

Edison has approved the new main electrical panel and the City of Monrovia has authorized the permit. We have received bids for installation and the pastor has approved the installation. The contractor will begin work in two weeks.

This week's schedule

Monday October 9th, 2023

6:45am Meditation

6:30pm Grupo de Obras – Hall

6:30pm Guadalupanos - Church

7:00pm Al-Anon – Youth Hut

7:00pm GDO Crecimientos – 5A

Tuesday October 10th, 2023

6:45am Meditation

12:00pm School – P/T Conf. – All Classrooms

6:00pm Confirmation – Hall

7:00pm Coro del Grupo de Oración

7:00pm Crecimientos GDO – Meditation Room

7:00pm Nutricion – Youth Hut

7:00pm Padres y Madres Orantes - 6B

Wednesday October 11th, 2023

6:45am Meditation

12:00pm School – P/T Conf. – All Classrooms

6:00pm Guadalupanos – Youth Hut

7:00pm Grupo de Oración - Church

7:00pm Grupo Genesis - 2C

7:00pm Meditation Evenings - English

Thursday October 12th, 2023

6:45am Meditation

12:00pm School – P/T Conf. – All Classrooms

2:30pm Mr. Bullara choir – 2C

6:00pm Grupo de obras - Hall

Friday October 13th, 2023

6:45am Meditation

12:00pm School – P/T Conf. – All Classrooms

6:00pm E.M.C.H. Spanish – Church

6:30pm Grupo de Obras - Hall

6:30pm RICA Spanish -5A

7:00pm Grupo De Jovenes Genesis -2C

Saturday October 14th, 2023

7:00am Grupo Genesis – Hall & Kitchen

8:00am Rel. Ed. 1A, 3A, 5A, 4B, 5B, 6B, & 7B

9:30am Meditation – Spanish

2:00pm Guadalupanos Venta – Hall & Kitchen

Sunday October 15th, 2023

7:00am Guadalupanos Venta – Hall & Kitchen

8:00am RCIA & Children Classes – 1A, 3A, & 5A

2:00pm Confirmation – 1A, 3A, 5A, & Youth Hut



30th
Shine His Light
 2023 Annual Appeal

MAKE A 30TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TODAY!



Visit TIMGIVE.org

TOGETHER IN MISSION

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.

Did you know?

October 7-8 Talking with your children.

It is good practice for parents to have ongoing conversations with their children about family values, safety, and “what if” scenarios. Talking with your children before something happens gives them the tools and confidence to make safe, good decisions, and to react appropriately in a variety of situations. Even if these conversations feel huge or overwhelming, they are critical to have. Start small — perhaps in the car on the way to school or a game — and build on previous conversations to give your child a full picture of what to do and how to handle tricky situations. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Talking with Your Kids” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

[Read the VIRTUS® article “Talking With Your Kids” here.](#)

Platicar con tus hijos

Es una buena práctica que los padres de familia tengan conversaciones con sus hijos sobre los valores familiares, la seguridad y de escenarios que pudieran presentarse en distintas situaciones. Hablar con sus hijos antes de que algo suceda les da las herramientas y la confianza para tomar buenas decisiones, seguras y para reaccionar adecuadamente en cualquier situación. Aun cuando estas conversaciones parezcan largas y abrumadoras, es fundamental mantenerlas. Empiece poco a poco, tal vez en el automóvil camino a la escuela o a un partido de algún deporte, y aproveche las conversaciones anteriores para darle a su hijo una idea completa de qué hacer y cómo manejar situaciones difíciles. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Talking With Your Kids” (Hablando con sus hijos) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know

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 ∴ present the delicious return of the ∴ ∴

Scholarship Breakfast
Sunday, October 22
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Cash Only

\$12 Adult
\$8 Kids



Benefiting IC STEM 8th Graders

Dine In or Take Out

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

INCLUDES: COFFEE, SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE AND PANCAKES