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HE

taught in
their synagogues
and was praised
by all.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26, 2025

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Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Byrne
Deacon Mark Herrmann

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Anne Dean, Assistant to Director of Religious Ed
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Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 5:00pm

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
6:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Daily Mass

9:00am Monday through Thursday (January-March)
12:00pm Friday
The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass

Holy Days

Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)
Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

First Saturday Mass 9:00am

Rosary starts at 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

PARISH TRUSTEES

Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien

PARISH COUNCIL

Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,
Lisa Guzman, Tara Hudson, Verna Merkel,
& Amabilia Estrada Ruiz



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kevin Dwyer, Beth Hard, Daily Hill,
Christine Lennon, Linda O'Brien, Scott O'Brien,
Rich O'Hara, Joe Sala, & Michael Strebel

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance. Marriage dates may be made only with the priest after he interviews the couple. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment. Pre- Cana classes are required.

BAPTISMS: Parents are required to attend one evening class before Baptism; and are encouraged to attend class during pregnancy. Baptismal class is held on the 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. To register for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:

Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 12:00pm Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, January 25/26, our second collection will be for the **CHURCH IN NEED**. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Annmary L. Windels
 Dorothea Villano
 Helene Scully

eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

eGiving makes it easy to give, anytime, anywhere. To continue lifesaving ministries and outreach in our parish community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.



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Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Immaculate Conception with consistent support and simplify your giving without the use of envelopes. Visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY66>

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
12/29/24	109	142	114	137	100	602
01/05/25	190	98	100	136	100	624
01/12/25	159	110	82	189	175	715
01/19/25	93	142	152	111	205	703

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to the holiday, the weekly collection figures from January 19th will be reflected in a future bulletin. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday **January 25**
 5:00pm Marco Oliveri (Fr. Peter)
Sunday **January 26**
 8:00am Rosemary Scammell (Msgr. Mirro)
 9:30am Kenneth G. Merkel (Msgr. Mirro)
 11:00am The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)
 6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jorge)
Monday **January 27**
 9:00am George Billy
Tuesday **January 28**
 9:00am Joan Thornton
Wednesday **January 29**
 9:00am (Guild Mass) Bernadette Valcin
Thursday **January 30**
 9:00am Kathleen Morris
Friday **January 31**
 12:00pm Frank Coenen
Saturday **February 1**
 9:00am Priscilla M. LoNigro
4:00pm **Confessions**
 5:00pm Gregory Christ (Fr. Ken)
Sunday **February 2**
 8:00am Michael Betjemann (Fr. Peter)
 9:30am Ray Darowski (Fr. Peter)
 11:00am Marie Cotignola (Fr. Ken)
 6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jorge)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kevin Chisholm, Alexa Dalton, Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth, Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes, Michael Hubbard, Young Katie Kennedy, Rosanna, Daniel Standing, & Robbie Urban.

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal is on-going in our parish and in parishes across the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this appeal.

Goal	\$ 62,100.00
Total Pledged	\$ 40,790.00
Payments Received	\$ 40,745.00
Donors: 93	% of Goal: 65.68%

The parish will receive 20% of the goal once all pledged payments are received. The parish will receive an additional 80% of monies pledged & received over goal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 5pm
631-288-4188

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday: St. John Bosco

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)
Thomas Hellman (USF)
Lt. Col. William Robesch
RJ Ruggiero (Navy)
Lt. Cameron Worden
Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

Please contact the Rectory @631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole.

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.

FAITH DIRECT

The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2025, we are reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2025 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY66 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hearty Soup, & Condiments.

The Pantry is in NEED of:
Canned Fruit, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties),
Rice, & Beans.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center
Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I apply the word of God in my life?
Can I commit to spending time each day this week reading from the Bible?

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Just as Jesus opened the scroll and announced that he was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, we now open the scroll of the Church's holy book and proclaim this great prayer of thanksgiving.

Our weekday Mass Schedule has changed slightly for the months of January, February, and March.

**Morning Mass,
Monday through Thursday,
will be held at 9:00am**

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

The concept of a jubilee year had its origin in the ancient Near East. According to Leviticus, every fifty years debts would be forgiven, servants would be released, property would be restored to its original owner, and fields would lie fallow. When Jesus is invited to read in his hometown's synagogue, he finds the passage in Isaiah that speaks of the jubilee year, then announces that this passage is fulfilled then and there in him. Since Jesus is with us when we gather in his name, it is fulfilled here and now as well. As we are now celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find in Jesus the hope that this jubilee year may be fulfilled in our hearing.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

Throughout these winter weeks and months, be at service to those in need. Give donations of heavy clothing to your parish pantry, assist the elderly with outdoor work and help shovel snow in front of your neighbor's house.



Bulletin Reflection

Jesus came to us because God loves us.

PARDON QUICKLY

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.
~ Sir Arthur Pinero

SACRAMENTALS

The SANCTUARY LAMP, BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS

To arrange a sacramental in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Bread & Wine: February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Altar Flowers: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading: As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel: While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

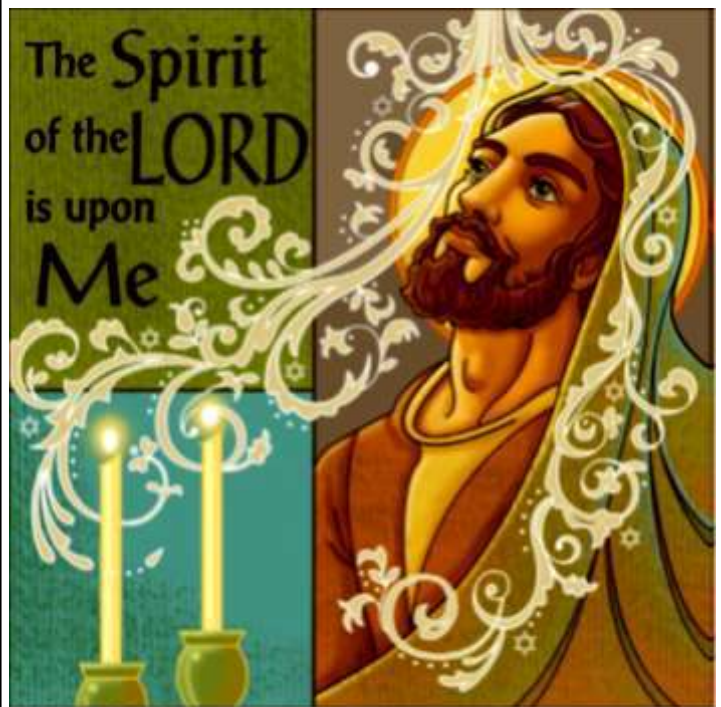
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



As Roman Catholics, our marriage practices have their pedigree in ancient Rome. One of the major players in shaping our practices was the warfare involved in building an empire. Soldiers vanished and sometimes never returned. Women began to manage their lives and to make decisions. The old family values were replaced by patriotic ones, and religion was more attuned to the gore and glory of battle, a religion of the state, not of the family. Weddings were still family celebrations, but had a public face. The bride wore a white toga and a red veil and walked to her new home. There, she and her husband joined their right hands and gave consent to each other, not relying on her father to give consent for her. Religion was optional: a pagan priest might be invited or not, and even without the ceremony, society agreed by common law that a year of living together equaled marriage consent. By the same token, marriage by consent also meant divorce was on the same legal footing, and did not require the courts or civil declarations. This is the world-view the first Christians inherited, and it was up to them to determine what was good and to hold marriage up to the light of the gospel.



WINTER WARMTH

One kind word can warm
three winter months.

~ Japanese proverb



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Every first Saturday of the Month parishioners here at Immaculate Conception have the opportunity to participate in First Saturday Devotion also known as the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion aims to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary and make reparation for sins. Doing so fosters spiritual growth and is an occasion to respond to Our Lady's call for conversion and peace in the world. The efficacy of this devotion is that the Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.

First Saturday Devotions at Immaculate Conception begin at 8:45am with the praying of 3 decades of the rosary then mass is celebrated followed by 2 decades of the rosary. The devotion is completed in approximately 35 minutes.

HISTORY

The ancient practice of honoring the Blessed Mother on Saturdays dates back to a Benedictine monk Alcuin (735-804) living in Northumbria. He assigned a collection of set forms or formulas to Saturday in honor of Mary. The practice was embraced by both clergy and laity. Fast forward to 1889 when in Rovigo Italy the practice of "Communion in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary" was endorsed by Bishop Antonio Polin of the Diocese of Adria. The practice spread across Italy and beyond. In 1905, Pope Pius X approved and granted indulgences for the practice of First Saturday for twelve consecutive months. Twenty years later in 1925 in Pontevedra, Spain Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucia dos Santos, the only surviving seer of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady requested that devout Catholics observe "communion of reparation" on five consecutive First Saturdays of each month to make reparations for the offenses endured by the Immaculate Heart of Mary due to human ingratitude and blasphemies.

REQUIREMENTS

According to Catholic Answers these four steps are requirements to fulfill this devotion:

- Go to confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Say five decades of the rosary
- Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary

The sacramental confession can be received within [twenty days](#) either before or after the reception of Communion, as the [Holy See's Apostolic Penitentiary](#) has decreed, provided the communicant is in a state of grace for Communion. Reception of Holy Communion must take place within twenty-four hours of the first Saturday. The reception of Communion need not be part of participating in a Mass.



Please join us next Saturday, February 1st.

ALCOLYTES WANTED

We're looking for adults who would like to serve at the table of the Lord on Sundays by helping the celebrant at the Altar during Mass.

Training is provided.

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