



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

July 15-16, 2017

P.O. Box 130 – 411 Ware St., Groom, TX 79039

Tele. & Fax: 806.248.7584,

Cell Phone: 806.316.4146

PARISH STAFF:



Pastor: Arokia Raj Samala – Parish Council: Ron Kuehler

Finance Council Chair: Rodney Bohr, Altar Society President: Debbie Ollinger

RCIA: Ron Kuehler, DRE: Nicole Kuehler, Youth Director: Kathleen Barkley, Bookkeeper: Sherri Wieberg

Parish Email: immaculateheartgroom@gmail.com Website: immaculateheartgroomtx.com

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - HARDENED HEART CONDITION

"One day a farmer went out sowing. Part of what he sowed landed on a footpath,
where birds came and ate it up." —Matthew 13:4

When rain and snow come down and water the earth, they make barren ground fertile, and fertile ground fruitful (Is 55:10). This fertile ground produces seed used for next season's planting or for making bread (Is 55:10). God's word is like that (Is 55:11). It does not return void but achieves these four ends — fertile ground, fruitful ground, seed, and bread (Is 55:11).

God's word will upgrade the soil of our hearts. Hardened footpaths or rocky ground (Mt 13:5) can be transformed into rich, fertile, and fruitful ground. In our times, this is the most practical effect of God's word. For a small minority of American Christians, the word of God is falling on open hearts, seeding and feeding our lives. But most Christians have hardened their hearts through sinful lives of selfishness and materialism (Ps 95:8). We need God's word to be used like salt thrown on icy blacktop. We need to create potholes in our hardened hearts and change rocks into soil.

One of the most practical and important Bible verses for American Christians with a hardened-heart condition is: "Thus have You prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers" (Ps 65:11).

Let us Pray: Father, send Your word to melt me (Ps 147:18).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration:7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, July 09-----8:30 a.m..... Birth day of Mary Clare Clement
Monday, July 10----7:30 a.m.---- Birth day of Mary Clare Clement
Wednesday, July 12---6:00pm----- For the intentions of Bill and Georgann Hinson
Thursday, July 13----7:30a.m.--- For the intentions of Bill and Georgann Hinson
Friday, July 14----7:30a.m.---- +Tom Eck By Mike & Marla Britten
Saturday, July 15 -----5:30p.m.----- +Tom Eck By Mike & Marla Britten

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....	\$2180.00
Loose.....	\$ 385.00
Children.....	\$ 3.00
Total.....	\$2568.00
Building Fund	
Individual.....	\$1896.00
Loose.....	\$ 213.00
Total.....	\$2109.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

July 1/2 Clifton and Susan Britten
July 8/9 Nick Weinheimer family
July 15/16 Mike, Marla, and Caroline Britten
July 22/23 Alice Kuehler
July 29/30 Mark and Jackie Hanson
August 5/6 Rod and Michele Bohr
August 12/13 Doris Britten
August 19/20 Earl Britten

Birthdays

July 10th Sue Wills & Danielle Britten
July 11th Caitlyn Tucker
July 12th Caden Tucker
July 14th Nicholas Bohr & Karen Conrad Fisher

Anniversaries

July 13th Keith & Kathleen Barkley

Church Cleaning for July

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Alex
Lectors: Carri Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Damon and Owen
Lectors: Nick Keuhelr
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Kacie
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Carrie Weinheimer

Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan
Lectors: Gary Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Wesley and Jackson
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:
Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Announcements:

Super Saint Summer Nights for children K-6th starting July 12th at 6pm til 8p.pm. We will go to Mass first then head over to the hall for activities. The following dates are July 19th, July 26th, and August 9th. Please join us for lots of learning and **tons** of fun!

TYM will have breakfast on July 16th. Come joins us!

TYM members please try to help with Summer Religion nights starting this Wednesday with 6p.m. Mass. We will have 2 night of fun for our group (we will not be available these nights) July 19th we will go to Air U and out to dinner. We have tickets for AirU. Dinner will be on you! We will send a text on time of departure. All incoming 7th-12th graders are welcome! Then on August 9th we will have a fun night with a cookout! Please mark your calendars.

Christian Mothers Groom day ice cream. Sign up sheets to work the booth and what flavor you will bring will be in the south and east entrances. We need to know what flavor so we can make a sign. Please be sure to use heavy cream in your recipe! The Sunday before Groom day the hall will be open to put your ice cream in the cups from after Mass til 6:00p.m. Store in the freezer, label the lid on each cup with the flavor. This is one of our big money raisers and appreciate everyone's efforts for our Christian Mothers Group and your help with the sales, set up and cleaning. Pam Ashford will have our cash box. As always the Christian Mother's are awesome!

Church's Foundation for Devotion to Precious Blood of Christ

First letter of St. Peter, verses 18-19. Says Peter: "You know that you were redeemed from the vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, not with perishable things as silver or gold but with the Precious Blood of Christ as the Lamb without blemish and without spot." Unquote Peter.

There are certain words and phrases in the revealed statement that we have just read that we should begin to unravel in order to understand something of the depth of meaning behind those two simple words, Precious Blood. Peter begins by reminding the faithful to remember the hardest thing in this life for us is to remain mindful of the truths of faith. Because what we believe on God's revealed Word is twice removed from the common experience that we have in this world. What we believe is first of all not immediately perceptible to the senses. Moreover, what we believe is not even penetrable to the naked reason. The word, remember, is an imperative: keep in mind. Arouse your faith in what and how you were redeemed. And it is the how we were redeemed that is the foundation stone of the mystery of the Precious Blood. God took on a human nature so that in that human nature He could die. In order to die, the soul had to separate from the body. But for the Body to have the soul separate, the body itself had to be deprived of His Blood. Theologically speaking and physiologically speaking, the All-Holy Son of God who became Man to redeem us could only have died by being drained of His Blood. Christ, listen, could not have died of some disease. Christ could not have died because of some mortal illness. All illness, disease, the natural debilitating of the body is the result of sin. Let me emphasize this. All our illness, our disease, our sickness, our wasting away of our body for all of us this is our faith - is the result of our sinful nature. Not so with Christ. That draining of the human body of His Blood was the one way that Christ, Sinless Son of God and Son of Mary that He was, the one way that He could die.

Hello Moms and Dads, Nicole has planned Summer Religion Classes. The schedule is July 12th, 19th, 26th, and Aug 9th. The students will be studying about 4 different and unique Saints. The crafts, games and snacks will all be theme based. Please volunteer in any way possible to make these classes a fun and memorable time for our kids. I am in charge of snacks. I am going to list the days and themes to each lesson. I have menus and recipe ideas for each day. We will plan for about 40 people each day. If you would like to volunteer for something, please let me know. My phone number is 806-206-4013. Thanks, Debbie Ollinger

July 12th- Spanish Theme- Tacos, Nachos, Ice cream sundaes and a blended frozen fruit drink

July 19th- Irish Theme- Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches, Cheese Sandwiches and chips, Yellow Jell-O Jigglers Squares, Green Apples and caramel sauce and green sherbet punch.

July 26th -Doctor/Medical Theme- Pizza, Creative mouse/Cheese snacks, Fruit Kabobs, Blooey Gooley Slippery Salve (Pudding in a bag), orange punch

Aug 9th-American Indian Theme- Hot Dogs and Chips, creative pretzel and cheese teepee, Trail mix with creative teepee scoop, Candy Corn Cupcakes, Spirit with red hots.

