



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Oct 21-Oct 22, 2017

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## ***29th SUNDAY - LIVING THE HARD LIFE***

"Grace and peace be yours." —1 Thessalonians 1:1

1 Thessalonians is probably the earliest book of the New Testament. Therefore, it has special significance. To better understand these words of Paul, we must understand his life. Paul described his life in the following way: "...with my many more labors and imprisonments, with far worse beatings and frequent brushes with death. Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes less one; three times I was beaten with rods; I was stoned once, shipwrecked three times; I passed a day and a night on the sea. I traveled continually, endangered by floods, robbers, my own people, the Gentiles; imperiled in the city, in the desert, at sea, by false brothers; enduring labor, hardship, many sleepless nights; in hunger and thirst and frequent fastings, in cold and nakedness. Leaving other sufferings unmentioned, there is that daily tension pressing on me, my anxiety for all the churches" (2 Cor 11:23-28).

Paul suffered greatly in his life for Christ. Paul had a very hard life. However, it made him better rather than bitter because he belonged "to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thes 1:1). Despite his extreme sufferings, Paul did not see his life as a series of cruel tragedies but as grace upon grace (see 1 Thes 1:1). When Paul looked at people, especially Christians, he kept thanking God for all of them and remembering them in his prayers (1 Thes 1:2). Although Paul was treated inhumanely, he loved life and people, because he loved Jesus. Live and love accordingly, especially if your life is hard.

## 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, October 22--8:30 a.m Intentions of

Willie Mae Barnett By Charleen Weller

Monday, October 23--7:30 a.m. Mary

Kuehler Lane By Charleen Weller

Wednesday, October 25-6:00pm Mary

Kuehler Lane By Charleen Weller

Thursday, October 26--7:30a.m. Mary

Kuehler Lane By Charleen Weller

Friday, October 27--:30a.m. Mary Kuehler

Lane By Charleen Weller

Saturday, October 28 --5:30p.m. Kylie Hiner

By Mike & Marla Britten

## Stewardship Reports

### 10/15/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$1105.00
Loose	\$ 183.00
Children	\$ 6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1294.00</b>

### 09/17/17 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 24.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>

## 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

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

November 25/26 Nick Weinheimer Family

December 2/3 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## Birthdays

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Frances Britten Elders

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> McKenna Britten Phillips

Caroline Moraniec

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Korri Britten

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Wyatt Weinheimer

## Anniversaries

### 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, 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 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Wesley and Owen  
Lectors: Marcia Conrad  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling, Sandie Hickey, Kay Britten

### **Saturday, Oct 28 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn  
Lectors: Cliff Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

### **Sunday, Oct 29, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Halle and Carrigan  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Carie Weinheimer, Joannie Kling

### **Saturday, Nov 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Lauren  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

### **Sunday, Nov 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan  
Lectors: Carie Weinheimer  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Nicole Kuehler, Marla Britten

### **Saturday, Nov 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Kate and Wesley  
Lectors: Nick Keuhler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, Nov 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Saffron and Kacie  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Marla Britten, & Susan Britten

## *Announcements:*

**RCIA** will meet on Tuesday nights @ 7p.m.  
Everyone is welcome to sit in on classes.  
Please contact Tabitha Eggemeyer @ 806-651-9176 if you need any other information.

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

**Why do Catholics elevate Mary to a goddess?** Catholics don't believe that Mary is a goddess. She has no power of her own. She acknowledges in Luke 1:47 that God is her Savior. However, Catholics do believe Mary when she said in Luke 1:46 that her "soul magnifies the Lord." Mary's soul is still very much alive, and is still magnifying the Lord, which is a very good and holy thing. Mary was chosen by God the Father to be the living tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, to contain the Word Made Flesh, Jesus. Jesus himself was obedient to her (Luke 2:51). If it's good enough for Jesus to be obedient to Mary, then it's good enough for his servants also. No servant is greater than his Master (John 13:16). Jesus said that you shall know a tree by its fruit, (Luke 6:44) and Jesus is the fruit of Mary's womb ( Luke 1:42), which means that Mary, while not divine, was certainly created and remained pure and holy, because a rotten tree cannot bear good fruit.

**Isn't saying the Hail Mary prayer worshiping Mary?** The definition of the verb "to pray" means "to ask," not "to worship". People who say the Hail Mary do not worship Mary, any more than Gabriel did when he told Mary – "Hail full of grace" (Luke 1:28), and Elizabeth did when she said "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus", Luke 1:42).

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.