



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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to Immaculate Conception!

Leading people to Jesus through Worship, Community, Service, and Devotion to Mary

Celebration of Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

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

Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Or by appointment

Sacraments

BAPTISM

For detailed information related to preparation and scheduling, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

MARRIAGE

Couples should inquire at least 12 months in advance of the intended date.

A marriage preparation program is required. For information, contact Elizabeth DeLuca at (614) 267-9241, ext. 608 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

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Family of the deceased loved one should contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the formation program of inquiry, discernment and instruction for adults. If you are interested in learning more about our faith and becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 605 or at marivera@iccols.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 11
Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
4:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 12
Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
8:30 a.m. Frank R. Clemens †
11:00 a.m. Kelly Kirkpatrick †

MONDAY, JULY 13
Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
St. Vincent de Paul and
Those They Serve

TUESDAY, JULY 14
Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
6:15 p.m. Louis Đỗ Văn Vĩnh †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
8:30 a.m. Jim Spillers †

THURSDAY, JULY 16
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
8:30 a.m. David Wittman †

FRIDAY, JULY 17
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
8:30 a.m. Marcia Kuhlman †

SATURDAY, JULY 18
Mic 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
4:00 p.m. John Grossman †

SUNDAY, JULY 19
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Domion †
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – JULY 18 & 19, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Courtney Hatchel Don Muenz	Chris Atzberger Dam Do	Jonathan Fortkamp Mary Leathley
LECTORS	MaryAnn Grossman	Amanda Torgerson	Charles Kielkopf
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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules are available on the parish website. To see complete schedules, go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Organization Schedules.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one Intention per Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass Intentions through December 2026.**

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamps in the church burn constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of **July**, two Sanctuary Candles were donated by the **O'Neil Family**. Thank you for your generosity.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome **Memphis Stephen Medina**, the son of Max and Mallory Medina, who was received into the Church and our parish through the sacrament of Baptism on June 28, 2026.



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Lauren Allison; Christopher Garzony and McKenzie Schmucker; Amanda Turner and George Smith Turner**. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work, and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.



BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!!

Scammers continue to reach out through emails and text messages, allegedly from Fr. Matt, asking parishioners to help with the purchase of something such as gift cards. **FR. MATT WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO HELP HIM IN THIS WAY!!** Be vigilant and watch for clues! Check the email address which will not look like any email you have received from the Parish Office. Look at the language which may sound unusual, or it may use terms often used for ministers who are not priests, or stress the need to act quickly. **WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL THE PARISH OFFICE** even if you need to wait until it opens. Again, any staff member will help you determine if a message is legit!

FULL OF GRATITUDE!

It is difficult for me to express in words the amount of gratitude I have for each of you. I am so thankful for all of your kindnesses and prayers expressed to me these last weeks. The special Mass of Thanksgiving we celebrated together and all who made that day such a beautiful moment of grace filled my heart. Your kind words, gifts and cards were overwhelming to me! God has blessed each of us with this time we have shared together. May the Lord continue to lead us onward through this life until we share His eternal glory!

I will thank God always when I remember you in my prayers. I ask that you not only remember me in your prayers, and all priests, and for the Lord to send more into this ministry.

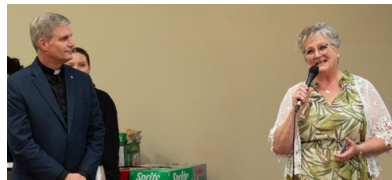
Sincerely yours with a full and grateful heart!

Fr. Matt

FR. MATT'S FAREWELL MASS AND RECEPTION



Pictured above – Fr. Charlie Cotton and Fr. Jerry Rodenfels concelebrating Mass with Fr. Matt, assisted by Deacon Chris Campbell and Deacon Kennedy Ofezu. Not pictured – Fr. Charles Klinger.



Principal Colleen Kent shared how Fr. Matt has inspired spiritual growth within our school.



Gift presentation from the parish and many parishioners.



A GOODBYE FROM FR. TONY

I will be leaving Immaculate Conception this month. Fr. Hoover has asked me to help him at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Parish on the weekends. I want to thank all of you for the privilege of celebrating the Mass with you over the last eleven years. To be able to preach the Gospel and provide the Eucharist has been a great joy in my life. I especially want to thank Deacon Campbell, the parish staff, and my Monday morning friends. I will continue to pray for you, and I ask that you do so for me. Fr. Tony

MISSIONARY VISIT –

DALTONGANJ CATHOLIC DIOCESE IN INDIA – MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Each year, missionary representatives visit churches in our Diocese to share the stories of the work they do in missions around the world. This weekend, Fr. Alex Gabriel, a priest originally from India and the Diocese of Daltonganj, will speak at all the Masses to ask for your prayers and financial assistance. Your contributions will benefit parishes, schools and priests throughout the Diocese. You may donate at any time by going to iccols.org, Give Now, Select Missionary Co-Op from the drop-down box, or by placing your donation marked "Missions" in the Offertory basket. Please be generous.



Leadership training for mixed group



Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity are being welcomed in a traditional way. Washing of feet and made them to walk on leaves.

UPDATE ON THE PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Our new Parish Directory is still in the creative stage as we gather pictures of our liturgies and our parishioners in action. We also await the new pastor so he can be included. Once our work is done, the directory company will do the final formatting and send us a proof for approval. We hope to have the directories available for pickup in early fall.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027 • Offertory Report 7/5/2026

	7/5/2026	YTD 2026/2027
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 26,993	\$ 26,993
Loose Cash	\$ 795	\$ 795
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 27,788	\$ 27,788
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (1,712)	\$ (1,712)
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
Envelopes Received		91
Families on EFT		370



Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Alternatively, text "Give" to (614) 953-6436, or scan the QR code to the left. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

YOUR KROGER PURCHASES CAN BENEFIT THE PARISH!

The Kroger Community Rewards Program allows shoppers to designate a charitable organization to benefit from their purchases at Kroger. The program is simple. You sign up online and every time you check out using your Kroger Plus Card, cash rewards are directed to Immaculate Conception. To enroll, visit the Kroger secure website, www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Ohio" to sign up for a Kroger.com account or click on "Already enrolled? Sign In" if you already have an account. All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com. After creating an account, choose Immaculate Conception or organization 80330. That's it! You are ready to earn cash rewards for Immaculate Conception. Also, any family member linked to your Kroger Plus Card will automatically earn cash rewards for IC. Once you are enrolled, your donation will appear at the bottom of the receipt when you make a purchase. You do not need to re-enroll each year. Please sign up now!



JOIN US FOR THE 55TH ANNUAL IC FESTIVAL ON JULY 24 AND 25!

Thank You to Our Festival Sponsors!

A heartfelt thank-you to all of our generous sponsors! We are so grateful for your continued support.



There's Still Time to Sponsor the Festival!

It's not too late to sponsor our parish Festival and have your name/business featured on our social media! Use the QR code or go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Parish Festival.



Spirit Wagon Donations Needed

This year's goal is to create an amazing assortment of wines, bourbons, whiskeys, tequilas, vodkas, gins, rums, and sparkling wines that everyone will be excited to win! We are collecting donations for the Spirit Wagon! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/4eLspGO> or use the QR code to reserve your donation.



Many Volunteers Still Needed – Students & Adults Welcome!

We still have many volunteer opportunities available for both students and adults! Whether you can help for a few hours or the whole weekend, there is a spot for you. Sign up today and be a part of making this year's Festival a success! Use the QR code or go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Parish Festival>Volunteering.

We Need YOUR Help to Keep the Festival Going!

In order to hold a Festival in 2027, we are looking for two individuals to shadow this year's Festival chairs and then co-chair the Festival next year with full guidance and support. Without volunteers stepping up, we will not be able to continue this beloved tradition. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity! We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to shadow our BINGO chairs this year with the intention of taking over that role next year. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Eric Torgerson at etorger2@gmail.com or contact our Parish Office.



Festival Bakers

The Immaculate Conceptions Women's Club is looking forward to welcoming everyone to the dessert booth during our upcoming annual Festival! Having fabulous baked goods would be greatly appreciated, so we are asking you to please visit iccols.org>Parish Life>Parish Festival>Volunteering to sign up to bring baked goods and help us plate the desserts for the booth. Many hands are needed during the Festival! The Women's Club and your parish need yours!! If you cannot sign up electronically, just call the Parish Office and we will add you to the list.



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Maintenance
& Sealcoating
Mazzocco Family
Campbell Family
Noll Family
Miller Family
Cannell Family



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.

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Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 12, 2026
Ordinary Time
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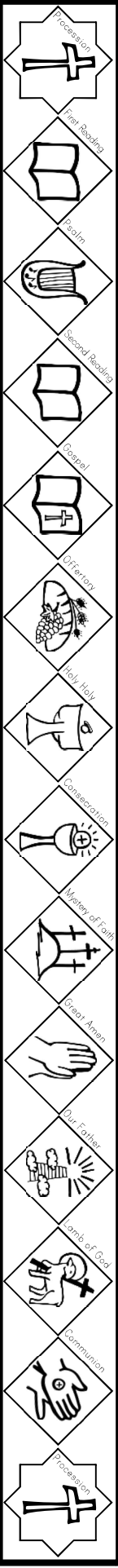
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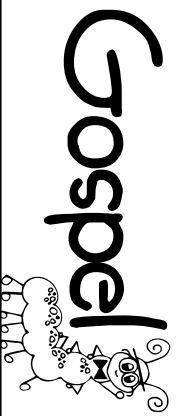
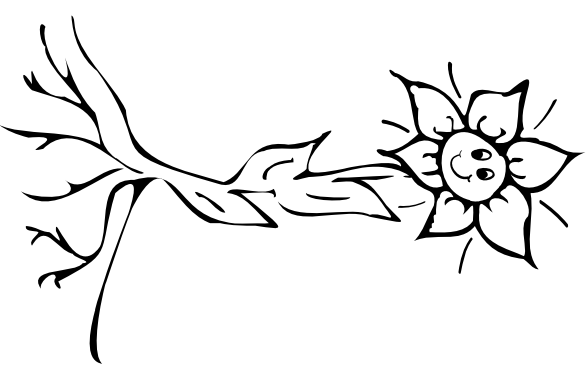
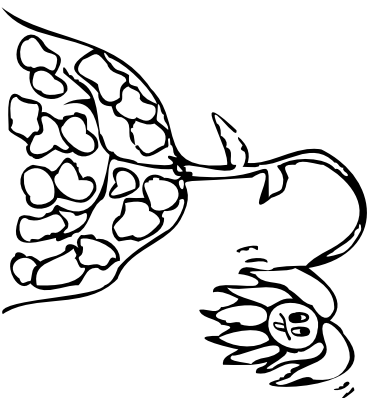
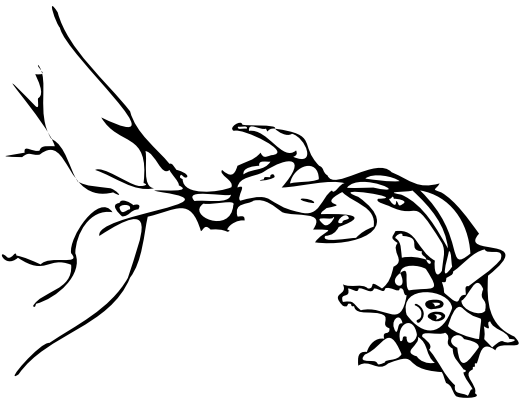
The candles on the altar remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.



Connect the words with the pictures.

Circle the one that will grow and produce fruit.

Seed on good ground	Seed on rocky ground	Seed growing with thorns	Seed on the road
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Gospel

A farmer threw seeds everywhere. Some didn't grow because the ground wasn't good, but some grew big and strong. Jesus wants our hearts to be like good soil—ready to hear His Word and live it.



Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Born in Brindisi, Naples, Cesare de Rossi entered the Capuchin Order when he was sixteen, taking the name Lawrence. In addition to Italian, he was fluent in many languages. His knowledge of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew made him a great Biblical scholar, but his knowledge of German, French, and Spanish made Him a good preacher and diplomat. As minister general of the Capuchins, he spread the influence of the Order, establishing monasteries in Germany, Austria, and Spain.

The indispensability of prayer

St. Martha is often criticized for her busyness while her sister Mary is praised for sitting at Jesus' feet. Yet Martha's fault was not her service itself, but for allowing productivity to take precedence over prayerful attentiveness to the Lord. Scripture does not call us to perpetual activity; God commands us to rest (Exodus 20:10-11) and to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), while still fulfilling our responsibilities. Prayer enables us to live out our vocations, especially our fundamental vocation to love.

"That [Precious] blood inebriates the soul. It clothes her in the fire of divine charity. It gives her the food of the sacrament that I have set up for you in the hostel of the mystic body of holy Church, the body and the blood of my Son..." – God to St. Catherine of Siena

Your summer soul-care checklist

Summer brings a welcome change of pace. While routines may take a break, our faith doesn't have to. Here are seven simple ways to stay rooted in God's presence and make this summer spiritually fruitful:

1. Begin every journey with prayer.

Before heading out, take a moment to entrust your plans to God. Pray the Guardian Angel prayer and ask for protection, wisdom, and peace throughout your travels and activities.

2. Wear reminders of your faith. A crucifix, Miraculous Medal, scapular, or Rosary bracelet can do more than complete an outfit. These sacramentals serve as quiet reminders of who you belong to and what you value.

3. Adopt a saint for summer. Choose a saint to be your spiritual companion for the season. You may discover that the saint you choose has something to teach you exactly when you need it.

4. Let creation lead you to the Creator. A brilliant sunset, a mountain view, or even flowers blooming in a neighbor's garden can become moments of prayer. When beauty captures your attention, let it lift your heart and mind to God, the source of all

beauty and goodness.

5. Look for opportunities to serve. Summer may offer additional flexibility. Use it to love your neighbor in practical ways. Help with yardwork, spend time with someone who appears lonely, offer encouragement to a colleague.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2).

6. Keep your soul in training.

Athletes know that strength comes through discipline. Spiritual strength is no different. Choose a sacrifice or habit that challenges you. Limit social media, wake up earlier for prayer, or attend an extra Mass during the week. Even small acts build up the heart for greater things.

7. Remember the 1-1-1 Rule. A simple rhythm can keep you faithful throughout the summer: *Pray (at least) once a day. Attend Mass once a week. Go to Confession once a month.* These three practices provide a steady anchor, even amidst the looser structure of summer.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Throughout the Gospels, Peter takes up a leadership role among the Apostles – a role Jesus confirmed when, in Matthew 16, He names Peter "the Rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church (Matthew 16:17-18). After the Ascension, St. Peter traveled to Rome with the Gospel and became the bishop

Why do Catholics call Rome "home?"

of the Christian community there. He was martyred and buried in Rome, and his successors became the next popes. Historically, the church in Rome became a source of unity, strength, and faithfulness in adversity. Today, Catholics everywhere call Rome – the resting place of St. Peter – "home."

The secret to balance isn't to do more

Do you struggle to find balance in life? As founder and abbot of an entire Order, St. Benedict of Nursia knew the challenge of balancing prayer, work, community, and service. His wisdom for cultivating balance, order, and peace remains remarkably practical today:

Keep a daily rhythm: Few of us are called to a monk's strict schedule, but we can establish healthy routines, make time for rest and meals, and safeguard time for prayer. Structure creates freedom by helping us focus on what matters most rather than constantly reacting to demands. You, and those around you, will benefit.

Be punctual: "On hearing the signal for an hour of the

divine office, the monk will immediately set aside what he has in hand and go with utmost speed" (Rule of St. Benedict, Ch. 43). A balanced life depends on moving promptly to what is most important at the proper time. Punctuality is not merely efficiency; it is a way of honoring both our commitments and the people around us.

Make peace before sunset: Peace of mind requires letting go of anger and forgiving quickly. When a busy day leads to conflict, St. Benedict urges us to "make peace before the setting of the sun." Resentment drains our energy and disrupts our relationships, while reconciliation restores the peace needed to live and work well.

from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, The value of the Kingdom

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. Recognizing its value, he sells everything he has to buy the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything to possess the precious pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting His love for us and loving others as He loves – is the only thing

that completely fulfills our hearts. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept His invitation (He forces no one), our lives will change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch of fish is brought ashore. When we put our whole life in service to God's love, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love, and anything contrary to it falls away.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 6 – St. Maria Goretti (1902). Twelve-year-old Maria was attacked by a neighbor who tried to assault her. When she fought rather than submit, he stabbed her repeatedly. She forgave him before dying shortly after. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while in prison and his first act when released 27 years later was to beg Maria's mother's forgiveness. He wept tears of joy when he attended Maria's canonization.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Jesus expelled seven demons from Mary (Luke 8:2) and she financially supported His ministry. She stood by His Cross with His mother and was the one who informed the

Apostles of His Resurrection.

July 26 – Saints Joachim and Ann (1st century). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but Mary's unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in crises indicate the values with which she was raised. Today, pray for your grandparents.

July 30 – St. Peter Chrysologus (c.450). Born in Imola around the year 400, St. Peter converted to Christianity and was ordained deacon. For a while he lived ascetically as a monk. He was ordained Bishop of Ravenna and spent his office defending his see against heresies. His preaching style was so impactful and articulate he was given the title of "golden-tongued." He produced about one hundred seventy-six homilies.

Q & A

Who are the incorrupt Saints?

"Incorrupt" saints are those whose bodies have been found to resist normal decomposition, either wholly or in part, without deliberate human preservation. Some, such as St. Bernadette Soubirous, appear remarkably well preserved, while in other cases only certain parts of the body, such as St. Vincent de Paul's heart, remain incorrupt.

The Church regards incorruptibility not as proof of sainthood, but as a possible sign of a person's holiness. These extraordinary cases also serve as reminders of the future glory promised to all believers. The human body possesses a unique dignity and is destined to share in God's glory through the resurrection of the dead (CCC 997). Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven offers a glimpse of the destiny to which all the faithful are called.

For this reason, the Church has long venerated the bodies and relics of the saints. Such veneration, including that of incorrupt bodies, is intended to be reverent and prayerful. By encountering these remarkable witnesses of faith, we are inspired to imitate their virtue and draw closer to Christ. When we honor the saints, we ultimately honor the God whose grace transformed their lives.

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FAITH FORMATION

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July 12, 2026



Jesus told the parable of the sower whose seed fell on the path, rocky ground, among thorns, and on rich soil. The seed on rich soil bears fruit abundantly — a hundred, sixty, or thirty fold. Whoever has ears, ought to hear.

Short Reflection

God's word does not return empty. Like rain watering parched earth, it accomplishes something — even when we cannot see it. The parable of the sower does not ask us to judge which soil others are. It asks: what kind of soil am I? The rich soil is not perfect soil — it is simply open soil. The question today is not whether God is sowing. He is. The question is whether our hearts are receptive, deep, and free from thorns of worry and the stones of shallow commitment. Creation itself groans for redemption. So do we. catholiconline.org

Lord, your word accomplishes what you will. Prepare our hearts to be rich, deep soil. Remove the stones of hardness, the thorns of worldly anxiety, and the shallow roots of half-hearted commitment. Let your word take root in us and bear fruit that lasts. With all creation, we long for the glory of your children. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Where is the oldest image of Mary?

Nearly eighteen centuries later, the image remains as a witness to the faith of those early believers and to the unique place Mary has always held in the life of the Church.

Most Catholics have seen beautiful images of Our Lady in churches, homes, prayer books, and works of art.

But have you ever wondered where the oldest known image of Mary is found?

It is not in a great basilica or museum. It is hidden deep beneath the streets of Rome in the Catacombs of St. Priscilla.

Known as the "Queen of the Catacombs," the Catacombs of Priscilla stretch for miles beneath the Eternal City and contain some of the most important examples of early Christian art. The catacombs are named for St. Priscilla, a Roman noblewoman who supported the early Church and is believed to have assisted St. Peter himself.

Priscilla and her husband, Manius Acilius Glabrio, were among the earliest Christians in Rome. After her husband was executed for refusing to worship the Roman gods, Priscilla donated part of her family's property to the Church. The underground quarry became a burial place for Christians, including martyrs, clergy, and eventually several popes.

Today, visitors can still see the faith of those early Christians painted on the walls.

There are images of Christ as the Good Shepherd, scenes from the Old Testament, and depictions of miracles from the Gospels. The artwork often appears simple by modern standards, but these images carried enormous meaning for Christians living during times of persecution.

The Catacombs of Priscilla contain the oldest known image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

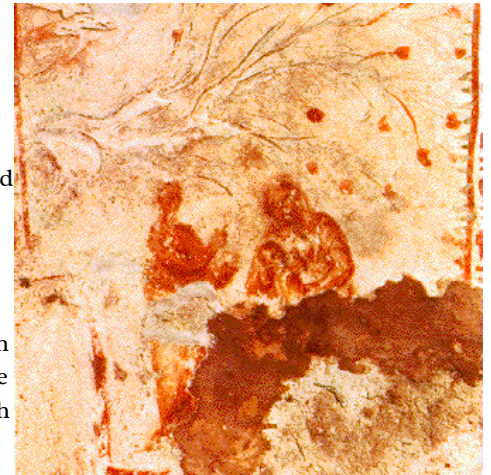
Dating to the first half of the third century, the fresco depicts Mary holding the Child Jesus on her lap. Beside them stands a prophet, likely Isaiah or Balaam, pointing toward a star and the fulfillment of the messianic prophecies.

This image was painted less than two hundred years after the death and resurrection of Christ.

Long before Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire, Christians were already depicting Mary and her Son on the walls of their burial places. The image reminds us that devotion to the Mother of God is not a medieval invention or a later addition to the faith. It reaches back to the earliest generations of Christians.

This image is found in the darkness of the catacombs, where Christians gathered to bury their dead and profess their hope in the Resurrection...where they knew they could speak the truth of what they believed.

Nearly eighteen centuries later, the image remains as a witness to the faith of those early believers and to the unique place Mary has always held in the life of the Church. catholicstand.com



Title: First Known Image of Mary

Artist: Unknown

Location: Catacombs of Priscilla (Rome, Italy)

Medium: Fresco

History: Built Late 2nd century AD



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SPANISH TEACHER – Part-time; Catholic (Preferred, but Not Required); We are currently looking for a Part-time Spanish Teacher for the 2026-2027 academic year. The ideal candidate is Catholic, has enthusiasm for teaching the Catholic faith, and a love for educating young minds.

Requirements:

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER – JULY 17

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter this Friday, July 17. Food donations of apples, green beans, dinner rolls, cupcakes and/or cookies are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center. For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to iccols.org > Quick Links > YWCA Shelter Dinner Signup, or sign up in the Gathering Space at the sign-up board.



CARRY UP THE GIFTS AT A WEEKEND MASS

We invite all individuals and/or families to carry up the Offertory gifts at a weekend Mass. Register for a particular Mass or check with the ushers when you arrive to see if a family is still needed. To sign up for a specific date and time, go to the parish website at iccols.org > Parish Life > Presentation of Gifts Ministry, or call the Parish Office and we will add you to the calendar.

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

IC ATHLETICS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER & FALL 2026

Registration is now open for all Summer and Fall 2026 IC Athletics programs! Please visit IC.Doodlio.Com for more information and to register. *Please note, when registering, please be sure to update your child's grade level to that of the 2026-2027 school year*

Golf – open to boys and girls in Grades 6-8

Cheer – open to girls in Grades 7-8

Fall Soccer – open to boys and girls in Grades K-3

(REGISTRATION CLOSES 8/31)

Cross Country – open to boys and girls in Grades K-8

Flag Football – open to boys and girls in Grades 1-5

Tackle Football – open to boys in Grades 5-8

Volleyball – open to boys and girls in Grades 4-8

We are also currently seeking coaches for the Fall 2026 season.

Anyone interested is encouraged to register online. For registration assistance or additional questions, please contact icathleticshelp@gmail.com.

HELLO, FELLOW RAMS!!

The Annual ICAA Golf Outing is August 8, 2026 at Safari Golf Course (2 p.m.). The ICAA (IC Athletic Association) is a self-funded parish organization. We use the funds for new uniforms, court rentals for basketball, ref fees, etc. This is a fun event and a great way to meet and hang out with fellow Ram families. If you are unable to attend, please consider a sponsorship! Every little bit helps. For more information, visit <http://birdease.com/35764>.

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