



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Jan 13th – Jan 14th

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CHANGING CHURCHES

"The Lord came and revealed His presence, calling out as before, 'Samuel, Samuel!'

Samuel answered, 'Speak, for Your servant is listening.' " —1 Samuel 3:10

In Samuel's time, the "Church" was not hearing God. "A revelation of the Lord was uncommon and vision infrequent" (1 Sm 3:1). In addition to being spiritually deaf, it was spiritually blind and asleep (1 Sm 3:2). This pitiful condition of God's people was nauseating to God (see Rv 3:16), but the Lord did not leave them. The Lord was still present in a special way through the ark of the covenant, and "the lamp of God was not yet extinguished" (1 Sm 3:3). The Lord was not only present but active. He repeatedly called the boy, Samuel, giving him such a powerful gift of prophecy that not a word of Samuel's was without effect (1 Sm 3:19). Through the prophetic ministry of Samuel, the whole Israelite nation turned to the Lord within twenty years (1 Sm 7:2).

We likewise may feel the Church is dead. We claim that the Church makes us sick, and we're trying to justify our leaving the Church. However, the Lord is calling us to stay and to prophesy to the dry bones until they begin to rattle and come to life (Ez 37:4ff).

Jesus is calling children like Samuel, old folks like Abraham and Moses, persecutors like Saul, businessmen like Matthew, and teenagers like Mary. Don't quit. Quit saying: "Listen, Lord, Your servant is speaking," and instead say: "Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening" (see 1 Sm 3:10).

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 14--8.30 a.m. Leo and Andrey Wink By Doris Homer

Monday, Jan 15--7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, Jan 17--6:00p.m. Rosary

Thursday, Jan 18--7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, Jan 19--7:30a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 20--5:30 p.m. For our Christian Mothers

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, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Juanita Stacy, Willie Mae Barnett, Hank Winter, Dylan Stafford and James Weinheimer

Family Chalice Program

January 13/14 Nick and Cara Ashford

January 20/21 Johnny and Doris Homer

January 27/28 Rodney and Michele Bohr

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

Birthdays

Jan 16th Hope Hickey

Anniversaries

Jan 14th Kelvin & Debbie Ollinger

Jan 15th Jigger & Sandra Britten

Stewardship Reports

Mass & "Mary, Mother of God" 01/07/18

Individual \$2,390.00

Loose \$ 142.00

Children \$ 15.00

Total \$2,547.00

Building Fund 1/07/18

Individual \$5,100.00

Loose \$ 20.00

Total \$5,120.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Jan 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Owen

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandy Hickey

Sunday, Jan 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Alex and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr,

Marla Britten, and Joannie Kling

Saturday, Jan 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Cari Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Jan 21, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kacie and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler,

Vanessa Eugea, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Jan 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Hope and Hallie

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kathleen Barkley

Sunday, Jan 28, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Cari Weinheimer,

Melanie K Britten, Susan Britten

Announcements:

TYM: Breakfast will be Jan 21st please join us!

Christian Mothers: Christmas décor will be taken down after Jan 14th Mass. Please stay and help.

The San Antonio Province meeting of the CCW will be hosted this year by the Amarillo Diocese at the St. Mary's Cathedral. The meeting will start with mass Friday evening February 2nd, at 5 pm to be followed by a social time. Then continue on Saturday February 3rd with registration at 8:30 am and end around 3 PM. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. The registration fee is \$40.00 payable to the Province of San Antonio CCW.. Send your check to Marla Johnston at [7907 Thistletree Lane, Frisco, Texas 75033](#) Her phone number is [214-794-5621](#) and her email is marlajane2@att.net There will be silent auctions and phenomenal speakers. If you would like to stay in Amarillo Friday night, there are rooms blocked off at the Big Texan hotel. Call Patty Ramirez at [214-289-2454](#) and ask for reservations under the Province of San Antonio CCW.

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!

****Why is Monday, December 25, 2017 a Holy Day of Obligation, while a week later, Monday, January 1, 2018 not a Holy Day of Obligation?**

A: First of all, it is helpful to understand which days are considered days of “obligation,” when the faithful attend Mass (either on the Feast Day or the evening preceding) and are to “abstain from those works and business which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body” (Canon 1247). According to Canon 1246 §1, the universal Church recognizes, apart from Sunday, which she calls “the primordial holy day of obligation,” ten days as holy days:

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, December 25, The Epiphany, January 6, The Ascension, Thursday of the 6th week of Easter, The Body and Blood of Christ, Thursday after Trinity Sunday, Holy Mary the Mother of God, January 1, The Immaculate Conception, December 8, The Assumption of Mary, August 15, The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, Peter and Paul the Apostles, June 29, All Saints, November 1

The universal Church law allows for local conferences of bishops, with the Vatican’s approval, to suppress some of these days or to transfer them to a Sunday (Canon 1246 §2). Some countries even add to this list of holy days of obligation the celebration of certain feasts or saints of local importance, such as St. Patrick in Ireland. In the United States the obligatory character of St. Joseph (March 19) and Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) has been suppressed. The Solemnities of the Epiphany (January 6), the Ascension (Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter), and the Body and Blood of Christ (Thursday after Trinity Sunday) have been transferred to Sunday. (Some dioceses in the United States, it should be noted, still observe as a day of obligation Ascension on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter). In these cases, the Solemnities are no longer strictly speaking holy days “of obligation,” yet the obligations attached to them remain insofar as they now fall on a Sunday.

For dioceses in the U.S., there are five days remaining that can be called “holy days of obligation”: Mary the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25). But of these five days, three of them have an “exceptional” quality. Whenever one of the first three solemnities—Mary the Mother of God, the Assumption, and All Saints Day—falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary work is lifted. In other words, these days are still observed (Monday, January 1, 2017 will still be the Solemnity Mary, the Mother of God), but the obligations attached to them are removed. The last two of these five Solemnities—the Immaculate Conception and Christmas—always retain the obligation, regardless of whether they fall on a Saturday or Monday. The reason is that both of the December holy days have such high importance: Christmas because it marks, after the Passion, the most important moment in the life of Christ, and the Immaculate Conception because Mary, under this title, is the Patroness of the United States.

Christian Mothers: 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.

