



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Jan 20th – Jan 21st

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## PARISH STAFF:

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## ***3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - HAVE A HEART***

"When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, He repented of the evil that He had threatened to do to them; He did not carry it out." —Jonah 3:10

The bloody, brutal Ninevites repented but Jonah, who preached the message of repentance to them, did not. Jonah initially fled from God's call, refusing to forgive and preach to his enemies, the Ninevites. After Jonah spent three days in a whale and was spit out on the shore, he changed his mind but not his heart. He did preach the message of repentance to the Ninevites, but his heart wasn't in it. In his heart, Jonah didn't want the Ninevites to repent. He wanted them punished (Jon 4:1ff). The only reason Jonah did what God wanted was to avoid doing any more time in a whale's belly.

Many Christians are like Jonah. Eventually, they do the right thing and are even used by the Lord to lead people to Him. However, their hearts aren't in it. They serve the Lord begrudgingly. Mass is their Sunday obligation, not their Sunday privilege. They think they are doing God a favor when they pray. They really don't care that much if unbelievers are saved but don't want to go to hell themselves.

Why did everyone listen to Jonah's message of repentance except Jonah? Why are many Christians like Jonah? Jonah's problem and sin was unforgiveness. He refused to forgive the hateful Ninevites. Many Christians have more in common with Jonah than with Jesus. We must forgive our enemies and those who have hurt us. Then we will have a heart for evangelization.

## 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, 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 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  
 March 3/4Keith, Kathleen, and Halle Barkley

## Birthdays

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Cari Weinheimer  
 Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Susan Britten  
 Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Joe Homer  
 Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Bill Homer, Melanie Britten, Taylor Fields, Taylor Dawn Mays  
 Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Robbie Kuehler

## Anniversaries

## Stewardship Reports

<b>01/14/18</b>	
Individual	\$1,103.00
Loose	\$ 100.00
Children	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,208.00</b>

<b>Building Fund 1/14/18</b>	
Individual	\$ 150.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **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

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

Servers: Lauren and Tucker  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

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

Servers: Madison and Carrigan  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

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

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

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

Servers: Owen and Braxton  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

## *Announcements:*

**TYM:** Breakfast will be Jan 21<sup>st</sup> please join us!

**Christian Mothers:** Christmas décor will be taken down after Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

**\*\*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.

