

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 - Noon

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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 <i>(Spanish)</i>	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
<i>(Spanish)</i>	12:00 pm	† Roberto Lara & Enedina Patiño

Sunday Mass Livestream—9:00 am @icc-sealy.org

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
David Cryan	Adolph Kvasovic, Jr.	Larry Rapsilver
Martha Delmas	Bobby Koym	Janet Rapsilver
Luwayne Dzierzanowski	Don Koym	Monica Reznicek
Tambra Gomez	Andy Krampitz	Florianna Stolarski
Katherine Jones	Daniel Kulow	Jo Ann Zaruba
Mary Jones	Vernel Kutra	

Let us Pray for our Military

PVT Kristian Tanksley	Luke Griffin, SFC
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
PFC Tanner Kutra	Natividad Estrada, III
Joshua Janicek, Airman	PFC Meghan Raulston
E-2 Airman Pedro Rodriguez	PFC Kyle Thormaehlen
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 Oswell	Charles Holub	Pedro Perez
Maria Delgado	Alphonse Mlcak	Pastor Rosas
Lottie Hluchan	Theresa Nowak	Beatrice Surovcak
Emily Holub	Ludmila Palmer	Marie 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.

GIVING is Easy to ICC!

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 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, 9am—11am

LifeBridge Church Parking Lot
2162 FM 2187 in Sealy

For more information, please contact Sealy Christian Pantry, located at LifeBridge Community Church, 979-885-3866.

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 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, comuníquese 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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