



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

G O S P E L M E D I T A T I O N

Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, “**Come after me**” (**Matthew 4:19**). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation...just movement. Why? As St. John says, “**In this love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**” (**1 John 4:10**) They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— *Father John Muir*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday—2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday— 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday—2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday— 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday— 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a13-17/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday— 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday— Zep 2:3,3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26 -31/Mt 5:1-12a

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm:Lector: *John Williams*
Minister: *Robert Groeling, Barbara Hawkins*
Genevieve Welch
Server: *Mary Perez*
Sunday 7:30am: No Service
Sun 9am:Lector:*George Stramback*
Minister: *Patsy Pence, Joan Sarringhaus*
Julie Young
Server: *Adela Palacios*
Sun 11:15am:Lector: *Fernanda Godinez*
Minister: *Lori Zamzow, Josie Hernandez*
Lourdes Langford
Server: *Mateus Morgan*

Upcoming Events

February 2– Baptism Class 6:30pm
Pre-Registration required!
February 8– R.E Tri-tip fundraiser
February 16– Presidents Day
Office Closed
February 18– Ash Wednesday

AA Meetings are offered in our parish hall each Sunday 7pm and Wednesday 6pm

Catholic Trivia— *Just for Fun*

Question: *When Jesus was praying alone in the desert, how many times did the devil tempt him?*

Answer: *Three*

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January 18, \$ 2,128.25

Thank you for your very generous and continued support to the parish!

Prayer Requests



If you or a member of your family would like our faith community of Immaculate Conception Church to join you in prayers for special needs, call the parish office. Names will be removed periodically. If your loved one has been removed and is still in need of prayers please let us know.

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: *Gia Garioto, Jesus Cedillo, Teresa Villareal, Maggie Garcia Ellen Emma, Ofelia Aguirre, Phyllis Cruz, Cindy Pena, Kathleen Connolly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, Kathleen Mitchell, John Mitchell, John Garioto, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Nicole Wong, Lily Klauer, Eric Gibson, Bobby Aceves, Miranda Lee, Isaac Lee, Diane Alves, Nancy Pence, Angelita Aguirre, Nancy Appenzeller, Matt Acconero, Isaias Perez, Sally Stephenson, Oscar Carrillo, Margie LeGrand, Nicholas Matos, Tanner Ullon, Jeff French, Vince Milazzo, Colleen Aguirre, Martin Vallejo, David Shields, Presley Dias, Anita Pedrazzi, Jude Wong , Octaviano Luna, Joe Postigo, Johnny Bermio, Corylan Stranski, Kay Soares, Doris Stubben, Gigi Cutillo, Juliana Barrios, Evelyn Scally, Ramiro Acevedo, Loise Callens, Joey Dias, Phillip Cosentino, Donna Howe, Dian Markowski, Rogerio Moitoso, Frank & Teresa Viera, Sharon Hawkins , Loly Munro, Dee Ketchum, Deana Dyson-Miller, Lisbeth Flores, Emma Herrera, Rohit Sharma, David McGovert Sr., Daniel Lee ,Esther E, Altagracia, Drea Cedillo, Jesus Cedillo, Mary Lou Armbruster , Oralia Alvarez*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: *Glenyce Lee Heiner*



Parish News!!!

- Our Livestream Sunday 9am Mass can be found on our YouTube page.
- Each Friday morning prior to the 8:30am morning Mass you are welcome at 8:00am for prayer of the Holy Rosary.
- AED's are located at the entrance to the church to the right of the stairs under the choir loft and also in the hall near the front door.
- We are looking for ministers, lectors and servers for our Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11:15 am and our Saturday 5pm Masses. If you would like to help serve during Mass, please contact the office for more information.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained Wealth

Question: If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Answer: Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life." and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible—it's you.

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Bethlehem Artworks

Bethlehem Artworks will be back at our parish on Saturday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st. They will set up tables of carved art work out in front of the church. All sales support over 100 Christian families in the Holy Land.

Mass Schedule Reminder:

*We will resume our 7:30am Mass on February 1st
If you would like to Lector, Minister or Altar Serve at this Mass, we warmly welcome you to reach out and call the office.
Thank you, and God bless.*



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 24
5:00pm**

†Anthony Silveria *req. by: Peggy Schartz*

†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*

**Sunday, January 25
9:00am**

†Cletus & †Rosella Holzer
req. by: Joan Sarringhaus

11:15am

Health of Rohit Sharma

req. by: Dr Sharma

**Monday, January 26
8:30am**

Parishioners of ICC

Tuesday, January 27

No Services

Wednesday, January 28

No Services

**Thursday, January 29
8:30am**

Children coming from broken homes

Friday, January 30

8:30am

Parishioners of ICC

Tri-Tip Confirmation

Fundraiser

Purchase your 4lb trimmed, seasoned and cooked tri-tip for \$40. Pick up will be on February 8th between 11am-1pm. All sales final!

Cookie Craze Fundraiser

Mix and Match cookies/treats from 9am-1pm for \$10 all proceeds go to supporting our Youth Program and faith formation retreats.

If you would like more information or to assist or donate please contact Dee Ketchum 831-628-3060

Religious Education Update:

Director : Dee Ketchum

1st Communion: Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 28th
2/11 Lenten Family Retreat: Parent mandatory attendance in the Hall 3:30-5pm

Confirmation: Feb 1

Feb 22 the 2nd year class serves the 11:15 Mass.

Feb 8th : Tri-tip Fundraiser/ Cookie Craze 9:30am—2pm

O.C.I.A class for adults (18+) who want to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Faith. Sacraments include Baptism, and /or First Communion and/or Confirmation.