

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Bringing all souls to Jesus through Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

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First Sunday Advent

Parish Information

Mass Times:

Sat: 4:00 PM; Sun 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM
M. T. T. F. 12:10 PM at ICC

Wed: 5:30 PM followed by Adoration/Confession

Confessions:

11:30 AM—12:00 PM Immaculate Conception
Saturday 3:00 PM— 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart
Saturday 3:00 PM—3:30 PM ICC
Or please call the parish to arrange a time

Baptism: Call Dc. Sean Stack 907-452-3533

Marriage: Call six months prior to wedding date.

Status of Operating Fund - (July 1, 2019 - Nov 8, 2020)
Includes CC Donations received

<http://giving.parishsoft.com/iccfairbanks>

Weekly Budgeted	\$5,895.13
Actual Collection **includes grants received**	\$7,377.05
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$1,481.92
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$117,899.60
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$129,090.27
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	\$11,190.67
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$117,899.60
Expenses for the year to date (includes Security)	\$131,011.66

The Wonder of Our God!

Wonder fills our mind as we look for miracles and marvels in our lives. Wonder admires and astounds us as we gaze into the future hopeful our dreams and wishes will be fulfilled.

Yet, our hearts are hardened by our sin and we suffer for our lives are polluted and our souls are stained with the raw, incurable wounds that never heal (Jer 30:12:-13):

Your hurt is incurable, your wound is grievous. No one upholds your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you.

We look for a Savior, a Redeemer to heal us for all our lovers and all our admirers have forsaken us because our guilt is great and our sins flagrant, Yet, we hope for healing; we wait and wonder when our God will come and restore our dignity.

Advent is the coming when our Redeemer will come and fill all our dreams to be healed of the incurable and restored to the faithful because our hope is in the Lord and not in ourselves.

Now begins the season after the desolation, when we look to the LORD Who promised to come and restore all that was lost in me by freeing me from sin so I may see my Savior face to face. To see me in Him and Him in me!

Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?



No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him.

Date	Mass Time	Intentions of ICC Parishioners	Priest	Feast Day	Activity
Sat. Nov 28	4:00 PM	Tony&Kate Arens And Baby			Confession 3:00 PM 6:30 PM Latin Mass at SHC
Sun. Nov 29	7:30am	Fr. Frank Hoelck +	Fr. Tom	First Sunday of Advent	
	10:00am	ICC	Fr. Tom		
Mon Nov 30	12:10PM	John C. Wood +	Fr. Tom	St. Andrew the Apostle	Legion of Mary 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Mass SHC
Tue. Dec 1	12:10PM	Roy& Eleanor Callahan+	Fr. Tom		6:30 PM Mass at SHC Talk on Judgement
Wed Dec 2	6:30 PM *	Ted & Jean Mueller	Fr. Tom		6:30 PM Mass at SHC Talk on Heaven
Thurs Dec 3	12:10PM	John Mueller +	Fr. Tom		6:30 PM Mass at SHC Talk on Hell
Fri Dec 4	12:10PM	John C. Wood + Private Intention	Fr. Tom	St. John Damascene First Friday	First Friday Devotion 6:00—6:00 PM Adoration
	5:30 PM		Fr. Tom		
Sat. Dec 5	7:00 AM	Private Intention Tom&Mary Jordan+	Fr. Tom	Second Sunday Advent	Confessions 3:00 PM
	4:00 PM		Fr. Tom		
Sun. Dec 6	7:30 AM 10:00AM	Lary&JeanieBerberick + ICC	Fr. Tom Fr. Tom	Second Sunday Advent	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Doreen Reed; Helga Savage; Mason Edwards; Ralph Payner; Rocco Vicari; Jim & Sandy Harity; Rebecca Weatherford and family; Edie Del Cecato; all elected officials; Fred; Drew; Suki Ahn; Phillip Penpraze; Lily; Luna; Bishop Chad and clergy; Sandra Connelly & family; Dorothy Stella & family; Sally & family; May Walsh; Sr. Patricia Mayer; Jim Cross, Claudia Piatt; Gary Jones; Kitty ; Ashton Ishnook & Family, Gerry Walsh; Cindy & Joe Fields, Lorraine Salzman, Kay McLevey, Grayce and Bob Barnard, John Gregory, Emily, Peggy Mantei, Teri Walsh, Annette Chuckwu and family, Glen Imus, Kathy Geco+, Jullian, Bobby & Marlene Masick, Sharon Nowicki, Teri Landean, Jos. Luca Comperchio, Tonya Kistner, and all names and intentions in our Book of Intentions. Prayer Intentions refreshed weekly. *Please call the office to add and/or remove a loved one to the prayer box.*



Nov 30—Dec 3 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Advent Retreat with Mass and extended Homily. **No Mass at ICC Dec 2.**

Dec 2 NO 5:30 PM Mass at ICC; Mass is at 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart

Dec 7 5:30 PM Mass Vigil for Immaculate Conception

Dec 8 12:10 PM Mass Holy Day Immaculate Conception

Dec 9 NO 5:30 PM Mass At ICC.

Mass is at 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart with Adoration and Confessions 6:00—8:00 PM

Dec 12 6:30 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart

Dec 19 6:30 PM Latin Rite Mass at Sacred Heart

Dec 20 12:00 PM Healing Service/Confessions

Dec 24 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Dec 24 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Dec 25 8:00 & 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Promote Healthy and Holy Vocations!

“Like a shepherd he feeds his flock.” Following Christ more closely as a priest or religious demands courage to step out of the boat and face the challenges which bring fulfillment for we follow his Spirit and not the spirit of the world. Contact (907) 374-9504 vocations@cbna.org.

Confession Schedule for Fairbanks Area.

Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Dec. 9 6:30 PM: Mass followed by Adoration and Confession from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

St. Raphael Church

Dec. 15 7:00 PM– 9:00 PM

Individual Confession

St. Nicholas Church

Dec. 16 7:00 9:00 PM

We will not have any penance service, but priests will be available for confessions while we have

Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM.

Dec 4—5 First Friday and Saturday Devotion

Dec 4 5:30 PM Mass

6:00 PM—6:00 AM Adoration

6:00 AM—7:00 AM Confessions and Adoration

7:00 AM Mass

We would like groups to come and pray during the night. Here is a list of groups and ask if your group would like to commit to an hour of prayers:

Knights, Deacons, Charismatics, Hispanic, 12 Step groups, Prayers for vocations, Daughters of St. Joseph,

Parish update:

As we plan for the new year and new structures, we have discussed over the last three years the renovation of our building accomplishing many already needed updates and fixes so our building is safe and functional.

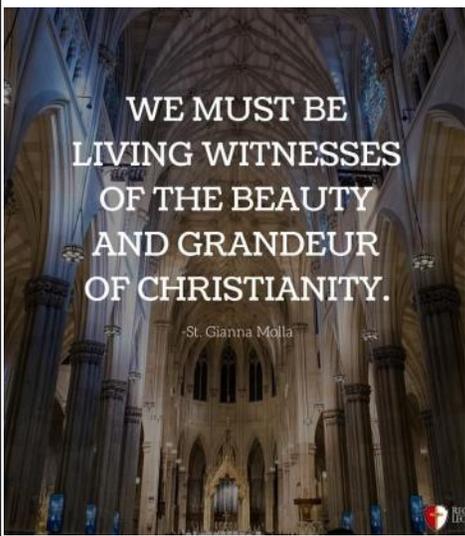
As we have discussed replacing the front doors of the Church along with a new sounds system, the conversation continued to discuss the interior of the Church and if we could plan a restoration of the church sanctuary and nave.

In conversation with Cindy J. the Facilities Manager of our diocese she thought it would be an excellent topic for discussion during this time as it would take time to develop a plan and implement the plan over the course of several years.

The restoration of the church proper would be broken down in stages or sections though an over all plan would be needed to guide each area that needs to be restored or updated.

The stages or sections easily break down as we have a very distinct rooms and areas.

The first area is the entrance doors to the Church and we are looking for ways to put in new doors at a reasonable cost so we can widen the entry area to ensure it is up to code 6 feet wide and also have security doors in place.



“The Church exists in order to communicate precisely this:

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in person.”

Pope Francis

The second area is the vestibule of the church along with the stairs. The whole area needs new carpet and flooring along with some minor alterations. We would want to see if there are better surfaces for the stairs that make it graceful but safe.

The Third area is the Church nave with redoing the pews and new flooring along with staining the wainscoting on the sides.

Another area is the choir loft. That too needs new flooring and updated speakers for the organ and sound system.

The sanctuary is the most complex as it also has the sacristy connected. The major issue will be leveling the floor so that we eliminate any unexpected edges and also have safe steps to the sacristy and the side chapel.

The sanctuary also would be restored to look like the original with wainscoting and pressed tin on the side walls. New flooring is needed along with an elevated altar that extends to include both altars. Of course, we would want to replace the altars with something similar to what was originally there.

Included in the sanctuary we would need to find room for the lectern, baptismal font, statues, and more room for the reception of communion.

We had an architect come look at the Church last week and we are waiting for his directives.

Covid Update:

Last weekend, November 14 – 15, Fr. Dismas came to celebrate our weekend Mass schedule. I was informed on November 18 in the evening that he tested positive for Covid. He had minor symptoms and was tested because an usher in Anchorage tested positive.

Because we have our mitigation policies in place and with consulting Fr. Robert the Vicar General of our Diocese,

will not be closing the parish at this time.

However, if there is an outbreak in our parish or if the pastor tests positive, we will close our parish for a minimum of 2 weeks if not longer.

Realize the seriousness of this disease and the ramifications if the pastor or parishioner contracts the disease because of attending Mass or visiting our parish.

For the priest, the most serious ramification is not being able to administer the sacraments. Since I am one of the few priests allowed to go to nursing homes and the hospital to bring the sacraments to the sick and dying, realize that if I test positive for this disease that will eliminate me from ministering to the dying who need the Anointing of the Sick and also Viaticum. For our ministry to the homeless, we may have to close our windows and not serve the needy. I could not think of a greater sorrow than to see someone die without the sacraments or go hungry because we cannot follow simple protocols.

1. Wear a Mask when coming to church
2. Social distance within the church space
3. Wash your hands before coming to mass (dispensers are at the entrance of the Church)
4. Those receiving communion on the hand are to come first.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Kuffel

“ If men knew what eternity is,
they would do everything to
change their lives. ”

Our Lady of Fatima

Immaculate Conception Reflection

Mary broods over us with solicitude and sympathy. She watches over us, our lives our feelings, our concerns, and our joys, always ready to welcome us and introduce us to her amazing Son.

She is always desiring, wanting to usher us into his presence. Yet we resist for many a poor reason based in fear of judgment: I am not worthy because of my sins.

Life is a hard, a taskmaster, demanding all things be done to perfection. Yet, we brood because we do not possess the power to create this self-induced perfection demanded by our spirit rooted in this world.

The spirit of the world demands that we fall down and worship, perfectly building up our lives into a temple of our glory.

Our fears overwhelm us as we experience our imperfections and we become hardened. And we question:

Will I possess enough materially to keep us safe and secure?

Will I have enough love to keep my soul shiny, alive in the spirit?

Will I have time enough to accomplish what I need to do?

Sadly this fear of judgment, based in the rejection, for I am not who I want to be, but see my imperfections perfectly. Because of who I am, I build walls of mistrust within myself, of others and of course a wall of distrust of our God.

We hide ourselves inside our walls of shame, even though, others may never know my blame.

We appear well but profound fears linger in our hearts. We are imperfect and our imperfections paralyze us for we fear the scorn and contempt of others who judge us by this worldly spirit.

For in life, we must fail, at times we fall deep into the chasm. We build up relationships that mature only to bring us down into the abyss. We engage in deeds, tricked by our passions and the harm done seems incurable.

We pursue the passion of love only to be betrayed that our lover was unfaithful and false.

In our fall from grace, we become bruised, smoldering, a woman in need, a man in want.

Paralyzed with concern, imprisoned by our walls, we are without means even to ask for a helping hand.

Mary lays her tender hand holding our tortured mind. Taking our hands in hers, she whispers, Let's go see my Son. For when we have fallen, as we all do, Mary pulls us to herself. She knows the pain of the abyss, the agony, the darkness of defeat, but she grasps us tightly to her bosom as she did her Son, knowing that in our pain of sin, her Son will heal.

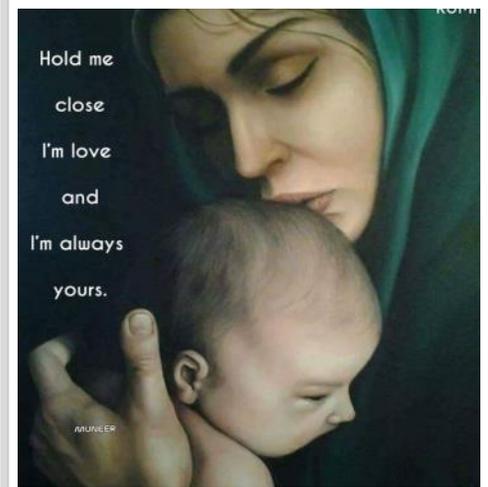
Her voice offers the sweet strength of her faith for she too suffered the sins of others, but she did not despair because she knew the amazing grace, the authority of her Son.

Divinity increased and intimacy won for her Son would not let us fall if we only grasp his hand through hers.

For in life, at times, we become homeless, literally and spiritually. Abandoned of all hope, we cannot find our hearts and we run here and there seeking a sense of worth, hoping someone sees our need and give us that helping hand.

Will money, possessions, pleasures satisfy? What will satisfy? Amazing faith how sweet it is, Mary's love will only satisfy. She restores our dignity giving us her Son, his strength to accomplish the great deeds of his amazing grace.

What we need is his grace to accomplish the great deeds in our life for He alone satisfies us; and in his grace, we feel worthy of ourselves. It is not our deeds that make us worthy, but our faith and trust in her, the Woman of Grace, who leads us to her Son, the source of all amazing grace.



Mary's love announces the Savior has been born. The bricks of distrust and walls of captivity are broken and captives are set free filled with trust and faith for they have seen the Light.

The gates open for us to see and we find our one true friend, Jesus Christ, Who sets us free from the deceivers, cheaters, and liars of which we all used to be.

Now my friends are true and my family, a church of believers, living in faithful communion one with the other sharing the amazing grace on this marvelous journey working in his Kingdom for He saved a wretch like me.

Now I suffer with my King, serving Him through my honesty. I too am hungry to serve; yet in my poverty, I allow others to serve me for my King came to be my servant if only I but let others come to be my servant too.

Speaking words of wisdom, Mary comes; and with her one glance, our fearful hearts are strengthened. Open to her thoughts, now our words are filled with wisdom as we speak in tongues aflame.

We speak words of love and joy which others bring into our lives. We caress and care for those whom we too seek to serve but we cannot count the cost of love for our passion is greater than their price.

We love beyond all telling for our Church reveals a duty. We are to love one another as He meant us to be a family living in unity.

This is the wisdom of Mary; this is the Spirit of grace. We too need to speak her words and deeds for when we do our hearts expand and we grow unto eternity.

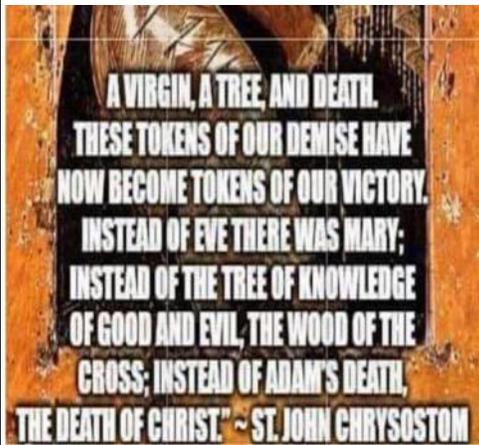
Now we know what our duty is. To love today with all our heart and soul. To say it now, to let be as Mary said be done unto me. In God we love for we are all under Him, and yet our time is limited. So we work in his grace to magnify Him as He magnifies me.

Mary takes our earthly time and braids it into eternal time. For she did great things with her Son advancing his heavenly kingdom in this earthly place. She changes our words of love to witness and testify forever to this living flame.

Mary is a good woman filled with talents, wife, mother, sister, and a queen. Her value is beyond pearls. She works with loving hands, hands tender and soft yet strengthen in sacrifice.

Mary's value is beyond pearls, beyond jewels, beyond all human estimation. She works with loving hands to give us the fountain of eternal life. She is the woman of grace who comforts, consoles, counsels, encourages, and in her presence, we see his face for He is her Son with the face of his mother.

In her presence we know the Holy for she gave birth to the Holy One: the source of all holiness. In her presence, we too are blessed for accompanying her is the radical and profound joy of encountering Jesus, her Son, our Savior.



In Him, we see the face of the Father for He came preaching that we are one with the Father if we believe in the Father's Son.

The hidden manna from heaven that heavenly bread, reveals the utmost mystery. Though dead and buried, we believe that He is priest on high present truly on the altar of sacrifice.

The priest says the words this is my body, this is my blood, we believe He is present and yet Mary is the only person filled with grace to say those words for He is of her body and her blood. He is truly bone of her bone and flesh of her flesh

This amazing grace, now present on the altar, we too partake of his Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of her Son.

As the priest prays over this bread and wine, the greatest mystery of humanity happens. The shower of the epiclesis, the shower of blessing, descends in living fire and becomes for us in substance the body of our God.

This same miracle happened long ago when the Holy Spirit came and overshadowed Mary. Then too, the shower of grace touched her soul and she conceived in her body the humanity of her divine Son.

Before God appears, angels appear and they too whisper in our ears. Do you too want to be filled with grace? Mary now whispers in our hearts, you too are my beloved child, my son, my daughter.

Come to my Son, receive Him through my prayer.

We stand in awe and walk in faith toward the Bread so we may receive the very eternal Presence: the Body and Blood Soul and Divinity Jesus, her Son.

Mary's perfection becomes our perfection. Mary's joy is our joy, Mary's work becomes our work and we do great things, for the Lord works his amazing grace magnifying our lives.

Now, Mary sings in our heart of the greatness of the Lord. The fallen, the homeless, and the anxious are set free for our true perfection is at hand. His grace comes and breaks down the walls of shame and guilt only to restore what was lost.

Listen now to what the Savior says:

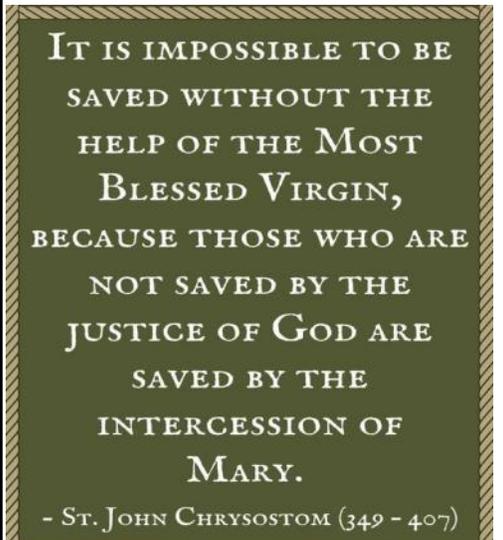
**"Well-done, my good and faithful servant!
Come, share in my Son's joy!"**

Today we listen for Mary's voice speaking to our hardened hearts. The secrets she whispers are the words of wisdom,

You too belong to us for my Son set you free from your captivity.

Mary the woman of grace grounds us, satisfies, makes us whole. When we turn back and enter our world, we take our gifts of grace and offer them humbly, obediently sharing them as they were given to us and we use for the Kingdom of Mary's immaculate Son.

Now I too sing for I am filled with grace, overshadowed with Love Divine now dwelling in my soul refined.



Homebound Ministry

As many people are homebound and unable to come to Church to receive the sacraments in which we personally encounter our Living Lord Who transforms us with his love and grace, we continue to visit, bringing holy communion, anointing of the sick, and the sacrament of reconciliation to those isolated in their homes.

The great mystery of ministry to the homebound brings Christ to the people and Christ comes to heal those suffering.

This ministry has been long standing within our Church for it is rooted in Scripture. Listen:

Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders (priest) of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him (Jm 5:14-15).

Anointing of the Sick is a command given not to the elder which we translate priest, but the command is of the sick person. He or she is to call.

It is essential that we understand this powerful sacrament through which Christ comes to heal us both in body and spirit as they are administered through the priest who acts as Christ.

The power of the sacrament eases the physical sufferings of the person, but more importantly the spiritual and emotional sufferings that the person endures because of the illness.

LORD JESUS

Heal me. Heal my memory. Heal my heart. Heal my emotions. Heal my spirit. Heal my body. Heal my soul. Heal me from whatever separates me from You. Amen.

Anointing of the Sick

- ✦ Gives health to the soul (and sometimes the body) through prayer and anointing with oil.
- ✦ Commends those who are ill to the Lord
- ✦ The Old Testament linked suffering with sin
- ✦ Instituted by Christ in examples of Him healing people
- ✦ Christ's healing ministry is perpetuated in the ministry of the Church (James 5:14-16)

Those suffering either physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual sufferings ought to call for the priest and ask for the anointing. These sufferings include:

addictions, depression, abuse, anxiety, presumption, and even plaguing memories of past immoralities.

Christ came to heal the sick, not save the self-righteous. It is only in our sinfulness and admitting we cannot save ourselves can Christ heal us. It is a common practice in our Church that when one is

- ◆ Seriously sick,
- ◆ Going for surgery
- ◆ Home bound for at least 3 months,
- ◆ In the hospital
- ◆ Dealing with addictive sins

They ought to call for the priest to come and anoint them with the healing oil.

Part of the visit to the homebound also includes reconciliation. This is another healing sacrament that many fear because they are filled with shame or guilt of their past sins. Yet, as we read in Scripture, James tells us

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed (Jm 5:16).

Reconciliation is the other healing Sacrament, a mystery in which the Lord Jesus comes through the voice of the priest and breaks us free from our sinfulness, but He, Christ, can only free us if we admit openly our brokenness caused by our disobedience. We cannot think we know better than Jesus and follow our will rejecting his will.

The healing power that comes from openly admitting our sins breaks us free from the grip of sin.

(See the Catholic Catechism # for more information 1499)

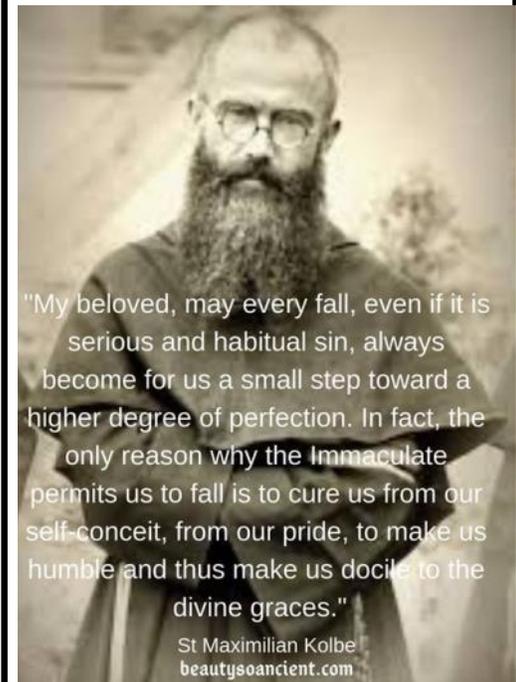
Reconciliation restores us socially, morally, mentally, and emotionally and spiritually. It also empowers us to face our sins and temptation knowing God's grace is sufficient, but we have to ask for healing to take the thorn from our side.

Once we have been reconciled through the Healing Power of these two Sacraments: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, now we are ready to receive Viaticum which is a term that literally means: With You on the Way. It is the reception of Holy Communion.

Once we have been reconciled through our confession and anointed with that healing oil you are now spiritual prepared to receive Holy Communion, not before.

- ◆ If you are homebound, please call the office so we can come visit you.
- ◆ If you are in the hospital please ask the nurse that you would like a visit from the priest.
- ◆ If you have been struggling with an addiction or moral illness, come to our healing service once a month.

The priest is to heal, bind, and restore the broken in body, heart, or mind. But the priest, acting in the person of Christ can only do so, if you admit and let him know you are suffering.



"My beloved, may every fall, even if it is serious and habitual sin, always become for us a small step toward a higher degree of perfection. In fact, the only reason why the Immaculate permits us to fall is to cure us from our self-conceit, from our pride, to make us humble and thus make us docile to the divine graces."

St Maximilian Kolbe
beautysoancient.com

SOUP KITCHEN REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 29 Mayonnaise 1st Sunday of Advent	30 Peanut Butter	Dec. 1 Jelly	2 Brown Lunch Bags	3 Trail Mix Bars	4 Shampoo	5 Pretzel Bags
6 Pudding Cups	7 Tooth Brushes	8 Bottled Water	9 Ziploc Bags Sandwich Size	10 Granola Bars	11 Hot Cocoa	12 Gloves Mittens
13 Potato Chips	14 ZipLock bag Snack size	15 Bars of Soap	16 Apple Cider Packets	17 Tea Bags	18 Winter Hats	19 Small packs Baby Wipes
20 Dried Fruit Packs	21 Fruit Cups	22 Small Napkins	23 Tooth Paste	24 Plastic Spoons	25 Prayers for Needy	Cash Donations are always needed
Thank you	Thank you	Thank you	Thank you	Thank you	Thank you	Thank you

During the season of Advent many families have the tradition of counting down the days until Christmas using an Advent calendar. Often times, these calendars are filled with a treat (like chocolate).

This year, instead of getting a treat as you count down the days to the birth of the Savior, why not give the gift of a meal to someone in need. The Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen has been serving the Fairbanks community for over 30 years, primarily on the weekends. The pandemic has expanded the ministry to 6 days a week.

Volunteers serve 550-650 sack lunches a week to those in need.

Your donations of the items above will help to give the gift of warmth and a meal who might not otherwise have it.

Help support the ICC Soup Kitchen with your donations today! For more information (or to volunteer) contact Nick Shamrell at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or call 452-3533



Advent/Christmas 2020

Ø come, Ø come, fmanuel and ransom captive Israel!

Soup Kitchen

The ICC Soup Kitchen is collecting goods to help us feed and cloth the needy of the area. Please look at the calendar (back) if you are able to provide spiritually, financially and materially to our efforts! Help treat the least of our brothers and sisters with dignity this Advent/Christmas season!

ADVENT RETREAT NOV. 30-DEC. 3

6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

The Four Last Things:

Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell

Join the local priests of the diocese for an Advent retreat focusing on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell.

Each evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6:30 pm, the homily for Mass will focus on our preparation for the coming of the Lord at the end of time as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

*Please note
The daily Masses
ON WEDNESDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 2
in the various parishes
WILL BE CANCELLED
to encourage participation in the retreat.*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Prepare yourself to receive the joys of the Christmas season by attending one of our multiple Reconciliation Services. Priests will be available to bring Christ's forgiveness, mercy, and hope to anyone struggling with the darkness of sin.

Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Dec. 9 6:30 PM: Mass followed by Confession .

St. Raphael Church

Dec. 15 7:00 PM- Individual Confession

St. Nicholas Church

Dec. 16 7:00 Individual Confession

Can't make one of the these days/times?

Call one of the priests in Fairbanks to make an appointment to schedule a confession today!

Fr. Tom— 452-3533

Fr. Ross— 474-9032

Fr. Welcome— 488-2595 Fr. Robert 374-9504

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Dec. 24— 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Dec. 25— Midnight & 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

Dec. 24— 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm
Dec. 25— 8:00 am & 10:00 am

St. Raphael

Dec. 24— 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm
Dec. 25— 10:00 am

St. Nicholas

Dec. 24— 7:00 pm
Dec. 25— Midnight & 10:00 am

Advent means The Coming. Jesus is coming

Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it also penitential.

Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is a period of self-preparation and that is the reason the purple color defines with Advent. It is the color of penance.

The first three weeks, the faithful are fast in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Third Sunday of Advent is rose, symbolizing joy as the readings of Advent preparing us to see how the Savior fulfills all the promises. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

After the Third Sunday we begin the Octave of Christmas where we sing and praise the LORD for 8 days as we see his salvation is coming upon us.

Mary, Mother of God January 1st

**January 1st
Is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

It will be extra special this year as seminarians

**Piotr Opych
Dominik Wojcik**

**Will be ordained to the
transitional diaconate
for the Diocese of Fair-
banks.**

**Join Bishop Zielinski
at Sacred Heart
Cathedral at 7:00 PM
for the Mass of Ordination,
praying that Mary, the
Mother of God will watch
over and protect two future**

Consecration to Mary

33 Days

To Morning Glory

For the
Intention of

Peter Oprych and Dominik Wojcik

To Pray and Promote

To Praise and Thank

We ask that You

Consecrate 33 Days to Prayer

Reading Fr. Gaitley's book each day meditating on the
mysteries of Jesus through the intercession of Mary.

Beginning on November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Till

**December 31 Vigil of
Mary Mother of God**

Theotokos

**For Peter and Dominik
as they prepare for their**

Diaconate Ordination

January 1, 2021

7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

When consecrating ourselves to Our Lady, we are consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary. As Pope John Paul II explained,

"Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind to him who is holy, infinitely holy; it means accepting her help—by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being, for the whole world—in order to offer the world, the individual human being,

mankind as a whole, and all the nations to him who is infinitely holy"
(John Paul II, May 13, 1982).

Immaculate Heart Consecration Prayer

Say it daily as you read and meditation on the book by

Fr. Michael Gaitley

33 Days to Morning Glory

Books Available at
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<https://www.pdfdrive.com/33-days-to-morning-glory-e56612712.html>

Totus Tuus

Totally yours,
Immaculate Conception,
Mary my Mother,
Live in me, Act in me,
Speak in me and through me,
Think your thoughts in my mind,
Love through my heart,
Give me your dispositions and feelings,
Teach, lead me and guide me to Jesus,
Correct, enlighten and expand my
thoughts and behavior,
Possess my soul,
Take over my entire personality and
life, replace it with Yourself,
Incline me to constant adoration,
Pray in me and through me,
Let me live in you and keep me in this
union always.

-Pope John Paul II

*In 1984 our late Holy Father
consecrated the world
to God under the care of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

News from the Business Manager

As part of my job, I am always looking for grants to help the soup kitchen and the church accomplish our mission to bring souls to Christ through Mary.

One of the issues I have been faced with while doing grant searches regards grants that I can't apply for because the Church doesn't have an annual audit. Because I have networked with many grant organizations, I received a notice about a class titled,

"To Audit or Not to Audit, What are my options"?

This sounded very interesting to me because I was sure there are options to overcome this dilemma, I just didn't know what they are. The biggest obstacle to us having an audit is the extensive cost.

In addition to an audit, financial reviews are another option in which a CPA firm can do at a significant reduction in cost. Most granting agencies will accept these in lieu of a full audit.

There is also a financial compilation a CPA firm can do. This is also at a reduced cost and granting agencies will accept them also.

What the granting agencies really want is an outside firm certifying that the church has good internal processes and procedures and that an impartial third party has reviewed the churches books.

No matter which of these options the church decides to go with, a lot of work is involved beforehand (to get everything in a separate folder for the CPA Firm) and during (while the CPA Firm is the office reviewing. We will be discussing this in the next finance committee meeting and making a decision on which way the church should proceed.

Please give you input if you have any suggestions or recommendations for a firm who may be able to do an audit, or review, or compilation so we can apply for grants to assist

Villanova Certificate in Church Management, Session #4 Church Financial Reporting

This week's class was on financial reporting and how to get information out to those who need or want it in a manner they can understand. The approach the Church takes presenting the financial information is very important and should be tailored to those receiving the information.

"Overload of information causes stress and this causes the church to lose the message we are trying to communicate!"

The presenter stated we need to make our financial reporting as clear and exciting as possible; it should always be outcome oriented. These reports are to be faith based at all times, keeping in mind what the main message is and what the needed accomplishments are.

Many times, in the past, when I have delivered financial statements, I felt there was an information overload, so much information that hardly anyone understands it, except auditors of course. So I will try to present in the future our financial information in a way that is not information overload so people can easily understand.

In the future, I will concentrate ensuring the information is timely, and meaningful. I will look for ways to communicate the financial data to the parish without the overload of numbers which most people don't understand. I will also give information on what the numbers mean when I do put out financial data while still being transparent.

The next section was on budgeting and ideas on how to do a successful budget. A crucial issue mentioned the variance analysis, which is the difference between what is coming in and going out. The report on this should be effective for the most people reading the analysis.

The bottom line to most people is what will it cost and what is the benefit?

In getting started with the budget, we need to have a strategic plan and make sure our budget helps us accomplish that plan. This includes a review of our mission, our 5 year vision, and pastoral planning documents given my the chancery. Strategic planning looks at past budgets and financial statements reviewing how successful they were, so we can make a good forecast for his coming year and .

The class then looked at some visual ways to communicate financial data detailing examples that accomplished the goal. Please look forward to my next financial report where I will put this into practice.

Area Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sat. 4:30 PM Livestreamed
Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM Livestream
1:00 PM Spanish
Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

Immaculate Conception

Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM
M, T, T, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM
All Masses livestreamed

St. Raphael

Sat. 6:00 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM
T, Th. 9:30 AM; W. 5:30 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM & 12:00
PM
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 6:30 PM

St. Mark University Parish

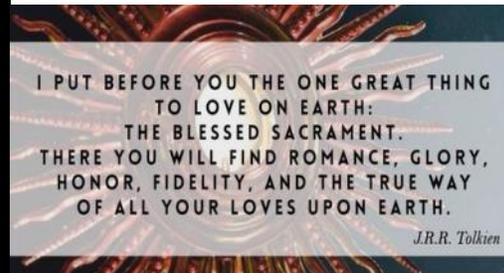
Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

9:00 AM Sunday

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB

Sun. 10:30 AM
T-F. 11:30 AM



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HONOR, FIDELITY, AND THE TRUE WAY
OF ALL YOUR LOVES UPON EARTH.

J.R.R. Tolkien

ADORATION TIMES

Immaculate Conception

Wed 5:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Adoration
with Confessions

First Friday Devotions

5:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM - 6:00 AM Adoration
6:00 AM Patriotic Rosary
7:00 AM Benediction & Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursdays 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturdays 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Good Shepherd

Thursday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
(Most weeks)

St. Nicholas

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 PM

UP COMING EVENTS

Schedule of Events:

Nov 30—Dec 3 Advent Retreat at Sacred Heart:
 6:30 PM Mass with extended Homily on Four Last Things:
 Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell. No Mass at ICC on Dec 2
 Dec 4—5 First Friday and Saturday Devotions: 5:30 PM Mass,
 6:00 PM—6:00 AM Adoration, 7:00 AM Mass
 Dec 7 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception
 Dec 8 12:10 PM Mass for Holy Day Immaculate Conception
 Dec 8 5:00 PM Mass Nenana; 7:00 PM Healy
 Dec 8 7:00 PM Warren Lucero Diaconate Ordination
 at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 Dec 9 6:30 PM Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration
 and Confessions (No 5:30 PM Mass at ICC Dec 9)
 Dec 12 Dominican Rite Mass 6:30 PM Sacred Heart

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The Apocalypse: Coming Soon!

Literally the word apocalypse means revelation. The unveiling, commonly the unveiling of the bride and groom on their wedding day. We still hold this traditions as brides veil themselves for their wedding day only to revealed herself not just on her wedding day, but every day there after.

The notion of the apocalypse then unveils the mystery of who she is. So too the Book of Revelation reveals the mystery of Who Christ is! He is the Bridegroom Who comes and unveils Himself to his Bride the Church, that is to us. He reveals the secret mysteries and prophecies which He Himself fulfills as the Old Testament foretells.

The Parousia another common word used today does not entail the coming of the destruction, but literally means the presence. Christ is present; yet He is also coming.

Advent is the season which reveals that He is present. His first coming came on Christmas Day, 2000 years ago, when He fulfilled the great prophecy of Isaiah (Is 7:14)

"Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. God is present; He is with his people and yet, He is still coming. Another advent — Parousia — exists. He comes at the end of all time: the end of the world. This end which frightens so many should not frighten anyone. For this too is the fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation (Rv 19:11– 13):

Voice in the Wilderness Charismatic Prayer

Friday Night 6:30 PM

*Healing comes to us
 through prayer.*

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FRUITS OF SELF-CONTROL

- MASTERING OF MOODS
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- RESTRAINT OF REACTIONS
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- MAINTAINS GOOD HEALTH

BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II



"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things.
 From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.
 From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!"

Legion of Mary Meetings 5:30 PM Mondays

Being Legion of Mary inspires us to fill our souls with the Holy Spirit as did Mary at the Incarnation

The Legion of Mary inspires legion members to pray daily. Having prayed, Legion members may want to become active and evangelize others.

Are You Called?

I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

Our hope has been fulfilled at the first coming which we celebrate on Christmas Day. The end of the age happened, that is the Old Testament was completed and we see the consequences: sin and death are destroyed.

Our hope has been fulfilled. Jesus fulfilled all hope when he was born of the virgin, in Bethlehem and the Army of Angels announced He is here.

Now our Lord risen from the dead accomplishing the great mission to restore all things and make all things new in Christ, Who is Emmanuel.

Yet, He will come again. He will make us new not just through our belief in the first coming, but the second when we will be taken up into the new heavenly Jerusalem. This too is the end of the age; yet the fulfillment too!



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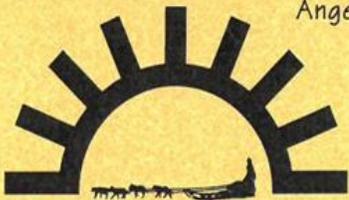
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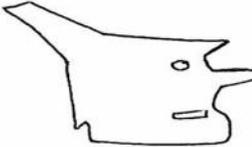
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