



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

Matthew 5:13-16

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus— through our words, values, or public choices— can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgement. That’s why Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel are so challenging: “ You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that’s part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn’t call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let’s ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday–1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6: 53-56
Tuesday– 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday– 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:1 -13
Thursday– 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday– 1 Kgs 11:29-32/12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday– 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
Sunday– Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a

Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday 5pm: Lector: John Kieseewetter
Minister: Robert Groeling, John Williams
Geneviev Welch Server: Mary Perez
Sunday 7:30am: Lector: Agnes Williams
Minister: June Miller Server: Dj
Sun 9am: Lector:Joan Sarringhaus
Minister: Julie Young, Nancy Tulchinski
Patsy Pence
Server: Adela Palacios
Sun 11:15am: Lector: Religious Ed
Minister: Josie Hernandez , Lourdes Langford
Lori Zamzow
Server: Hailey Handi

Upcoming Events

- February 8– R.E Tri-tip fundraiser
February 14– Valentines Day
February 16– Presidents Day
Office Closed
February 18– Ash Wednesday

Upcoming Events

- Sunday: World Marriage Day
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

February 1, \$2,631.16
Second Collection: \$1,049.00

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 Connoly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, Kathleen Mitchell, John Mitchell, John Garioto, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Nicole Wong, Lily Klauer, Eric Gibson 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 Bernio, 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 ,Altagracia, Drea Cedillo, Jesus Cedillo, Mary Lou Armbruster , Oralia Alvarez

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Mary Yparraquiere Stowers Mike Oconnell, Adeline Rianda



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.
- **Tri-Tip Fundraiser: Pick up this Sunday, February 8th between 11am-1pm**
- **Cookie Craze Fundraiser: Mix & Match cookies treats from 9am-1pm for \$10 all proceeds go to support the Youth Program and Faith Formation retreats. Please contact Dee 831-628-3060**



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl



The 2026 Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl program marks the 51st year of this Lenten initiative, beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. This faith-in-action program invites Catholics to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while supporting global relief and development efforts.

Families are encouraged to place a Rice Bowl in their home or workplace to collect donations that will help families in more than 100 countries and in our local communities.

These bowls are given out to our Religious Education Students. They should be returned on Easter Sunday to Dee Ketchum the Religious Education Director.

God bless you all.

A Special Thank you..

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who stepped in to help while Father Heibar was away from the parish. We are especially grateful to all the priests who generously offered their time to celebrate Mass and serve our community, **especially Father Rudy**, who continues to faithfully support our church. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful parish community with so many generous supporters. Your kindness and dedication mean so much to us.

Welcome back, Father Heibar— you were truly missed, and we are blessed to have you home with us again.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7

5:00pm

†Mike O'connell *req. by: Barb Hawkins*

Sunday, February 8

7:30am

†Laura Lopez *req. by: Family*

†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*

9:00am

†Leon Sarringhaus *req. by: Lil Casillas*

11:15am

†Glenyce Lee Heiner *req. by: Lil Casillas*

Monday, February 9

8:30am

†Lucy Grewohl

req. by: Nick Corini & Phyllis Lanini

Tuesday, February 10

No Services

Wednesday, February 11

No Services

Thursday, February 12

8:30am

†Mark Kirk *req. by: Glenyce Lee Heiner*

†Dee Dee Valadez

req. by: Sally Stephenson

Friday, February 13

8:30am

†Marie Luong *req. by: The Umfleets*

Catholic Trivia— Just for Fun

Question: *How many votes are needed in a papal conclave to elect a new pope?*

Answer: *A two-thirds majority*

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Religious Education Update:

Director : Dee Ketchum

1st Communion: Feb 11, 28th

Feb-11 Lenten Family Retreat: Parent mandatory attendance in the Hall 3:30-5pm

Confirmation: 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.