

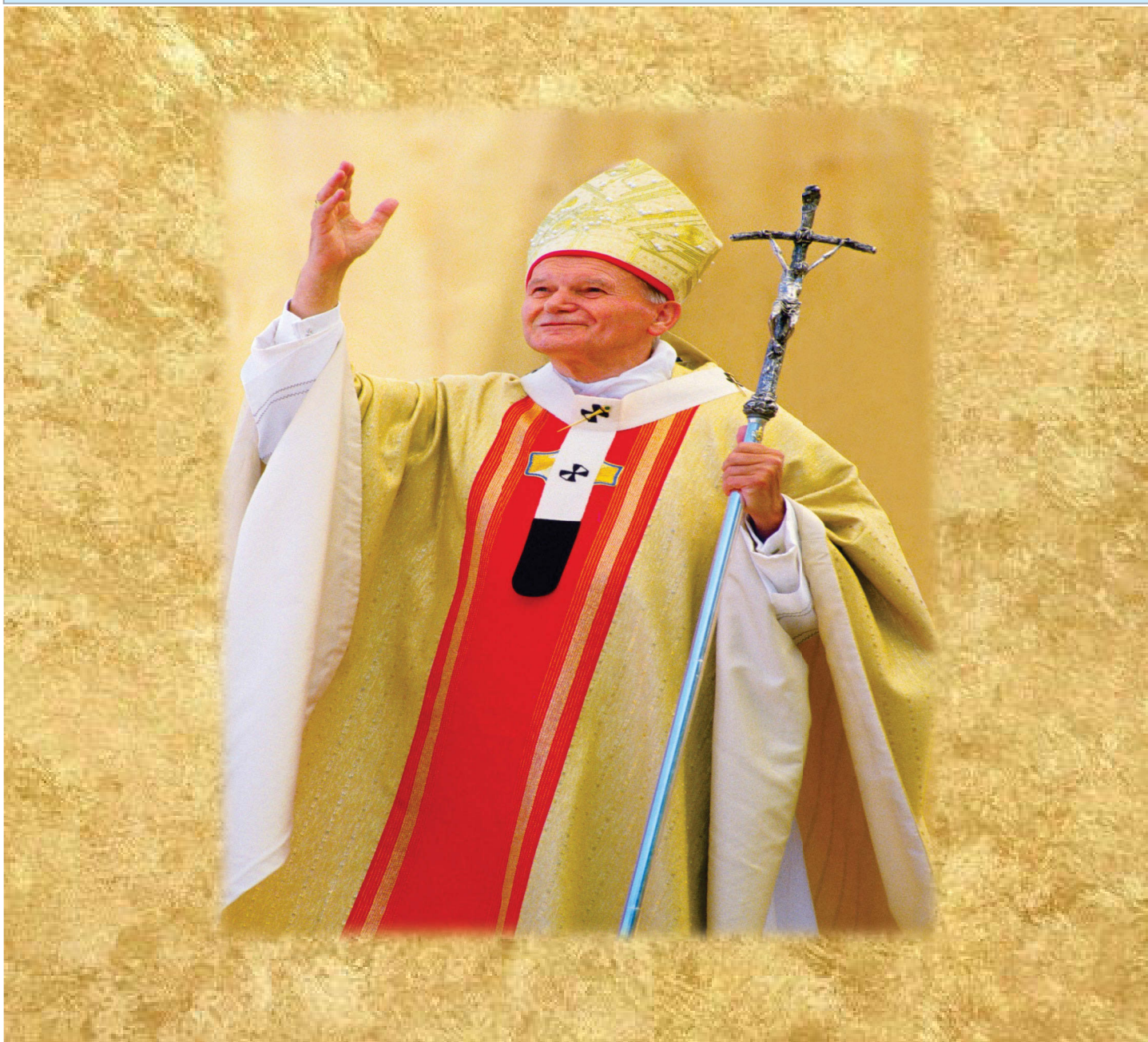


IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that **"I am the LORD," and that "there is none besides me"** (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

Just as the people and things we expect to help us may disappoint us, sometimes God acts in the most unlikely ways. So, by all means we ought to ask God for what we want. But let's be open to the ways God may want to respond. Let's depend on God's initiative and not on our own. In today's gospel, out of a small piece of political crossfire between the Pharisees and Jesus comes the reminder of just how much we owe and to whom we owe it.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de María,

Isaías nos habla hoy de Ciro, el rey de Persia, ungido del Señor. Dios llama a Ciro por su nombre y lo conduce a servir a los israelitas. En este pasaje oímos que es el Señor quien le da a Ciro su título, quien lo arma contra sus enemigos, y quien abre los portones, y no deja nada trancado ante él. Y Dios hace todo esto para que su pueblo llegue a saber que **"yo soy el SEÑOR," y que "no hay otro"** (Isaías 45:6).

Pablo abre su carta esencialmente con la misma noción, que s Queridas familias del Inmaculado lo en Dios podemos hallar gracia y paz. Pablo también da gracias a Dios en nuestro nombre, recordando nuestro trabajo fatigoso de fe, esperanza y amor. Y en la familiar lectura del Evangelio, Jesús dice a los fariseos que den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios.

Así como la gente y las cosas que esperamos que nos ayuden pueden decepcionarnos, a veces Dios actúa de las maneras más improbables. Así que, por todos los medios debemos pedirle a Dios lo que queremos. Pero estemos abiertos a las formas en que Dios quiera responder. Dependamos de la iniciativa de Dios y no de la nuestra. En el evangelio de hoy, de un pequeño trozo de fuego cruzado político entre los fariseos y Jesús viene el recordatorio de cuánto debemos y a quién se lo debemos.

Inmaculado Corazon de María, ruega por nosotros.
Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)
5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

SAT. OCT. 17TH

8:00AM † Domitila Urenda & Family

5:00PM † Julie Halpin

SUN. OCT. 18TH

7:30AM † Richard and Tony Gonzales

9:00AM Gian-Luke Ochoa-Aragon - Birthday

10:45AM † Ignacio Peña

12:30PM Connie and Orlando Vieira - Wedding Ann.

2:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM Immaculate Heart of Mary

MON. OCT. 19TH

8:00AM † Mathew Kuzi

† The deceased members of the
Fonseca Family

TUE. OCT. 20TH

8:00AM † Liza Riego

† Lorna De Gracia

WED. OCT. 21ST

8:00AM Ochoa-Aragon Family - Special Int.

† Jack Healey

THU. OCT. 22ND

8:00AM Maria Lurdes Faria - Spec. Intention

FRI. OCT. 23RD

8:00AM Leticia and Rustico Manicdao

Wedding Ann. & Thanksgiving

† David and John Macaluso

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If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail:

bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 473: Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 474: Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: 475: Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4c-6
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: 476: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12,
18-19 Lk 12:49-53

Friday: 477: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: 478: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: 148: Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40



Render unto Caesar

Lectura

Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres
Que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos,
te adoramos,
te glorificamos,
te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios,
Hijo del Padre;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Atiende nuestra suplica;
Tu que estas sentado a
La derecha del Padre,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Porque solo tu eres Santo,
Solo tu Señor,
Solo tu Altísimo Jesucristo.
Con el Espíritu Santo
En la gloria de Dios Padre.
Amen.

Primera lectura

Is 45, 1. 4-6

Así habló el Señor a Ciro, su ungido,
a quien ha tomado de la mano
para someter ante él a las naciones
y desbaratar la potencia de los reyes,
para abrir ante él los portones
y que no quede nada cerrado:
“Por amor a Jacob, mi siervo, y a Israel, mi escogido,
te llamé por tu nombre y te di un título de honor,
aunque tú no me conocieras.
Yo soy el Señor y no hay otro;
fuera de mí no hay Dios.
Te hago poderoso, aunque tú no me conoces,
para que todos sepan, de oriente a occidente,
que no hay otro Dios fuera de mí.
Yo soy el Señor y no hay otro”.

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 95: 1 y 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a y c

Cantemos la grandeza del Señor.

Segunda Lectura

1 Tes 1, 1-5

Pablo, Silvano y Timoteo deseamos la gracia y la paz a la comunidad cristiana de los tesalonicenses, congregada por Dios Padre y por Jesucristo, el Señor. En todo momento damos gracias a Dios por ustedes y los tenemos presentes en nuestras oraciones. Ante Dios, nuestro Padre, recordamos sin cesar las obras que manifiestan la fe de ustedes, los trabajos fatigosos que ha emprendido su amor y la perseverancia que les da su esperanza en Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Nunca perdemos de vista, hermanos muy amados de Dios, que él es quien los ha elegido. En efecto, nuestra

predicación del Evangelio entre ustedes no se llevó a cabo sólo con palabras, sino también con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, que produjo en ustedes abundantes frutos.

Evangelio

Mt 22, 15-21

En aquel tiempo, se reunieron los fariseos para ver la manera de hacer caer a Jesús, con preguntas insidiosas, en algo de que pudieran acusarlo.

Le enviaron, pues, a algunos de sus secuaces, junto con algunos del partido de Herodes, para que le dijeran: “Maestro, sabemos que eres sincero y enseñas con verdad el camino de Dios, y que nada te arredra, porque no buscas el favor de nadie. Dinos, pues, qué piensas: ¿Es lícito o no pagar el tributo al César?”

Conociendo Jesús la malicia de sus intenciones, les contestó: “Hipócritas, ¿por qué tratan de sorprenderme? Enséñenme la moneda del tributo”. Ellos le presentaron una moneda. Jesús les preguntó: “¿De quién es esta imagen y esta inscripción?” Le respondieron: “Del César”. Y Jesús concluyó: “Den, pues, al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios”.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que habla por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading

Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of
love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,
before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much con-

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might
entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians,
saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man
and that you teach the way of God in accordance with
the truth.
And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,
for you do not regard a person's status.
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose
inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
***and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



October 18, 2020

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5B | Mt 22:15-21

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I took up distance running some years ago, thanks largely to a group of friends who encouraged me along the way. We'd share the peaks and valleys of our lives as we tackled rolling hills. Those long runs come to mind when I hear Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians for having "endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul here speaks of hope in Jesus – a hope that has the risen Christ as its foundation, and is central to the Christian life. When I think of what lies at the end of a long run, such as water and blissful rest, and how grateful I am for these simple pleasures, I cannot help but rejoice in the hope that St. Paul refers to today. Our catechism makes it clear: "We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day." (989)

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During a particularly challenging time, I confided in a close friend over the phone. She didn't just offer to pray for me, she actually prayed *with* me on that phone call. I don't recall her exact words, but she called on Jesus to help me trust that God would see me through. So often, it can be hard to find the words to encourage others in their faith. When that happens, why not bring Jesus into the conversation? It may seem awkward at first, but offering to pray with another person in real time can be a powerful witness and encouragement. As Christians, we don't rely on "hoping" that everything will work out in the end; instead, we know that our hope is in Christ Jesus. As the catechism says: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." (1817) It doesn't get much more direct than that. Reflect on what "hope" looks like for us as Christians. And then tell a friend about it.

DID YOU KNOW? The source of our second reading today, the First Letter from Paul to the Thessalonians, contains the earliest mention within Christian literature of the three theological virtues: "faith, hope and love." Reread today's passage, and then read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. In prayer, we can ask God to help us grow in all three virtues and show us ways to share them with others.

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la
Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus
malgnos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo para la perdición de las
almas. Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God
rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heav-
enly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of October 25 2020, please bring canned tomatoes. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 25 de octubre, 2020, por favor traigan tomates enlatados. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 1, 2020 - Facility Improvement Fund
November 15, 2020 - Maintenance Fund
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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

1 de noviembre, 2020 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones
15 de noviembre, 2020 - Fondo del Mantenimiento

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NOVEMBER 2ND | 6:00 - 9:00 PM
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR CARS

Craft Donations Wanted

Help make this the biggest Holiday Boutique ever! Please consider donating some of your homemade crafts to the IHM Crafters' Holiday Boutique coming up this October 30th thru Nov 1st. All proceeds go to support the church.

Bring your items, individually priced and with your name on the back of a sales tag, to the Church between 12:00 - 1:00PM Friday, October 30th. Any items not sold should be picked up by 2:00PM on Sunday, November 1st.

All types of new homemade crafts will be accepted for donation, including jewelry, paper crafts, soaps, candles, woodworking, ceramics, bonsai, etc. in addition to all sewing & knitting crafts.

Please contact Ann Galassi (925-864-3242) for more details.

DIA de los MUERTOS

JOIN US THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26TH-30TH

Come decorate your Luminaria Memorial Bag.
Tables will be set up outside our office locations
everyday from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We will be open regular business hours for Dia de los Muertos for visitation.
No BBQ's | No loud music | Social distancing | Masks required

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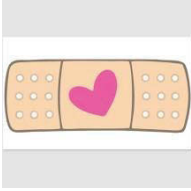
"People rejoiced because
they had offered so willingly,
for they made their offering
to the Lord with a whole heart."
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season,
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Free Flu Shots

Getting vaccinated is more important than ever this flu season.

Vaccination will help keep hospitals from being overwhelmed by flu patients while they also care for those with COVID-19.

- ♦ No appointment needed
- ♦ Vaccinations available to everyone age 6 months and older
- ♦ All are welcomed, regardless of insurance or immigration status
- ♦ No ID required
- ♦ No social security number needed
- ♦ **Please wear face masks and keep the social distance rule.**

**Saturday, October 24th, 9:00am-12:00PM
At Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**CRAFTERS OF
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
500 FAIRVIEW AVE
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**FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH 1:00 P.M. TO
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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 31TH 9:00 A.M. TO
5:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 8:30 A.M. TO
2:00 P.M.**

Boutique features handmade items

**Tickets on sale for quilt and
other prizes**



Thanks you for those parishioners who have used the **SmileAmazon.com** so that the Amazon Smile Foundation can donate .5% of the price of eligible purchases. IHM has received \$163.07 donation for the activity period of April 1 through June 30, 2020.



On October 21, 2020, San Pedro Calungsod, the second Filipino Saint of the youth especially the young altar boys and the overseas Filipino workers will be celebrating his 8th year of canonization. The Fil-AM ministry of IHM would like to invite you for a 9-day novena from Oct. 16-24 at 6 pm via zoom and a mass celebration on Oct. 25 at the 12:30 PM mass. If you would like to sponsor please contact Benilda Oliquino at 925-725-5548.

Here's the link for the novena zoom:
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PARA ADULTOS

COMENZANDO EN **Nov 5**

CADA JUEVES A LAS 7:00PM

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Rev. Arturo Bazan



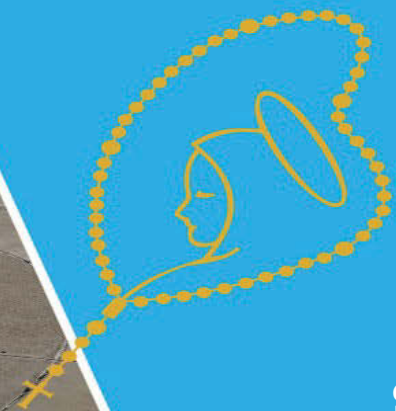
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Live the Gospel of Life **Respect Life Reflection**

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

***"to imitate
Christ
and follow in
his footsteps"***

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Life 51*

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to ***"care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible"*** (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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Saint John Paul II

May 18, 1920 — April 2, 2005

"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978.

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland's University of Lublin.

Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome's main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria.

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

"Christ is the center of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of John Paul II's 1979 encyclical, *Redeemer of the Human Race*. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope."

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that.

One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II's pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011 and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

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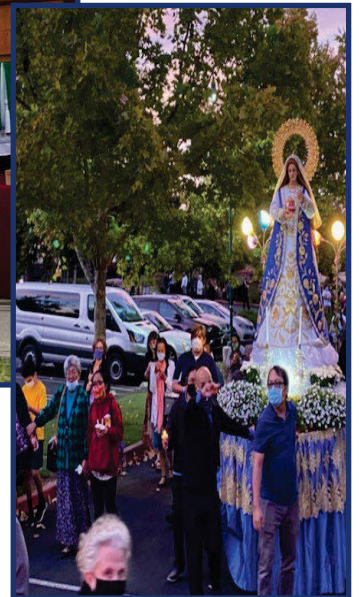
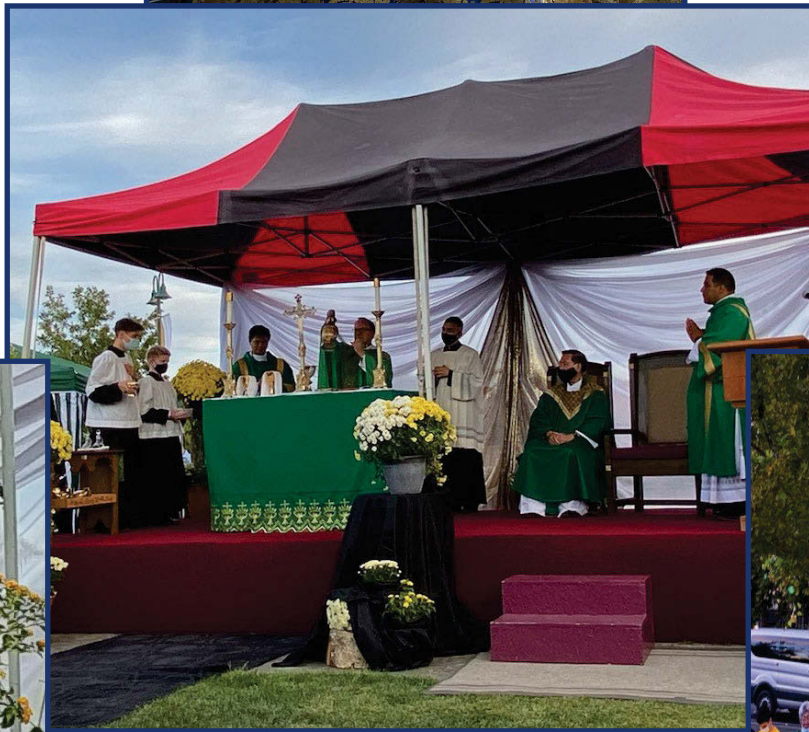
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