



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

September 30-Oct 1, 2017

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PARISH STAFF:

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -CHANGING TO BE UNCHANGING

"Afterward he regretted it and went." —Matthew 21:30

Virtuous people should never change "from virtue to commit iniquity," or they will die (Ez 18:26). After we tell our heavenly Father that we will work in His vineyard (see Mt 21:28ff), we should never change our minds. Jesus said: "Whoever puts his hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God" (Lk 9:62). After we tell the Lord, our spouses, our children, our families, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and even our enemies that we love them, we should never change.

To never change our faith and love, we must make some other changes. If we don't change and repent of sins, these sins will change us for the worse. If we don't change and be reconciled with those that we haven't forgiven, then the poison of unforgiveness will change, warp, and destroy our love for God, our spouses, our families, etc. If we don't let God change some habits in our lives, we will become enslaved and forced to change what should never be changed.

Our faith and love in Christ will never change, if only we let God make some major changes in our lives. Change to become unchanging.

Prayer: Father, by Your grace I will change whatever would lead me to stop loving You.

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

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Juanita Stacy and Sambo Kotara

Family Chalice Program

Sep 30/ Oct 1 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey
 October 7/8 Jerod and Tami Keesee
 October 14/15 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer
 October 21/22 Pam and Cassie Ashford
 October 28/29 Keith, Kathleen and Halle Barkley
 November 4/5 Rodney and Michele Bohr
 November 11/12 Nick and Cara Ashford
 November 18/19 Tony and Mary Treadwell

Birthdays

Oct 2nd Ethan Babcock

Oct 3rd Carrigan Kling

Oct 4th Dennis Britten

Anniversaries

Oct 5th John & Doris Homer

Stewardship Reports

09/17/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$2645.00
Loose	\$ 255.00
Children	\$ 0.00
Total	\$2900.00

09/17/17 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 750.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 750.00

Church Cleaning for October

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

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Oct 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Trace and Owen

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Kay Britten, Marla Britten

Saturday, Oct 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Hope and Lauren

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Carie Weinheimer, Joannie Kling

Saturday, Oct 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Oct 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Kate and Jackson

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Marla Britten, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Oct 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Carie Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Sunday, Oct 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Wesley and Owen

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling, Sandie Hickey, Kay Britten

Announcements:

Resgistration deadline for the DCCW Fall Convention here in Groom is **Oct 1st**. Please contact Debbie Ollinger 806-206-4013.

Postponed: One Day Women's retreat October 7, 2017. Once rescheduled the information will be provided here in the bulletin.

Christian Mothers is needing donations for the Parish Hall Kicthen, we still need a heavy duty cart to move food in and out of the kitchen. If you are interested in donating please contact Debbie Ollinger or Pam Ashford, or mail a contribution to PO Box 293, Groom Tx 79039. Thank you

The **Parish Council** is looking for volunteers to act as points of contact for different infrastructure systems throughout the grounds and buildings of the Parish. If you have experience or simply willingness to volunteer for one of the positions, or for more information please contact Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805.

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

The Rosary and Sacred Scripture:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Luke 1:28 "And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." The Greek kecharitomene means favored by grace, graced. Its tense suggests a permanent state of being "highly favored," thus full of grace. Charity, the divine love within us, comes from the same root. God is infinite Goodness, infinite Love. Mary is perfect created goodness, filled to the limit of her finite being with grace or charity.

Blessed art thou among women. Luke 1:41-42a "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women..." Luke 1:48 "For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed." Among all women is a way to say the highest/greatest etc. of a group in Semitic languages (these words would likely have been spoken in Aramaic). Mary is being called the greatest of all women, greater than Ruth, greater than Sarah, greater than EVE! Since Eve was created immaculate (without original sin), Mary must have been conceived immaculate. And, although Eve fell into sin by her own free will, Mary must have corresponded to God's grace and remained sinless. She could not otherwise be greater than Eve. Thus, as the Fathers of the Church unanimously assert, Mary is the New Eve who restores womanhood to God's original intention and cooperates with the New Adam, her Son, for the Redemption of the world.

Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Luke 1:42b "and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Jesus is Mary's fruit. Good fruit does not come from anything but a good tree (Mt. 7:17-18)! The all-holy Son of God could not be the fruit of any other tree than the Immaculate Virgin.

RCIA The Journey of Faith begins with your questions

What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? How different is it really?

Classes for the Christian Initiation of Adults are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins with an "Inquiry" period when questions lead to exploration. Drop in – no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q & A sessions.

The second phase is the "Catechumens" period for those who are interested in becoming fully Catholic. Classes end in the Mystagogy"

period, with a focus on how to identify God's special calling and purpose for your life.

If you'd like to take this journey of faith, call the

RCIA Directors:

Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651- 9176

Krista Johnson 806-223- 6244

Already Catholic?

If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.

