



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We are a welcoming Catholic parish of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ that fosters love, deepens faith and encourages respect and caring for fellow parishioners and neighbors through community conversations and action.

Celebration of

Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturdays: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass and the second Saturday, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All first-time parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. For class times, contact Sr. Ruth Hamel in the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Based on Diocesan guidelines, couples should contact the Parish Office at least twelve months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241.

Available at any time.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Family of deceased should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:00 p.m. John & Garnet Hunsinger †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
1953 Class of Holy Rosary High School †

11:30 a.m. John Campbell †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
the St. Vincent de Paul Society

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Bev Duffy †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Trevor Crawford

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Joseph Lynch †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Barb Nini †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4:00 p.m. Bob Roehrer †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Lou Sater †

11:30 a.m. Steven Farkas †

† Deceased

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

All are invited for fellowship and refreshments following all Sunday Masses on the first weekend of each month.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Fr. Matthew Hoover icoffice@iccols.org
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2019

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bobbi Mitch Mark Kelsey Betty Kelsey Dom Do Christine Sapp	Marilynne Poirier Kathy Copeland Suzanne Smith Jerry Bennett Paul Duffy Chris Mahler	Cecilia Bruzzese Diane Schlegel Wendi Jenkins Karen Cannell Kim Cannell Bob Welsh Dee Dee Dodane Anna Beharry	Sharon Tantes Susan Gillespie Ron Bitler Patty Bitler Bob Poirier Janet Wilks
LECTOR	Nathan Dedino	Barb Nini	Colleen O'Brien	Dan Wander
ALTAR SERVERS	Sebastion Isbell Xavier Isbell Grace Monaghan	Riley Mcgee Davis Minzler Elly Morrison	Paul Rivera Jake Ruebensaal Audrey Ruschau	Jack Byrne James Byrne Will Carrier
USHERS	E.J. Davis Mike Hatz John Groeber	Chris Mahler Ralph Mathews Michael Girard	Todd Farrell Scott Miller Jim Emley Kriss Eglitis	Bob Poirier Bob Taylor Jeff Doon Brian Byrne
WELCOME DESK	Pat Conway	Diana Marie Winkler Suzanne Smith Ronnie Hiss	Lynn Boardwine Jen Bennett	Janine Oman Anne Campbell Carolyn Smith

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of November, the Sanctuary candle in the Adoration Chapel and the Sanctuary candles in the church were donated by the **Mahler Family**. Our thanks go to this family for their generosity.



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AT MASS – OPEN MASSES IN NOVEMBER

Please check the schedule to see if there is a Sunday Mass in November that you/your family are able to carry up the offertory gifts. In the offertory procession, the bread and wine are presented (offered) by the faithful to God before they are consecrated. Members of the parish are invited to bring up the gifts at the Mass(es) of their choosing, throughout the year.

To participate in this ministry, email the parish office at icoffice@iccols.org or go to www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts and sign up for the Mass or Masses at which you and your family wish to carry up the gifts.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome this new member of the parish: **Knox Theodore Ohlemacher**, who was baptized on November 9, 2019.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

Please join us each Sunday evening to pray the Rosary at the IC Marian Grotto Sundays at 8 p.m. All are welcome! Questions? Please contact peterjmccann@sbcglobal.net.



NEWS FROM THE IC KNIGHTS

Knights will be handing out small Rosaries along with brochures at the Grotto prior to the group Rosary every Sunday at 8 p.m. Join us!

Help us help others. Get involved.

<https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>

K of C offers men a place to lead their families by putting their Faith into action and service. Our activities are local and global in supporting Faith, Community, Family and Life.



ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES FOR SALE

The Women's Club has Advent wreaths and candle sets available for purchase in the Gathering Space this weekend and November 23/24. Wreaths are \$10 and candles are \$5.

BREAKFAST WITH THE KNIGHTS COMING IN DECEMBER

On December 15, 2019 Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council 14962 will again sponsor Breakfast with the Knights after all Sunday Masses. All parishioners and guests are invited to enjoy assorted breakfast foods, each other's company and seasonal music. We encourage everyone to share your favorite breakfast food along with donating an unwrapped gift for children ages infant to 17 years of age. The gifts will be donated to Saint Vincent de Paul's Christmas Store to assist families in need. All monetary donations received will be utilized to assist in supporting Immaculate Conception's seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Any questions, please contact Bob Taylor at bobtaylor601@gmail.com.

FAITH-BASED COUNSELING AVAILABLE AT I.C.

Faith-based counseling with a licensed professional clinical Catholic counselor is available at Immaculate Conception. These services are offered on-site to provide accessible Catholic/Christian care for individual, marital, and family concerns. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Mary Ann Jepsen at (614) 309-2270 or email her at majepsen@yahoo.com.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

The parish office may not always be notified in a timely manner by the hospital that an IC parishioner has been admitted. Parishioners wishing to have a home, hospital or nursing home visit should contact the parish office. If you, or a family member, wish to be anointed due to illness or an upcoming medical procedure, please contact the parish office by calling (614) 267-9241 or emailing icoffice@iccols.org.

IC PRAYER MINISTRY

The IC prayer ministry is dedicated to praying for members or friends of our parish and their families, who have physical, financial, emotional or other special needs. Members of the ministry have a commitment to pray for the requests daily. If you have a request, please call Jeanne Stoker at (614) 880-1205 or williamstoker@att.net.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week begins the collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. CCHD identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous. Donations can be made using the special envelope that comes in your packet, placing your donation in an envelope marked CCHD and putting it in the offertory basket or sending it to the parish office. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, “SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE”

Every three years, the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA relies on private donations to fund their annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million. This collection makes it possible to provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this collection which only occurs every three years.

Special envelopes are available at the doors of the church. You may also place your contribution in an envelope marked Military Services, designate “Military” in the memo section of a check, or donate online at milarch.org/nationalcollection.

VEHICLE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum is in need of used cars, vans and SUVs for various seminary activities, such as seminarians' travel to pastoral formation assignments and other off-campus responsibilities. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate, please call (614) 985-2230 so that arrangements can be made to deliver the vehicle before December 31. The Josephinum will provide the necessary documentation for your donation. Thank you!



The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life***Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020 • Offertory Report 11/10/2019**

	11/10/2019	YTD 2019/2020
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 26,085.00	\$ 415,756.76
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 687.00	\$ 11,564.87
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 26,772.00	\$ 427,321.63
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$475,000.00
Weekly Overage	\$ 1,772.00	(\$ 47,678.37)
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Families Receiving Envelopes		1,059
Envelopes Received		237
Families on EFT		331

Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish.

"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."
 – **Philippians 4:19**

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

Have you been thinking about joining the choir, but were unsure about the commitment? Now is a great time to join us for several weeks, grow spiritually in a new way this Advent Season, and experience the beauty and joy of being in a choir! Contact the Music Director, Deanna Oppenheimer, at doppenheimer@iccols.org if you have any questions.

Contemporary Ensemble and Choir: Singing for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas rehearsals are Tuesdays, December 3, 10, and 17 in the choir loft from 7-8:15 p.m.

Traditional Choir: Singing for the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas rehearsals are Thursdays, December 5, 12, and 19 in Room A of the rectory from 7-8:15 p.m.

Children's Choir: Singing for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas rehearsals are Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 in the choir loft from 3-4 p.m. If you did not already turn in a permission slip from the October Children's Choir rehearsals and Mass, please contact the Music Director, Deanna Oppenheimer, at doppenheimer@iccols.org to receive the permission form which can be turned in to the school office, rectory office, or music director at the first rehearsal.

ST. CHARLES HONEYBAKED HAM SALE

The St. Charles volleyball team is holding their annual HoneyBaked Ham sale this fall. Order your fully prepared, spiral sliced HoneyBaked ham or gently roasted turkey breast from the volleyball team, and your order will be delivered right to your front door—just in time for the holidays! Gift certificates are also available at this link: https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/st_charles_volleyball_team. All HoneyBaked products cost the same as they would if purchased in the HoneyBaked retail store, but you avoid waiting in the long lines as the St. Charles volleyball team delivers to you **for free** on Saturday, December 21. For more information and for an order form, please contact Heidi Plank by phone at (614) 235-1178 or by e-mail at cardinals vb20@gmail.com. Orders are due by December 1. Thank you in advance for your support.



**THE
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION**

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION IS HIRING!

The Catholic Foundation is Hiring! We are looking for a Grants Administrative Coordinator to join our team. Please visit our website, www.catholic-foundation.org, for a complete job description. Anyone interested should send their resume and cover letter to Kristin Shuey (kshuey@catholic-foundation.org) no later than November 26.

EVANGELIZING OUR FUTURE:**A CALL TO ACTION BY BISHOP BRENNAN**

Join Bishop Brennan on Wednesday, November 20 at the Catholic Foundation, 257 East Broad Street to learn more about the importance of, and need for, the Young Catholic Professionals group here in our diocese. Bishop Brennan is hosting a fundraiser to support this incredible and effective organization. Why do we need it?

Over 1,600 American Catholics leave the Church every single day; 93% are below the age of 35. The Columbus chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is the largest young adult organization in the Diocese of Columbus and is targeting the demographic of 21-39 year olds to create and build a Catholic community in Central Ohio to lay the foundation for the future of our Church. To learn more or to RSVP by November 18, contact Liz Lynch at llynch@catholic-foundation.org or call (614) 443-8893.

TO TEACH IS TO TOUCH A LIFE FOREVER!

Tutors are needed for adults seeking Basic Education, GED preparation or English as a Second Language. The Dominican Learning Center has Tutor Training Workshops available at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus, 43206. You may register by calling (614) 444-7330, ext. 1 or emailing dlccolumbus@oppeace.org. Volunteers must be a high school graduate and be at least 18 years of age. All tutoring materials will be provided. To find out more, visit www.domlearningcenter.org.

SAINT JOSEPH BIMONTHLY MASS OF HEALING AND HEALING SERVICE: NOVEMBER 18, 6:30 P.M.

Following the Mass, a Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with addictions, mental health issues, physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Bimonthly Healing Masses take place at Saint Joseph Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; this is the last Healing Mass for this calendar year. Secure parking is available off East Gay Street; handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street. For more information, call (614) 224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

#GIVING TUESDAY

December 3, 2019

Immaculate Conception Parish is excited to direct 100% of the funds we collect on #GivingTuesday to the life-saving work of the



Pregnancy Decision Health Centers

that empower individuals to make healthy life choices consistent with the God-given intrinsic value of every human life.

PDHC has an average of *187 life touches each day* through the four components of its work:

- Pregnancy intervention
- Family empowerment
- Youth development
- Abortion recovery

EVERY HEARTBEAT MATTERS.

Any donation to our #GivingTuesday campaign can help make a difference in the life of a mother and child!

- \$25 will cover a the cost of a pregnancy test and Christ-guided consultation
- \$50 will cover the cost of hosting a parenting class
- \$100 will pay for an ultrasound for a pregnant mother
- \$150 donation covers all operating costs at one center for one hour
- \$300 donation - supports one client from the beginning of her journey to the end (ultrasound through baby's first year of life!)

Visit <http://bit.ly/2019ICGivingTuesday> on December 3 to impact lives right here in our community!



*More than 90%
of women who
have ultrasounds
at PDHC
CHOOSE LIFE!*



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Nov. 23 - Dec. 1

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Immaculate Conception Parish is blessed by the generosity of the IC community in support of our food pantry, clothing drives and Fifth Sunday collections throughout the year.

During this season of **thanks** and **giving**, we are collecting non-perishable items to prepare food kits for home delivery to some of the families in Columbus who experience food insecurity.

Food Drive Items

- Canned green beans, peas and corn
- Non-cream soups
- Cans of tuna
- Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- Packages of dry pasta
- Cans/jars of pasta sauce
- Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper
- Peanut butter
- Cans of fruit
- Canned dinners

Drop donations in the boxes in the Gathering Space from Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 or bring to 9 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day

These items are supplemented with perishables such as milk, bread, eggs, fresh fruit and lunch meat.

Thank you for your generosity!

To become a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or to be added to an email list for helping with Vincentian works, please contact conference president Jim Emley at emleyj@msn.com or (614)887-7720.



SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

First Reconciliation – Our second graders will be receiving this beautiful sacrament of mercy on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. All family members are invited and encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the second graders are finished. Please keep all of our second graders in your prayers during this special time.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service – On Tuesday, November 26, our Student Leadership Council will lead our school in a special Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This event will take place at 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium and ALL are invited to join the school children and staff as we give thanks and praise to our Lord for His goodness and gifts.

Thanksgiving Break – There is no school on Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29. School resumes on Monday, December 2.

Our Preschool Class Options have Expanded - We now have two classrooms with additional class options for 3s, 4s, and 5s.

3 year olds – Classes held Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

4/5 year olds – Classes held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

4/5 year olds – Classes held Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

[Lunch bunch and extended care options are available for each class until 2:45 p.m.]

Immaculate Conception Preschool welcomes Mrs. Katie Lewis! Mrs. Lewis will be our preschool aide assisting our teachers in the varied aspects of preschool life. We welcome you and are grateful to have you as a member of our staff!

Your Amazon purchases can now benefit HASA! When you shop smile.amazon.com and designate Immaculate Conception Parish (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4379506>) as your preferred charity, 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products goes to IC Home and School Association (HASA). Funds will be used to support enhancements and programs at Immaculate Conception School through IC HASA. Giving is simple:

Sign in to your account at smile.amazon.com. First time? You will be prompted to pick your preferred charity. Been here before? Change your charity under Your Account/Your Amazon Smile.

Search for Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbus, OH and click select! Shopping Amazon? Make sure you always start at smile.amazon.com!

ST. CHARLES NEWS

We wish to congratulate the eleven IC parishioners who made the Honor Roll, and the two parishioners who made the Merit Roll, for the First Quarter at St. Charles. We applaud them for this outstanding academic achievement.

St. Charles Drama Department is proud to announce its fall production of *Men on Boats* by Jaclyn Backhaus. It will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21, 22, & 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 24 at 3 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BISHOP WATTERSON NEWS

Congratulations to the fifty-five IC young men and women who achieved Honor Roll status at Bishop Watterson during the First Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Your hard work is commended.

Did You Know? Bishop Watterson makes laptops available to every student, while also employing classroom management software for faculty. Come learn more at our Open House on Sunday, November 24 from 1-3:30 p.m., 99 East Cooke Road, Columbus. Deacon Chris Campbell, BWHS Principal, will speak at 2:00 p.m. bishopwatterson.com

DESALES NEWS

We congratulate four IC parishioners who made the Honor Roll at DeSales High School during the first academic quarter. We applaud you for this academic achievement.

WELCOME DESK

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish. Welcome Desk volunteers are available each weekend to answer questions and assist with information as requested. Parish registration forms may be found at the Welcome Desk and in the Parish Office. Parishioners are asked to notify the office of any updates or changes in your family information.

YOUR SPOUSE WILL THANK YOU!

Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is February 14-16, 2020 in Central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org.



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

This year, we will continue to decorate our church and sanctuary with poinsettias in memory of our deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas flowers, you may do so by placing your order, including the name of the deceased, in an envelope marked "Christmas Poinsettia" in the Sunday Offertory or send it to the parish office. Your \$10.00 donation will not only honor someone special in your life, but it will enhance the beauty of our worship space during the Christmas season.

In order to publish these names in the Christmas bulletin, names and donations must be received no later than Monday, December 16.

I WISH TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH A DONATION TO OUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

(Please print.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Requested By: _____

Phone _____

Number of loved ones _____ at \$10 each.

My contribution of \$ _____ is enclosed.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PAGE

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, November 17, 2019

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechism Corner

“Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come. That is why, although we must be careful to distinguish earthly progress clearly from the increase of the kingdom of Christ, such progress is of vital concern to the kingdom of God, insofar as it can contribute to the better ordering of human society.”⁶⁴⁰ (CCC, 1049)

640: GS 39 § 2.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

“Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts.

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.” [Mal. 3:19-20a]

We can trust in God’s providential care for us. For those who are faithful, *“there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.”* Be confident in God’s resurrection, love and mercy. Proclaim the Good News and praise God with all your being.

“Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute....By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” [Luke 21:5-19]

Please pray for our Bishop Robert J. Brennan as he joins other Bishops in Rome this week to meet with Pope Francis. Among the many discussions they will have with Pope Francis will be sharing what is happening in the Dioceses throughout our Country. May this meeting be a blessed time of fraternal fellowship, courage, honesty, and ministry to the church under our Holy Father, Pope Francis’ leadership.



FORMED.org Picks for this week

WATCH:

“Jubilee: 700 Years Seeking Forgiveness” Run Time: 47 mins.

[Travel with some of the great experts and cultural leaders of the Church to the four Basilicas in Rome, where pilgrims have visited for centuries. Join the experts as they teach us how each of the four Holy Doors has something to teach us about the Jubilee Year. The documentary focuses especially on the main jubilee of the Church’s history, the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, who was the spokesman for Pope John Paul II, gives firsthand details and fresh insight about this great celebration.]

“Mary of Nazareth” Movie: Ignatius Films – Run Time: 2 hrs. 41 mins.

[This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.]

LISTEN:

“Ode to Saint Cecilia by Augustine Institute Radio Theatre”

Lighthouse Media Audiobook: Runtime: 2 hr. 8 mins.

READ:

“Four Witnesses: The Early Church in Her Own Words by

Rod Bennett” E-Pub Downloadable. [Featured Saints: Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus of Lyons.]

STUDY:

“Hearts Afire Parish Programs--Consoling the Heart of Jesus”

with Fr. Michael Gaitley - 3 Seasons -- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque - Marian Press – Marian Fathers, Stockbridge MA.

Presentation of Mary--November 21 **Saint Watch**

Mary’s presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary’s presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and of the birth of Mary (September 8). It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Comment:

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God’s saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They, too, are temples of God and sanctified in order that they might enjoy and share in God’s saving work.

Saint of the Day Lives, Lessons and Feast

By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/saint.aspx?id=1206>

exploring THE SUNDAY READINGS

THE END IS NEAR: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:19-20A

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven.

Ah, late autumn!. As the days grow colder, the readings at Mass grow hotter. We know the end is near – the end of the Church year, that is – when apocalypse is on the menu. Next week we come to the last station stop of the liturgical year known as Christ, King of the Universe. We're close enough to the fiery culmination to warm our hands from here.

Robert Frost mused on how the world might end in his wry poem, "Fire and Ice" He notes that classic definitions of apocalypse tend toward fiery conclusions. Yet Frost wisely adds, "I think I know enough of hate to say that for destruction ice is also great." Cold hearts have destroyed many a marriage and family. Icy indifference turns its blind eye on the misery endured up the street or across town. While the prophet Malachi stokes his oven for the day of reckoning, worlds come crashing down daily for lack of a little warmth and sympathy. We must seek together that "sun of justice with its healing rays."

» *Commit to sharing some warm words daily to the people around you who may be out in the cold. Where in your relationships may someone be hoping/or a thaw?*

SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.

Nothing brings a gathering to a halt like running out of food or drink. Meetings quickly conclude when the last doughnut leaves the plate or the coffee urn is empty. Parties end when the beverage service dries up – which is why Jesus is drafted by his mother to provide more wine at a certain wedding in Cana. So when Paul threatens to cut meal tickets for Church slackers, we can bet this rouses some reaction. Either people will head out the door or back to work.

We might compare this vignette from the life of the early Church to the idea of excommunication. Literally, the term suggests one is "out of communion" with the ways of the Church. Most of us will never face a formal excommunication, which is quite rare. But are we like those Thessalonians who eat without producing anything? Do we partake in Eucharist with nothing to show for it? This "empty eating" puts us quite out of step with the way of Jesus. When we come to the table on Sunday, we should reflect on what fruits we bring with us to demonstrate that we're really all in.

» *Eucharist means thanksgiving. For what do you give special thanks this week?*

GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

"The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone."

What's left of the Jerusalem Temple these days is still a remarkable sight. What we can view today is the remains of the second Temple. The original magnificent structure built by Solomon was looted and destroyed by the Babylonians who forced Judea into exile in the 6th century BC. The second Temple was pieced together after the return from exile two generations later. Its comparative plainness brought those who recalled the first Temple to tears. For five more centuries, Israel was controlled by Persians, Greeks, Egyptians, and Romans, all of which made it difficult to restore the Temple's grandeur.

Then King Herod the Great came along. He bankrolled a massive building campaign, including augmenting the second Temple to astonishing proportions. Herod's revised Temple included stones forty feet long and seven feet high, weighing fifty tons. They were so heavy no mortar was needed to hold the structure in place. Yet seventy years later that Temple lay in ruins brought down by Roman soldiers. Pinning our hopes on human achievements cannot make a nation great.

» *Consider earthly empires that rose to magnificence and are now gone. How much of what we trust in will end up among the ruins?*

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