



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Feb 3rd- Feb 4th

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5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - THE ONLY HOPE

"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again." —Job

Job was both very rich and very secure in that he had diversified investments. However, in three unrelated catastrophes, Job's financial empire crashed in one day (Jb 1:14ff). Yet, Job's bankruptcy was not the worst thing that happened to him that day. In another unrelated incident, Job's ten children were killed when the house in which they were gathered collapsed (Jb 1:2, 18-19). Later, Job contracted an extremely painful illness "with severe boils from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head" (Jb 2:7). Job had reason to say: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" (Jb 7:1) He considered life to be restless, hopeless, joyless "months of misery" (Jb 7:3ff).

Job's life was not that exceptional. Although few people have had so much hit them so fast, multiple tragedies are the rule of life and not the exception. Look at the billions of sick, dying, aborted, persecuted, oppressed, divorced, bereaved, exiled, starving, lonely, and rejected people.

Job's assessment of life is true, but it is not the whole truth. In Jesus, and only in Jesus, there is hope. Jesus loves us infinitely, forgives us our sins, saves us, heals the sick, frees us from demons, raises the dead, works together everything for the good (Rm 8:28), and takes us to be with Him forever in heaven. Jesus is our only Hope, and the only Hope we need. Whether or not people know Jesus, "everybody is looking" for Him (Mk 1:37) because everyone has to have hope and Jesus is our only Hope. Therefore, "should anyone ask you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply" (1 Pt 3:15).

St. Blaise - Blessing of the throats takes place at the end of this weekend Masses.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Jan 21-- 8.30 a.m. For our Christian Mothers

Monday, Jan 22--7:30 a.m. Eddie Homen By Donnie and Marcia Conrad

Wednesday, Jan 24-6:00p.m. Eddie Homen By Donnie and Marcia Conrad

Thursday, Jan 25--7:30 a.m. Eddie Homen By Donnie and Marcia Conrad

Friday, January 26--7:30a.m. Buddy Weller By Charleen Weller

Saturday, January 27--5:30p.m. Buddy Weller By Charleen Weller

Church Cleaning for January

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica

Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan

Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler,

Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen

Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and

Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, , Willie Mae Barnett, Dylan Stafford, James Weinheimer, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, David Swieres and Sherry Koetting

Family Chalice Program

February 3/4Clifton and Susan Britten

February 10/11 Rita Poor

February 17/18 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer

February 24/25 Pam and Cassie Ashford

March 3/4Keith, Kathleen, and Halle Barkley

March 17/18 Mike and Marla Britten

Birthdays

Feb 5th Georgann Hinson

Mike Friemel

Anniversaries

Stewardship Reports

01/28/18

Individual	\$2,505.00
Loose	\$ 191.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Total	\$2,702.00

Building Fund 1/28/18

Individual	\$5,825.00
Loose	\$ 108.00
Total	\$5,933.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren and Tucker
Lectors: Kevin Brown
Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Feb 4, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Carrigan
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling,
Barbara Homer, Sharon Britten

Saturday, Feb 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Alex
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Feb 11, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Braxton
Lectors: Cari Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michelle Bohr,
Nichole Kuehler, Marla Britten

Saturday, Feb 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Kacie
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, Feb 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Derek and Trace
Lectors: Marcia Conrad
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Tabitha
Eggemeyer, Susan Britten

Saturday, Feb 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Feb 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Announcements:

Second collection Feb 11th for the Building fund.

Christian Mothers:

Reservations for **Spring Fling** on Feb 11th are open now!! Christian Mothers will be at the TYM breakfast if you would like to make your reservation. **Payment of \$25/plate will need to be made prior so seats can be held.** Bingo will also need to be prepaid. We can't wait to see you there!

Dues of \$15 are collected in September. If you have not paid yours yet, please give to Pam Ashford or Debbie Ollinger or send it to Christian Mothers Box 293 Groom, Texas 79039. This really just covers the bare necessities of every week expenses of religions classes and funeral dinners and special dinners. Thank you for your support of this important part of our church community.

The Groom Christian mothers will be hosting the Spring East deanery meeting sometime in March or April, I hope you will make plans to attend.

New Officers and committee chairmen are needed for the upcoming elections in April. Please consider helping out. We have a great group of women, but we need some leaders to guide us into the next two years

Contact: Cara Ashford at ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin

Announcements:

Early Christian Church Councils: The first Council of the Christian Church took place in Jerusalem and included all of Christ's Apostles (Acts 15:1-29). Also in attendance were Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Barsabbas and others. This Jerusalem Council is not counted in the ecumenical councils of the Church which began after the Roman persecutions ended, and of which seven are considered binding by both the eastern and western churches.

The first seven ecumenical Councils (and the Council of Jerusalem) were responsible for fighting off various heresies which threatened to divide and destroy the Church and their decisions gave us the theological tenets most Christians believe about God and Christ today. Most of these councils were held in the eastern part of the empire, i.e., Jerusalem, Nicea, Ephesus, Constantinople, Chalcedon, etc., and the attendees, though both eastern and western, were predominantly from churches in those areas.

The first council of Jerusalem (49 A.D.) exempted all pagan converts from the laws of Judaism. Since the Church and all the rest of the House of Israel were bound for an exile to Babylon that would last almost 2000 years, this decision had the net effect of exempting all Christians from the laws of the Torah and from virtually all other Jewish restrictions and traditions.

The First Council of Nicea (325 A.D.), held in Bithynia in Asia Minor and overseen by the Roman emperor Constantine, proclaimed the true manhood and true divinity of Jesus Christ and decreed the doctrine of the Trinity. It was from this Council that the Nicene Creed was formulated. The Council was held to counter the heresy of Arius who denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

In the First Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.), belief in the Holy Spirit was added to the Nicene Creed. The Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.), was held to counter the heresy of Nestorius. This Council reaffirmed the Church's doctrine of incarnation and its position that the Word of God was made man. Where Nestorius taught that in Jesus there were two separate persons, the Council decreed that in Jesus there was one person with two natures. Nestorius also taught that Mary was the mother of Christ, but not the mother of God. The Council rejected this idea and upheld the Church's position that Mary was, indeed, the mother of God. The Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) was held to counter the Monophysite doctrines (which argued against the two natures of Christ) as well as to reaffirm the Church's position in opposing the Nestorians. Chalcedon also clarified the Church's position with respect to its doctrine concerning the true nature of Christ. This Council defined the final elements in the Trinitarian formula by declaring that Christ existed in two natures, without mixture or change, without division or separation, but that His two natures were held in union in one person without losing the separate distinction of either nature. Held in Bythynia in Asia Minor, the Council of Chalcedon was attended by 600 mostly eastern bishops. The Second Council of Constantinople (553 A.D.), was held to counter the continuing heresy of the Nestorians. Filioque: In 869 A.D. a fourth Council of Constantinople was held to try to avert a schism which had developed between the western and eastern churches over a western decision to place the phrase 'and from the son' into the Nicene Creed regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit. The Greeks felt that the Holy Spirit came only from the Father. The Western Church, bowing to centuries of pressure, finally inserted into the creed the Church's official position that the Holy Spirit came to us through both the Father and the Son. The term used was called 'Filioque'. The ensuing controversy split the western and eastern churches into two opposing camps, where they have remained ever since.