

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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

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Parish Office Hours
 Tues.-Fri. 10:00AM - 3:00PM

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Third Sunday

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**	\$6,953.50
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$1,058.37
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$160,223.88
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$158,986.42
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	\$1,242.46
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$160,223.88
Expenses for the year to date (includes Security)	\$210,800.49

Jonah: The Bitter Prophet

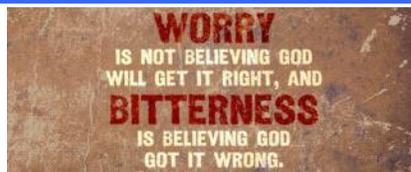
Thrown over because he did not want to preach to Nineveh, Jonah was swallowed by the whale. Many believed he survived the whale, but he did not. He went down to sheol, the place of the dead. He died, but when the whale spewed him out, God gave him his life back.

Yet, why did he not want to go to Nineveh? The Ninevites were enemies of Israel and to convert them demanded that Jonah befriend them. He would rather see them destroyed than redeemed and he knew in his heart that his preaching would convert them for it was not he who preached, but God was preaching in Him.

Hardness of heart destroys repentance for the heart inverts itself seeking only what is profitable for it. We protect our hearts so we do not have to change our hearts. Yet, repentance demands a change of heart, a metanoia in which we change our thinking and changes our attitude.

Prophets preach trying to penetrate the hardness of our hearts. Repentance shatters the hardness of our hearts so that when our minds change, our hearts change and we become meek and humble of heart!.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;



"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, believe in the gospel."

Date	Mass Time	Intentions of ICC Parishioners	Priest	Feast Day	Activity
Sat. Jan 23	4:00 PM	Gene Cysewski	Fr. Tom		Confession 3:00 PM
Sun. Jan 24	7:30am	Sara Korpan	Fr. Tom	Thrid Sunday	
	10:00am	ICC Family	Fr. Tom		
Mon Jan 25	12:10PM	Geaorge&Laverne Souchek	Fr. Tom	St. Paul	Legion of Mary 5:30 PM
Tue. Jan 26	12:10PM	Diana Tate	Fr. Tom	St. Timothy and Titus	
Wed Jan 27	5:30 PM	Intercession of Saints	Fr. Tom	St. Angela Merici	Adoration and Confession 6:00PM
Thurs Jan 28	12:10PM	George & LaVerne Souchek	Fr. Tom	St. Thomas Aquinas	RCIA 7:00 PM
Fri Jan 29	12:10PM	Peter McGovern +	Fr. Tom		Voices in Wilderness
Sat. Jan 30	4:00 PM	Alice Hossfeld "	Fr. Tom	Fourth Sunday	Confessions 3:00 PM
Sun. Jan 24	7:30 AM	Dick & Rosemary jones + ICC Family	Fr. Tom	Fourth Sunday	
	10:00AM		Fr. Tom		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



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; Dorothy Stella & family; May Walsh; Sr. Patricia Mayer; Jim Cross, Claudia Piatt; Gary Jones; Ashton Ishnook & Family, Gerry Walsh; Cindy & Joe Fields, Lorraine Salzman, Kay McLevey, John Gregory, Emily, Peggy Mantei, Teri Walsh, Annette Chuckwu and family, Kathy Geco+, Jullian, Bobby & Marlene Masick, Sharon Nowicki, Teri Landean, Jos. Luca Comperchio, Tonya Kistner, Ann Canavan, Martin & Mary Moriarty, 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.

Feb 5 & 6 First Friday Devotions: 5:30 PM Mass, 6:00 PM—6:00 AM Adoration, 6AM Rosary, 7AM Mass.

Feb 6, 13, 20; March 6,13,20 Beloved Series for couples seeking to prepare for marriage at SHC 10:00 AM—12:00 PM.

Feb 21 Healing Service 12:00 PM

Feb 26 –28 Engage Encounter call 907-488-2462

February is Marriage and Family Month

Sacred Heart Cathedral announces a city-wide marriage preparation program open to all engaged couples.

The marriage preparation program explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do." Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, the video classes speak to the very heart of every man and woman, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life.

The Beloved Series explores the Mystery and Meaning of Marriage. It is a six weeks of inspiring and informative sessions. February 6, 13, 20, and March 6, 13, 20. Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1300 Peger Road, Fairbanks,

Couples planning on attending the Beloved Classes should register with Sacred Heart Cathedral (call 347-3005). Also please register to attend the Engaged Encounter Weekend at Saint Nicholas Church February 26-28 (Call 488-2462 and see your pastor for an Engaged Encounter Registration Form).

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking to hire a Facilities and Maintenance Manager. Primary duties include providing expertise and oversight of all 46 parishes, the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks and the diocesan offices with facility maintenance. Conduct safety and maintenance checks on facilities and equipment, assist parishes with maintenance questions/concerns, prepare project budgets and act as manager/coordinator for capital projects. Supervisor for Chancery maintenance team. Qualifications required are: an Engineering degree with 7 years' experience as a project manager or 15 years' experience in general contracting or related trades. This position requires travel to remote villages. Applicant must possess strong communication skills, have a willingness to work as a positive team player and work well in a multi-cultural environment. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send resume to humanresources@cbna.org

January 25th @ Murphy Hall 7:30-9:00PM

Jesus the Way, Truth, and Life Series.

Encounter Christ's call to personal transformation to become a disciple.

Check for year end statements in the back of Church.

Human Dignity Is the Issue

As a matter of fact, this is not a uniquely 'Catholic' issue at all, but one of human rights. We didn't learn that abortion was horrible in religion class, but in biology, and in our courses on the 'inalienable rights' tradition in American history.

How can we sustain a culture that recoils at violence, exclusion, suicide, racism, injustice, and callousness toward those in need, if we applaud, allow, pay for, and promote the destruction of the most helpless, the baby in the womb?

Pro-abortionists reassured us forty-eight years ago abortion would be kept safe, legal, and rare. So much for the reassurances!

Hardly have we gotten used to it. Abortion remains the hottest issue in our politics, with polls showing that most Americans want restrictions on its unquestioned use, and do not want their taxes to pay for it.

We're even more 'hung up' now, as our new president, whom we wish well, and who speaks with admirable sensitivity about protecting the rights of the weakest and most threatened, ran on a platform avidly supporting this gruesome capital punishment for innocent pre-born babies."

We're all still cringing from the disturbing violence last week in Washington. This upheaval was made the more nauseating as it was seemingly encouraged by the one sworn to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law, and because it trashed the very edifice designed to be a sanctuary of safety, reason, civility, and decorum.

The rampage we saw was not America. I pray, this violence will subside, the sacredness of all life and the dignity of the human person will be revived, and that the sanctuary of the womb will be off-limits to violent invasion.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan

5 Steps to Repentance

- *Acknowledge the sin*
- *Confess the sin*
- *Asking forgiveness*
- *Turning away from the sin*
- *Restoring the wrong done*

Look into the mirror
What do I see?
Fear, worry, and fatigue
The strain of daily care
Drains me becoming full of fear

I look again and what do I see?
A face full of tears
Eyes swollen, cheeks streaked
Why do I endure this pain
Why cannot I find healing from the
ache?

Agony torture anguish
My heart is deceived
I cannot understand.
Hardened because of sin
I fail never to win.

But the Lord probes the mind
He pierces the heart
He tests my soul
To break me free from life's labors

I cry and He hears
He saves my soul From the brink
And turn to Him with all My heart.

What is Repentance?

It is a change of mind, that leads to a change of heart, that leads to a change in actions.

This change involves both a turning from sin and a turning to God.

I THINK THAT IF GOD FORGIVES US WE MUST FORGIVE OURSELVES. OTHERWISE, IT IS ALMOST LIKE SETTING UP OURSELVES AS A HIGHER TRIBUNAL THAN HIM.

C.S. LEWIS

FACEBOOK/ LDS MEET AND CONNECT AROUND THE GLOBE

Soup Kitchen

Feeding the poor, clothing the cold, and giving hot soup to freezing bodies presents in real terms the power and potential of our evangelization at ICC.

Evangelization demands deeds and not just any deeds but deeds done in Christ. The charitable acts display the mercy of God to us sinners who know in our neediness we ought to serve others.

Serving, corporal works of mercy are acts of repentance for we know when we sin we steal from others and ourselves the divine dignity within; whereas acts of mercy, whether spiritual or corporal repair and atone for our sins.

No greater act of repentance can be performed than feeling, clothing, and welcoming the needy. Yet, neediness does not necessarily mean poverty stricken.

Each person we met is needy, and Jesus commands we welcome each person openly and warmly no matter who they are including those we despise.

We are to love our enemies not despise them. The fruit of repentance forgives others for our repentance seeks forgiveness first. If we cannot forgive others, we cannot be forgiven.

Update on Soup Kitchen

From Jan 11—Jan 17

We served 320 meals
We have 28 volunteers
We have 65 volunteer hours.

Weather is a factor in how many people we are serving. Yet cold or warm, we keep our window open to give hot meals, a warm smile, and a taste of friendly hospitality to each person we serve.

Love is not free; yet many want free love. True love demands responsibility because love is a gift, yes a free gift of one to another, but this gift demands responsibility. Only in responsible love do we have true freedom.

The opposite of love is not hate, but selfishness. Love no longer is a gift but an expectation in which we demand love from the other without returning the gift of love.

Irresponsible love creates selfishness for we impose our demands upon the other and ultimately enslave the other along with our self.

Selfish love leads to abuse, addictions, anger, and affairs. It perverts gift love and manipulates the other and sadly both become isolated and desolate.

False expectations destroy gift-love since we expect the other to indulge our needs and wants, never willing to fulfill and satisfy the needs of the other.

To destroy selfish love, we must learn to repent of selfishness which fruits are lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride. These seven capital or deadly sins enslave us; while repentance frees us.

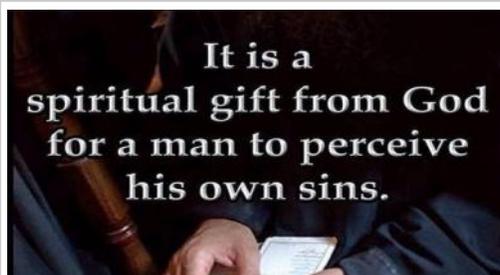
Repentance begins our conversion for we see the emptiness and shallowness of our lives living in sin. We long for fulfillment and yet do not know how to reach this abundance but know our sinfulness hinders us.

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, (Acts 3:19).



“TO REPENT IS NOT TO LOOK DOWNWARDS AT MY OWN SHORTCOMINGS, BUT UPWARDS AT GOD’S LOVE. IT IS NOT TO LOOK BACKWARDS WITH SELF-REPROACH BUT FORWARD WITH TRUSTFULNESS. IT IS TO SEE NOT WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO BE, BUT WHAT BY THE GRACE OF CHRIST I MIGHT YET BECOME.”

St. John Climacus



It is a spiritual gift from God for a man to perceive his own sins.

Sin creates ignorance. Sin weakens the will. Living in selfishness we dwell in darkness of ignorance and weakness. Repentance, however, exposes the darkness of our sin to the freshness of true freedom (Acts 3:20-21):

Times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his prophets long ago.

Metanoia means change, to invert the selfish love into self-giving love. This inversion flips our thinking from expecting the other to love me, and instead I love the other despite the sinfulness.

Metanoia creates a new mind set. For the mindset to grow and take root, we need catharsis: the self-emptying of ourselves of all that is selfish. Catharsis is kenosis, releasing repressed emotions that strangle our hearts.

To empty our self of selfishness humility must reign. As Christ Who entered into the depravity of our sinfulness, He embraced his humiliations not merely for legal justification of sin, but to inspire us to embrace our own sinful shame. In seeing our sinfulness and what it does to me, we repent.

Repentance is the first step. Reconciliation is the next step. To be set free from selfish love, Jesus calls us to follow and He will re-create us into his image and likeness. This remaking of our self exposes the deeper and ingrained areas of our selfishness.

Reconciliation purifies seven times the soul from any and all impurities because nothing impure enters heaven. However, as hard as we try to repent and as hard as we try to reconcile, we will fail if we do not allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to penetrate our souls and burn away the impurities.

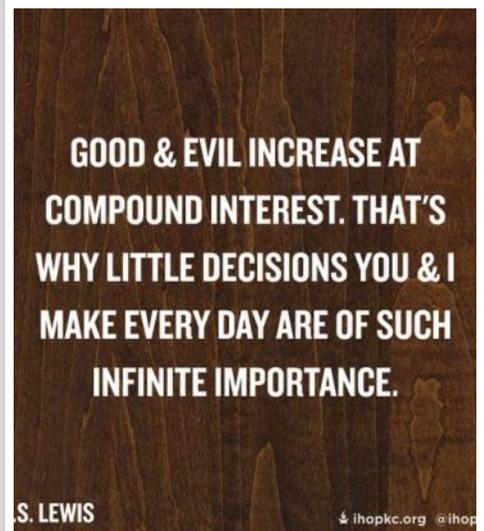
Docility to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit transform and transfigure our minds and hearts for we allow the Spirit to instruct us in God’s ways and not in my ways.

Becoming teachable is critical as the Holy Spirit not only gave us the grace of repentance and reconciliation, but now gives us the gift of perfection. Perfection pierces our soul and it is no longer I who live but Christ Who lives in me.

Living in Christ as St. Paul teaches us also allows Christ to live in me. It is mutual self-giving love. Both exchange their very self for the other and in so doing we allow the other to remove all taint of sin so we become spotless. Spotless our lives have been completely transformed. We are washed clean through the blood of the Lamb flowing from his side.

Love is a great mystery. It produces real fruits. If we live by the law of love and gift ourselves to another we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. If we live by the law of selfishness we will receive the consequences.

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury
(Rom 2:6-8).



GOOD & EVIL INCREASE AT COMPOUND INTEREST. THAT’S WHY LITTLE DECISIONS YOU & I MAKE EVERY DAY ARE OF SUCH INFINITE IMPORTANCE.

S. LEWIS

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Class 6
Spirituality of Administration
By Terri Atkins

This is the first time I have worked in a Church since I started my career 40 years ago, so I really appreciated the quotes on the slides and were discussed in this class.

I never really thought of it before, but we should use bible verses in our administration, so we reveal God's intent for the gift of administration.

A quote in the class today was Ephesians 4:11-13

“And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ”

Reflecting on this quote, makes me think God put me here for a reason and he is using me to help these people understand the importance of change when it is done correctly, not just change for changes sake.

The way a person looks at something really does influence the outcome they see. If we look at administration as a never-ending series of opportunities to encounter God, we have a better ministry.

**People
don't care
how much
you know
until they
know how
much you
care**

John C Maxwell

rapportleadership

It is also important to remember the time frame needs to be looked at when we do ministry.

- ◆ How long do we have to accomplish the given task?
- ◆ How will it benefit the parish?
- ◆ Is this a sound investment for your parish for the long run?

Ministry is not administration, but administration is the framework for ministry. Ministry then personalizes the actions knowing we are not filing papers and crunching numbers we are dealing with people. That is why I liked the quotes from the book “a Spirituality of Fundraising”.

“Are we seeing the potential donor as a person or only as money”

If we see them as a person, we can build a relationship with them.

The placing of parts God did to make up a whole was good also; this was under personnel administration. To me, this quote says what I always try to do with the staff and volunteers, we are a team, and all have a part in the whole.

God put us all here for a reason, we need to realize what that reason is and expand the parish by doing God's work. When we make a bad decision, we learn from it and when we make a good decision, we should not be afraid to tell others about it.

We concentrate on the building up of people, not tearing them down.

We Seem to Forget!
By Ann Weems

What concerns me!

**What lies on my heart,
Is this:
That we in the church
papered
and
programmed,
Articulate
and
agenda-ed
Are telling the faith
story
All wrong**

**Are telling it as though
it happened
2000 years ago
Or is going to happen**

**As soon as the Church
Budget is kept
The building is built
Or the programs
are in place.**

**We seem to forget that
Christ's name is
Emmanuel
God is with us:
NOW**

**Not just when He sat
among us
2000 years ago,**

**But NOW!
Seeing Him with
nail prints in his hands
and love in his heart for
each one of us!**

**Unsuccessful
people make
decisions based
on their current
situations.
Successful people
make decisions
based on where
they want to be.**

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Mendicants

The lore of medieval Europe creates romantic stories of chivalry and knighthood, yet, it is also the birth of a blossoming new era of thought, architecture, religion. St. Thomas Aquinas was such one saint who grew up in this era. But he was not geared to be a knight, he was too large of a man. He was not destined to be a landowner or noble, though he came from a noble family with power, wealth and prestige. He wanted to be a mendicant: a beggar!

Begging for a living disturbed his family for they wanted him to be an abbot of a powerful monastery in which would strengthen the political ties of the Aquino Family. His mother tempting him with money, sex, and power, imprisoned him, yet, St. Thomas fled and ran away at a young age and joined this new but odd order of beggars called the Dominicans, followers of St. Dominic.

Great minds are mostly misunderstood at first. As Albert Einstein and a host of other brilliant minds so too St. Thomas was a man of great insight and depth; yet his fellow friars called him the Dumb Ox. First for being so large of a man growing as records reveal to 6'7" and also being heavy set. But as St. Albert the Great one of his teachers proclaimed: Some day you will hear this Dumb Ox bellow throughout history.

At the forefront of medieval thought was a struggle to reconcile the relationship between theology (faith) and philosophy (reason). People were at odds as to how to unite the knowledge they obtained through revelation with the information they observed naturally using their mind and their senses.

This debate rages today and many believe reason, science which defines our idea of reason more succinctly are at odds.

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth- in a word, to know himself- so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fulness of truth about themselves." (Faith and Reason, John Paul II)

Faith and reason though distinct are not disjointed but joined as a coin: two sides with two identities yet intimately connected. St. Thomas a philosopher and theologian wrote and taught and continues to teach in his writings the inseparable union of faith with reason.

His most famous teaching based upon St. Paul's teaching on the existence of God (Rom 1:19-20):

What can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse"

God's existence can be proven many ways, but one of the greatest of his five proofs for the existence of God deals with perfection. We see various levels of perfection, especially in human beings. Some are just more perfect than others: more talented, gifted, and capable. Because we see various gradations of perfection, we see our own imperfections, we reasonable understand that since we all participate to some level of perfection that there must be a source of perfection whom we name God.

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

**WAKE UP, O HUMAN BEING!
FOR IT WAS FOR YOU THAT GOD
WAS MADE MAN. RISE UP AND
REALIZE IT WAS ALL FOR YOU**

St. Augustine

COFFEE W/ SAINTS

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

St. Nicholas

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 PM

UP COMING EVENTS

Schedule of Events:

January 25th @ Murphy Hall 7:30-9:00PM

Jesus the Way, Truth, and Life Series.

Encounter Christ's call to personal transformation to become a disciple.

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- ◆ Mass 5:30 PM Mass,
- ◆ 6:00 PM—6:00 AM All Night Adoration,
- ◆ 6:00 AM—7:00 AM Patriotic Rosary,
- ◆ 7:00 AM First Saturday Mass

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Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Mass 12:10 PM ICC
4:00 PM Nenana; 7:00 PM Healy

Feb 26 -28 Engage Encounter call 907-488-2462

Voice in the Wilderness Charismatic Prayer

Invites you to join us

Friday, 6:30 PM

At ICC Living Room
As we express our love for God through praise and worship

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"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20

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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?

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!"

Friendship Corners

Everyone seeks fellowship and friendship; yet, we see so many people isolated, desolate, and consoled but with empty addictions friendships Only those who engage in open and honest conversations will enter healthy and fulfilling friendships.

Isolation is a corner where many stay. Hurt and harmed they protect themselves by isolating themselves from others thinking that loneliness protects them.

Desolation is another corner where many dwell. Here they despise themselves because they are not good enough. They are a waste and will never grow, mature, and develop because they live under a lid. They are imprisoned by their thinking, not wanting to change and become something more.

Consolations is the other corner in the box. Here, most dwell seeking fake consolations to ease their emptiness. They self-medicate: drugs, alcohol, pornography, greed, adventures, luxuries, and worse of all empty friendships. They create self-comforts becoming mediocre and ever so quickly sinking deeper into their remedy.

Corner Four is much different. Relationships are responsible and friends hold us accountable demanding growth for the individuals within the friendship, the relationship itself, and also the outcome of the discussion.

This corner creates powerful friendships, where individuals trust each other and demand from each other more without shaming or degrading.

"The quality of our lives depends upon the quality of the relationships that we forge with those around us."

Dr. Will Miller



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