



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

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

Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest was falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for awhile, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000's the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege— and the burden— of walking closely with him during that time.

He was very angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: “ **Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me... Rejoice and be glad**” (Matthew 5:11-12) Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared. I watched him become more Christlike— more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— *Father John Muir*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday—Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday— 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b24-25a,30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday—2Sm 24:2,9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday— 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,12bed/Mk 6:7-13
Friday— Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday— 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:14-29
Sunday— Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm:Lector: *John Garioto*
Minister: *Robert Groeling, Barbara Hawkins*
Millie Valencia Server: *Mary Perez*
Sunday 7:30am: Lector: *Agnes Williams*
Minister: *June Miller* Server: *Dj*
Sun 9am:Lector:*George Stramback*
Minister: *Kim Giles, Nancy Tulchinski*
Julie Young
Server: *Noah Giles*
Sun 11:15am:Lector: *Katherine Casey*
Minister: *Lillian Casey, Katerina Hicks*
Josie Hernandez Server: *Hailey Handi*

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: *Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?*

Answer: *Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel.*
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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, Mike Oconnell, Adeline Rianda*

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



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 will be on February 8th between 11am-1pm Thank you to all who supported this Confirmation fundraiser.**
- **Cookie Craze Fundraiser: Mix & Match cookies treats from 9am-1pm for \$10 all proceeds go to support the Youth Program and Faith Formation retreats. If you would like more information about these fundraisers please contact Dee Ketchum 831-628-3060**

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Vocation or Calling

Question: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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A Special Thank you...

Thank you to Lorri Zamzow, Susan Logue, Joan Sarringhaus and to all our Altar Society Members that helped during the month of January with cleaning and all the beautiful decorations in the church.

We, and all in the parish, appreciate your hard work in creating a beautiful liturgical environment for our Masses and preserving the church!

Thank you!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

5:00pm

†Joe Collison *req. by: Arlene Collison*

Sunday, February 1

7:30am

†Matthew Lopez *req. by: Family*

9:00am

†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*
Intention for Jaren & Megan Tomsky
req. by: Mary Mitchell

11:15am

Health of Miranda Lee

req. by: The Wong Family

Monday, February 2

8:30am

†George & †Alice Wong *req. by: Family*

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

Tuesday, February 3

No Services

Wednesday, February 4

No Services

Thursday, February 5

8:30am

†Elodie Alipaz *req. by: Keith Alipaz*

Friday, February 6

8:30am

†All Souls *req. by: Tau*

Coffee & Donuts

Join us this weekend after the Sunday 9am Mass for coffee and donuts. Everyone welcome!



Religious Education Update:

Director : Dee Ketchum

1st Communion: Feb 4, 11, 28th

2/11 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.