



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Nov 11- Nov 12, 2017

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32 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - COME JESUS NOW

"The Lord Himself will come down from heaven." —1 Thessalonians 4:16

For centuries, Christians throughout the world have professed the Nicene Creed, in which we proclaim that Jesus "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Also, after the Consecration at Mass, we say: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again." Finally, at Mass, before Communion, we pray: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." We believe, proclaim, and pray that Jesus is coming back. We cry out with the early Church and Christians throughout the centuries: "Maranatha!" ("Come, Lord Jesus!") (Rv 22:20)

The Church has told us in the Scriptures: "The Lord Himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thes 4:16-17). "Note this first of all: in the last days, mocking, sneering men who are ruled by their passions will arrive on the scene. They will ask: 'Where is that promised coming of His?' " (2 Pt 3:3-4) Those denying Christ's final coming "do not take into account" (2 Pt 3:5) that God's promises have repeatedly been fulfilled throughout history (see Jos 23:14) and man's denials of God's promises have been wrong.

Consequently, let us give our lives to Jesus and love Him with all our hearts. Then we will await His coming not with dread but with "joyful hope." "Console one another with this message" (1 Thes 4:18).

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

November Masses are for the Souls in Purgatory. The following prayer can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month. “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Stewardship Reports

11/05/17 Stewardship Report	
Individual	\$2085.00
Loose	\$ 307.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Total	\$2398.00

11/05/17 Building Fund	
Individual	\$1285.00
Loose	\$ 488.00
Total	\$1773.00

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, and Juanita Stacy

Family Chalice Program

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
 December 9/10 Joanie Kling Family
 December 16/17 Alice Kuehler
 December 23/24 Krista Johnson Family

Birthdays

Nov 11th Kristen Brooks
 Nov 12th Noah Alexander Wood
 Nov 13th Beth Kuehler
 Nov 15th Doris Homer
 Nov 16th Devin Amphay & Brittany Weinheimer

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for Novemember

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

Liturgical Ministers

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

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

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

Saturday, Nov 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Alex and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, Nov 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Kate

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

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

Saturday, Nov 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Jackson and Owen

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Nov 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and K'Leigh

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Announcements:

Christian Mothers will meet Nov 16th at 7pm in the home of Donna Barnett with hostess Wamyth Britten and Rita Poor.

Christian Mothers is organizing Snak-Pak 4 Kids here in Groom. There is a need to feed children during the weekend here in Groom. Snak-Pak 4 Kids will send home non-perishable food for the children. This program will cost \$40/week or \$150.00/year per kid. 100% of proceeds earned go towards kids in need.

Mark your calendars for the holiday edition of the Parish Council Pot Luck December 9th immediately following mass. Thanksgiving and Christmas are a special time to spend with family. Please come celebrate this season with your church family.

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

* Thanksgiving Day Masses: Wed, Nov 22nd at 6pm and Thursday, Nov 23rd at 9:00am

*Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass: Friday, December 8th at 7:30am and 6:30pm

*Christmas Masses: Sunday, Dec 24th at 5:30pm and Monday, Dec 25th at 9am

*New Year Masses: Sunday, Dec 31st at 5:30pm and Monday, January 01st at 9am

*Myths about Indulgences

Myth 1: A person can buy his way out of hell with indulgences.

This charge is without foundation. Since indulgences remit only temporal penalties, they cannot remit the eternal penalty of hell. Once a person is in hell, no amount of indulgences will ever change that fact. The only way to avoid hell is by appealing to God's eternal mercy while still alive. After death, one's eternal fate is set (Heb. 9:27).

Myth 2: A person can buy indulgences for sins not yet committed.

The Church has always taught that indulgences do not apply to sins not yet committed. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "[An indulgence] is not a permission to commit sin, nor a pardon of future sin; neither could be granted by any power."

Myth 3: A person can "buy forgiveness" with indulgences.

The definition of indulgences presupposes that forgiveness has already taken place: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (Indulgentarium Doctrina 1, emphasis added). Indulgences in no way forgive sins. They deal only with punishments left after sins have been forgiven.

Myth 4: Indulgences were invented as a means for the Church to raise money. Indulgences developed from reflection on the sacrament of reconciliation. They are a way of shortening the penance of sacramental discipline and were in use centuries before money-related problems appeared.

Myth 5: An indulgence will shorten your time in purgatory by a fixed number of days. The number of days which used to be attached to indulgences were references to the period of penance one might undergo during life on earth. The Catholic Church does not claim to know anything about how long or short purgatory is in general, much less in a specific person's case.

Myth 6: A person can buy indulgences.

The Council of Trent instituted severe reforms in the practice of granting indulgences, and, because of prior abuses, "in 1567 Pope Pius V canceled all grants of indulgences involving any fees or other financial transactions" (Catholic Encyclopedia). This act proved the Church's seriousness about removing abuses from indulgences.

Myth 7: A person used to be able to buy indulgences.

One never could "buy" indulgences. The financial scandal surrounding indulgences, the scandal that gave Martin Luther an excuse for his heterodoxy, involved alms—indulgences in which the giving of alms to some charitable fund or foundation was used as the occasion to grant the indulgence. There was no outright selling of indulgences. The Catholic Encyclopedia states: "[I]t is easy to see how abuses crept in. Among the good works which might be encouraged by being

made the condition of an indulgence, almsgiving would naturally hold a conspicuous place. . . . It is well to observe that in these purposes there is nothing essentially evil. To give money to God or to the poor is a praiseworthy act, and, when it is done from right motives, it will surely not go unrewarded." Being able to explain these seven myths will be a large step in helping others to understand indulgences. But, there are still questions to be asked.