Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord –January 1, 2023



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9 am - No

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Sunday Readings

First Reading Numbers 6:22~27

God gives a blessing for the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67:2~3,5,6,8

May God bless us in His mercy.

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son to make us children of God.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:16~21

The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.



DSF Report Card December 28, 2022

 Parish Goal
 \$ 46,900

 Paid
 \$ 42,938

 Owed
 \$ 2,762

 Donors
 155

Mass Intentions—January 2—8, 2023				
Monday	No Mass			
Tuesday (Spanish) 6:00 pm	† Rev. Harry Verburggen		
Wednesday	6:00 pm	† Javier Arriaga		
		† Nora Alvarez		
		† Al Brown		
Thursday	10:00 am	† Emil Dubec		
Friday	10:00 am	Bernadette Butra		
		Angie Klecka		
		Joy Benecio		
Saturday	5:00 pm	† Emil Reznicek		
	9:00 am	Parish Family		
(Spanish)	12:00 pm	† Roberto Lara &		
		Enedina Patiño		

<u>Sunday Mass Livestream — 9:00 am @icc-sealy.org</u>

Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesdays	Confessions 5:00—5:45 pm
Wednesdays	Confessions 5:00—5:45 pm
Saturdays	Confessions 4:00—4:45 pm

January Rosary Intention

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Let us pray for our nation: that the Lord may guide the minds of those who govern in order to promote the common good and assure justice for all. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



Christmas Flowers

The flowers that adorn the church during the Christmas season are made possible through the donations to the Altar Society Christmas flower fund. The petitions included with these donations are for personal intentions, memorials for loved ones lost, and in thanksgiving for our many blessings. Thank you to the many parishioners who have donated so generously to this fund.

Sunday Morning Hospitality

Please note we will not host Sunday Hospitality on January 1 but will resume on January 8th.



Would you like to help in this ministry one Sunday each month?

Call Amy Cryan at 281~924~1086 to get involved!

Let us pray for our sick, homebound and those with special needs:

(Newly added names are in bold text and marked with an asterisk.)

Alma Avalos Lauren Kainer Tom Nichols Georgia Cerny Raymond Kasmiersky Joe Pistone Larry Rapsilver David Cryan Adolph Kovasovic, Jr. Martha Delmas Bobby Kovm Ianet Rapsilver Luwayne Dzierzanowski Don Koym Monica Reznicek Tambra Gomez Andy Krampitz Florianna Stolarski Katherine Jones Daniel Kulow Io Ann Zaruba Vernel Kutra Mary Jones

Let us Pray for our Military

Luke Griffin, SFC PVT Kristian Tanksley MMFN John Spillars, Jr. Corporal Dawson Fogle PVC Harrison Brooks Whitzel SSG Kyle M. Kiker PFC Nathan Weber PFC Kent Raulston SP4 Brandon Cerny 2nd LT Daniel Jernigan SP4 Blake Strieder Clay Casassa, Medicalman 3 LCPL Jared F. Delattre SGT Tyler S Snyder A1C Joseph Cevallos Emilio E. Guerrero, Jr, CPL Natividad Estrada, III PFC Tanner Kutra PFC Meghan Raulston Joshua Janicek, Airman PFC Kyle Thormaehlen E-2 Airman Pedro Rodriguez 1st LT Austin Anker USMC Sgt Tony Naranjo Daniel Diestel USMC Cpl Daniel Naranjo Melinda Griffin, 1st SGT MAJ Anthony Minderman-Nanez

Let us Pray for our Colonial Living Center Residents

Cecil OswellCharles HolubPedro PerezMaria DelgadoAlphonse MlcakPastor RosasLottie HluchanTheresa NowakBeatrice SurovcakEmily HolubLudmila PalmerMarie Stastny

Veranda House Residents

Susan Brooks Edward Janda

Deepest parish sympathies & prayers to the families of:

Alice Faldyn Santos Flores, father of Mariela Santos

Prayer for the Faithful Departed:

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sisters and brothers. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away; welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your children and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

May their souls, all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Use this QR Code to be quickly directed to our parish's online giving site. The site is secure and a safe way to schedule donations throughout the year. Forms of payment are

year. Forms of payment ar either by credit card or checking account.

2022 Bazaar Financial Report Income:

Meal	\$15,681.00
Raffle	\$18,949.00
Live Auction	\$44,760.00
Online Auction	\$8,700.00
Red Envelope Donations	\$5,411.50
A Team	\$3,425.00
Booths	\$12,857.58
KJZT Donation	\$1,000.00
KJT Donation	\$250.00
Charismatic Prayer Group Donation	\$300.00
Handmaids for the Lord Donation	\$677.00
Total:	\$112,011.08

Expense:

Meal/Kitchen Supplies	\$11,381.99
Advertising	\$189.08
Entertainment	\$750.00
Booths	\$767.31
Miscellaneous	\$625.10
Total	\$13,713.48

Total Bazaar Profits 2022	\$89,297.60
Total Bazaar Profits 2021	\$105,757.12
Total Bazaar Profits 2020	\$78.270.04

CCE · EDGE · LIFE TEEN Important Dates in 2023 Classes Resume/Comenzará

CCE	Sunday	January 8	8 de Enero
EDGE	Wednesday	January 11	11 de Enero
LIFETEEN	Sunday	January 15	15 de Enero

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

February 26, 2023

*DRIVE-THRU DINNER

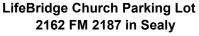
*RAFFLE - Sign-up in the Narthex this weekend to donate a raffle prize. Raffle tickets will be printed soon!

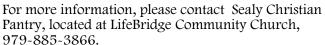
*ON-LINE AUCTION—Drop off your items at the parish office or call us to let us know what you would like to donate.

This funds raised are used to support our EDGE and LIFETEEN Programs.

Sealy Christian Pantry Drive-Thru Food Distribution Every First Saturday.







The Pantry is open every Wednesday, 9:00 am—noon.

Mass Intention Guidelines

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. One Mass intention per Mass will be accepted with the exception of the Sunday, 9am Mass. This Mass will always be designated for the people of the parish. In special circumstances, collective Mass intentions will be accepted for the Wednesday evening Mass and the Friday morning Mass. (Collective Mass intentions may include intentions from several families). Fr. Jonathan remembers each intention in his private priestly prayers before each Mass. Call the office for more information @ 979-885-3868.

Pautas de Intención de Masas

La práctica de solicitar una Misa para los seres queridos, vivos o fallecidos, es una parte hermosa y maravillosa de nuestra tradición Católica. Solo se aceptará 1 intención de Misa por Misa con la excepción de la Misa del Domingo a las 9 a.m. Esta Misa siempre será designada para la gente de la parroquia. En circunstancias especiales, se aceptarán intenciones colectivas colectivas para la Misa del miércoles por la tarde y la Misa del viernes por la mañana. (Las intenciones masivas de la colección pueden incluir intenciones de varias familias). El p. Jonathan recuerda cada intención en sus oraciones sacerdotales privadas antes de cada Misa. Llame a la oficina para más información @ 979-885-3868.

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All adult (ages 18+) volunteers in ministries and members of parish organizations are required to be Safe Haven trained. Before you start or continue participating in any volunteer position you MUST complete or renew your Safe Haven training. If you have any questions please contact the office ~ 979~885~0018.

This training is done online at your own convenience.

Todos los voluntarios adultos (mayores de 18 años) deben estar capacitados en Safe Haven. Antes de comenzar o continuar participando en cualquier puesto de voluntario, DEBE haber completado o renovado su capacitación de Safe Haven. Esta capacitación se realiza en línea en su propio tiempo. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuniquese con la oficina ~ 979~885~0018.



Chapel is Open for Private Prayer

Individuals are asked to contact the parish office for their security code needed to access this area.

La Capilla está Abierta para la Oración Privada

Se les pide a las personas que se comuniquen con la oficina parroquial para obtener el código de seguridad necesario para acceder al área.

Church is Open—Tuesdays & Wednesdays

The church will once again be open all day Tuesdays and Wednesdays for private prayer from 8 am—6 pm Mass.

La Iglesia está abierta : Martes y Miércoles

La iglesia volverá a estar abierta todo el día los Martes y Miércoles para oración privada de 8 am a 6 pm Misa.

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