

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

MAY 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter



"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

- John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:30 pm † William Giangrosso

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00am † Giacomo & Catherine Carrara

10:30am † Barbara O'keefe

6:00 pm People Of The Parish

MONDAY, MAY 6

8:00am † Roberto Fernandez

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:00am † Jim Maher

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:00am † Louis Robles

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00am † Frank Alves

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:00am † Gregorio A. Prado

SATURDAY, MAY 11

5:30 pm † Charles "Rob" Roberts

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00am † Gregorio A. Prado
For All Mothers

10:30am For All Mothers

6:00 pm For All Mothers

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:11

"... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie & Vinny Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Sylvia Magliaro, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Charlene Widmaier, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Charlene Widmaier, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Jacob Rivera, Gloria Dwley, Clara Rojas, John Giustiniani, Cliff Schaffer, Khameryn Oliver, Lindsay Trembulak

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to add someone to the sick list.

"... A TIME TO DIE..." Recently Deceased

MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.



SUMMER MISSION TRIP
CATHOLIC CHARITIES RESPITE CENTER
MCALLEN, TEXAS | JULY 27, 2024- AUGUST 2, 2024

Purchase your 50/50 tickets today and help support our teen missionaries traveling to Catholic Charities Respite Center in McAllen, Texas.

With your ticket purchase, we will be able to:

PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OUR 11 TEENS

MAKE DONATIONS TO THE RESPITE CENTER FOR SUPPLIES

MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WE ARE SERVING

Additional tickets are available for purchase at our Parish Office, M-F, 9am-4pm

Please look for the collection board located in the back of the Church, with tags of items that are requested for the teens to bring on the Mission trip to McAllen, Texas in July. All items can be returned to the Church, or Parish Office.

The families at the Respite Center are in need of a warm meal, clean clothes, a place to rest, and a welcoming smile, and that's just what we will provide during our week of service.



TO OUR WONDERFUL CATECHISTS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YES TO OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH!

We thank you for all your time, effort, and sacrifice you place in teaching our children about the faith which you yourselves love so dearly.

On behalf of Fr. Benny, Priests, Staff and Volunteers we thank you for a wonderful year. We look forward to seeing you over the summer months and next year!





ACTS OF LOVE: A REFLECTION

BY CHRISSY NASCE | CEMETERY SUPERVISOR

There is an age old saying that you may have heard; "Airports have seen more sincere kisses than wedding halls, and the walls of hospitals have heard more prayers than any Church." I can add a new line to that; "Cemeteries have seen more acts of Love than any Valentine's Day holiday."

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

How privileged am I to witness how Jesus' command to Love one another is carried out even after death, even after the funeral, and even after the burial has taken place. I see these acts everyday at the cemetery.

Of course, there's always holiday décor that adorn the graves seasonally, the Palm Crosses are a sign Spring is near, the American flags are a sign of Patriotism for the summer holidays, the pumpkins and mums remind us to be thankful, and

the Christmas season is full of greens and ornaments. All these decorations a testament of trying to keep their beloved family members memory alive and vibrant.

But then there's the spouse that visits daily and shares with me, he put his wife's favorite flower by her grave because he loved to surprise her with them. There's the family who places a football by their son's grave because they had hopes of watching him play flag football. There are even some families who leave lottery tickets alongside the grave because their family member always played a special number!

These are not random acts, these are continuous acts of love. How great must their love story have been that it is continued in the survivor's daily routine for the deceased? A part of their lives that even death will not change.

A command so simple in words, "love one another" but so strong in actions and values.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

Mother's Day Cards

Cards in thanksgiving and remembrance for Mother's Day Mass will be for sale at Parish office and at the end of Mass.



\$20 offering

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
Mercy House

Dear Fr. Benny & Parishioners,

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office has gratefully received a generous donation of food for Mercy House.

Thank you for your donation. Since 2018, with the opening of our first Mercy House in the South Ward of Newark, our ministry has grown and continues to grow with the addition of Mercy Houses now open in Elizabeth and Jersey City. Your donation is part of our success in helping those who are underprivileged and living within our surrounding communities.

May God bless you as well as the staff and students at Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair for your contribution to Mercy House.

FROM THE VATICAN:

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 6.

Wrath

Paul VI Audience Hall | Wednesday, 31 January 2024

These weeks we are addressing the topic of vices and virtues, and today we will pause to reflect on the vice of wrath. It is a particularly dark vice, and it is perhaps the easiest to detect from a physical point of view. A person dominated by wrath finds it difficult to hide this impulse: you can see it in the way their body moves, in the aggressiveness, the laboured breathing, and their grim and frowning expression.

In its most acute manifestation, wrath is a vice that concedes no respite. If it arises from an injustice suffered (or believed to be suffered), it is often unleashed not against the offender, but against the first unfortunate victim. There are men who withhold their rage in the workplace, appearing to be calm and composed, but at home, they become unbearable to their wives and children. Wrath is a pervasive vice: it is capable of depriving us of sleep, making us plot continuously in our mind, barring the way to reason and thought.

WRATH IS A VICE THAT DESTROYS HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS. It expresses the inability to accept the diversity of others, especially when their life choices diverge from our own. It does not stop at a person's misconduct, but throws everything into the cauldron: it is the other person, the other as he or she is, the other as such, who provokes anger and resentment. One begins to detest the tone of their voice, their trivial everyday gestures, their ways of reasoning and feeling.

By the time the relationship reaches this level of degeneration, lucidity has been lost. Wrath makes us lose lucidity because one of its characteristics is that sometimes it fails to mitigate with time. In these cases, even distance and silence, instead of easing the burden of mistakes, magnify it. For this reason, the Apostle Paul — as we have heard — recommends to his Christians to address the problem straight away, and to attempt reconciliation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). It is important that everything dissipate immediately, before sundown. If some misunderstanding arises during the day, and two people can no longer understand each other, perceiving themselves suddenly far apart, the night must not be handed over to the devil. The vice would keep us awake in the dark, brooding over our reasons and the unspeakable mistakes that are never ours but always the other's. It is like that: when a person is dominated by wrath, they always

say that the other person is the problem. They are never capable of recognizing their own defects, their own shortcomings.

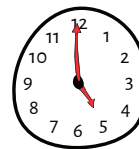
In the Lord's prayer, Jesus makes us pray for our human relations, which are a minefield, a plane that is never in perfect equilibrium. In life, we have to deal with trespassers who are at fault with us, just as we have not always loved everyone in the right measure. To some we have not returned the love that was due to them. We are all sinners, all of us, and we all have accounts to settle: do not forget this! That is why we all need to learn how to forgive so as to be forgiven. People do not stay together if they do not also practice the art of forgiveness, as far as this is humanly possible. Wrath is countered by benevolence, openness of heart, meekness and patience.

But, on the subject of wrath, there is one last thing to be said. It is a terrible vice, it was said, that is at the origin of wars and violence. The Proem of the Iliad describes the wrath of Achilles, which will be the cause of "infinite woes". But not everything that stems from wrath is wrong. The ancients understood well that there is an irascible part of us that cannot and must not be denied. Passions are to some extent unconscious: they happen, they are life experiences. We are not responsible for the onset of wrath, but always for its development. And at times it is good for anger to be vented in the right way. If a person were never angry, if a person were never indignant before an injustice, if they did not feel something quivering in their gut at the oppression of the weak, it would mean that the person was not human, much less a Christian.

HOLY INDIGNATION EXISTS, which is not wrath but an inner movement, a holy indignation. Jesus experienced it several times in his life (cf. Mk 3: 5). He never responded to evil with evil, but he felt this emotion in his soul, and in the case of the merchants in the Temple, he performed a strong and prophetic action, dictated not by wrath, but by zeal for the house of the Lord (cf. Mt 21:12-13). We must distinguish well: zeal, holy indignation, is one thing; wrath, which is bad, is another.

It is up to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to find the right measure for passions, to train them well so that they may turn to good and not to evil. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE:



Mass Schedule change
beginning June 1:
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

EUCHARIST: BELIEVED CELEBRATED LIVED A Five Week Easter Series

with
Fr Jared Brogan



Final
Session:
May 8

Wednesday
7 pm
Madonna Hall



Treasury Report week ending April 26

| Collections | Weekly | Fiscal YTD |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Budgeted | \$6,692 | \$261,000 |
| Actual | \$6,533 | \$291,670 |
| Excess (Deficit) | (\$159) | \$30,670 |
| Means of Giving | Weekly | YTD |
| Envelopes | 58 | 2,171 |
| Loose checks | 8 | 406 |
| Other | 3 | 138 |
| Online gifts | 65 | 2,373 |