



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

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

Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering—it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely—a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"**

(Luke 23:42) That word—*remember*—literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, **"Today you will be with me in paradise."**

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, **"You will be with me."**

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it. And transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him—paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday— Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn
3:52,53,54,55,56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday— Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57,
58,59,60,61,/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday— Dn 5:1-6,13-14, 16-17,
23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,64,65,66,67/Lk
21:12-19

Thursday— Dn 6:12-28/Dn
3:68,69,70,71,72,73,74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday— Dn 7:2-14/Dn
3:75,76,77,78,79,80,81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday— Dn 7:15-27/Dn
3:82,83,84,85,86,87/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday— Is 2: 1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt
24:37-44



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

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm: Lector: John Williams
Minister: Robert Groeling, Barbara Hawkins
Genevieve Welch

Server: Mary Perez

Sun 7:30am: Lector: Dee Ketchum

Minister: Denise Palmer

Server: Dj

Sun 9am: Lector: Donald Wirz

Minister: Joan Sarringhaus, Denise Palmer
Patsy Pence

Server: Leo Wirz

Sun 11:15 am: Lector: Millie Valencia

Minister: Lourdes Langford, Josie Hernandez
Mary Macias

Server: Mateus Morgan

Thanksgiving

Thursday 9am: Lector: Patsy Pence

Minister: Lorri Zamzow, Josie Hernandez
Lourdes Langford

Server: Mary Perez

Upcoming Events

November 27— Thanksgiving Day

& November 28— Office Closed.

November 30— 1st Sunday of Advent

December 4— Altar Society Mtg 4:30

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

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: Phyllis Cruz, Cindy Pena, Kathleen Connolly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, Kathleen Mitchell, John Mitchell, Linda Vaccarezza, John Garioto, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Nicole Wong, Lily Klauer, Eric Gibson, Bobby Aceves, Miranda Lee, Isaac Lee, Diane Alves, Nancy Pence, Angelita Aguirre, Fernando De La Torre, Nancy Appenzeller, Matt Acconero, Isaias Perez, Tim Osquiza, 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, Barry Eisenberg, Gigi Cutillo, Juliana Barrios, Evelyn Scally, Ramiro Acevedo, Loise Callens, Joey Dias, Phillip Cosentino, Donna Howe, Dee Ketchum, Dian Markowski, Rogerio Moitoso, Frank Viera, Sharon Hawkins, Loly Munro, Deana Dyson-Miller, Lisbeth Flores, Emma Herrera, Rohit Sharma, David McGovert Sr., Daniel Lee, Esther E, Altagracia, Art Cruz

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Steven Escover



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.
- **Altar Society would like to invite you to attend their next meeting. They will meet in the Hall at 4:30pm on December 4th, 2025.**

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be this week, November 27th at 9am. We would like to thank the Berlanga Family for continuing the tradition of their parents and donating loaves of bread to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception attending Mass to take home to enjoy during your Thanksgiving Day Dinner.



Christmas Concert

Get your tickets early and join us for the Sounds of the Season December 16th & December 17th. Get ready to sing along with traditional Christmas music. Meet the Grinch, Hippopotamus Santa Claus and other Christmas time friends. We will honor the Nativity, light a candle and sing Silent Night at the Grotto. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and join our Ugly Christmas sweater contest! Free refreshments and everyone will receive a special gift. Concert starts at 7pm. Tickets on sale now in the Office or keep an eye out for a table out in front of the Church after Mass. Adults \$15 and Children \$10. You can also pre-order Dee's Cowboy Cookies for a limited time only! They will go fast. You can purchase a dozen made or frozen for \$15 Please see Dee or Denise after Mass or call the office. 831-628-3216 We will be supporting our troops by collecting toiletries that can be dropped off the night of the concert.



Christmas Giving Tree



Now is the time to submit names of families in need for our Christmas Giving Tree. As we prepare for our Giving Tree that will be placed in the church vestibule the weekend after Thanksgiving. We will add gift request tags for children and families in need. If you know of a family in need this year that we can help make their Christmas a little bit brighter please call the parish office with their information.

Church Potluck

You're warmly invited to join us for a church potluck— a special time of fellowship, good food, and community! Bring your favorite dish to share. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, reconnect with familiar faces, and the joy of gathering together. This event will be in the Hall on December 6th the 1st Saturday of Advent after the 5pm Mass. Please contact Barb Taddeo at 630-1984. To sign up to bring a dish or if you have any questions.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22

5:00pm

† Marcelina Munoz *req. by: Lil Casillas*

Sunday, November 23

7:30am

† Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*

9:00am

† Jean Dalcerrri *req. by: Phyllis Lanini*

11:15am

Parishioners of ICC

Monday, November 24

8:30am

† Melania Peixoto

req. by: Carmelina Santos

Tuesday, November 25

No Services

Wednesday, November 26

No Services

Thursday, November 27

8:30am

† Adolfo & † Blanca Berlanga

† Frank Stephenson

req. by: Sally & Family

† Lilly Martinez *req. by: Gaspar Family*

Friday, November 28

8:30am

Gigi Cutillo *req. by: Family*

Health of Rohit Sharma

req. by: Dr Sharma

Donuts & Coffee



Join us this weekend
after the Sunday 9am Mass for
Donuts and coffee.

Religious Education Update:

Director : Dee Ketchum

1st Communion Session— Dec 3

December 10th, 17th

Nativity Service in the Hall on the
24th (practice for 2nd yr. prior 2:30)

Confirmation Session - Nov 16

Session : November 30

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.

Registration forms are still available.

Next session: November 24th

