



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

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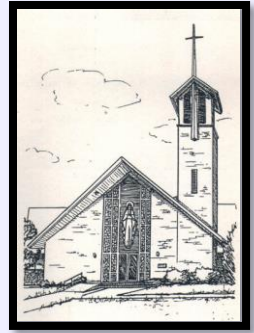
Pastor: Arokia Raj Samala – Parish Council: Jason Eugea

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## **6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - TEACHING ABSTINENCES**

"The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit Whom the Father will send in My name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you." —John 14:26

The Holy Spirit will teach us everything (Jn 14:26). To receive true, profound, practical teaching on all that we need to know, we must be teachable, that is, docile. It's easy to be teachable to the Spirit on some things, but it takes a miracle to be teachable in many areas that the Spirit teaches. For example, the Holy Spirit taught the Gentile Christians of the early Church about burdens "strictly necessary" for harmony with the Jewish Christians (Acts 15:28). All of these burdens were about abstaining from certain practices (Acts 15:29).

Are you teachable enough to let the Spirit teach you about strictly necessary burdens of abstinence? Would you let the Spirit teach you about abstaining from drinking alcohol, coffee, or soda; abstaining from buying certain things; abstaining from eating sugar, salt, or meat; or abstaining from TV and other forms of entertainment? Many of us want the Holy Spirit to be completely "spiritual" and not to teach us about abstaining in ways which would impact the practical details of our lifestyles.

Come Holy Spirit, the Teacher of abstinences and the Transformer of lifestyles!

## *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 Father Raj, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sunday, May 26 - 8.30 a.m. +Joyce Eck  
By Ida Rau

Monday, May 27 - 7:30 a.m. +Joyce Eck  
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Wednesday, May 29 - 6:00p.m. +Joyce Eck  
By Bill Homer

Thursday, May 30 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck  
By Bill Homer

Friday, May 31 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck  
By Bill Homer

Saturday, June 01 - 5:30p.m. +Joyce Eck  
By Bill Homer

## *Church Cleaning for May*

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

## *Pray for Our Sick*

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Lynita Brown, Phillip Ollinger, and Herschel Black

## *Family Chalice Program*

May 25/26 Bill Homer  
June 1/2 Doug Kling Family  
June 8/9 Cliff and Susan Britten  
June 15/16 Nick Ashford Family  
June 22/23 Julie Friemel  
June 29/30 Alice Kuehler

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

May 26<sup>th</sup> Grace Kuehler

A - May 29<sup>th</sup> Tony & Mary Treadwell

May 30<sup>th</sup> Halle Barkley

## *Stewardship Reports*

### **05/19/19**

Individual	\$1,510.00
Loose	\$ 379.00
Children	\$ 7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,896.00</b>

### **05/19/19 Building Fund**

Individual & Total	\$ 500.00
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# *Liturgical Ministers*

## **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Damon  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Jan Britten

## **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Zayden and Braxton  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Marla Britten & Vanessa Eugea

## **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Saffron & Phineas  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

## **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Maci & K'Leigh  
Lectors: Cliff Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer, & Joannie Kling

## **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek & Ryan  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Tabitha Eggemeyer

## **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Carrigan & Halle  
Lectors: Marcia Conrad  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Melanie K Britten, Nichole Kuehler

## **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Kacie & Hope  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey & Jan Britten

## **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Madison & Ali  
Lectors: Nick Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten, Susan Britten & Vanessa Eugea

# *Announcements:*

## **Second Collection:**

May 30<sup>th</sup> Ascension Offering

## **Christian Mothers Meetings:**

**TYM:** Teens wanting to go to ACTS Retreat June 27-30 need to speak with the leaders. This is a wonderful retreat for all teens, and parents your teens might need some encouragement to attend. We will pay ½ the registration fee! Please visit with if your teen would like to go!

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference this year has been moved to June 7-9 at the Amarillo Civic Center we hope to get a group of kids to go.... If your child knows for sure they can go please let us know.

**Dual Parish Picnic** @ The Britten Ranch in Howardwick June 9<sup>th</sup> mass at 11:00 am with Picnic and games to follow.

Tea, Lemonade, and water will be provided as well as the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert large enough for your family. Some games and a water feature will be provided, please feel free to bring other games.

Tables and Chairs will be loaded Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in the evening, more info to follow. Clean up day at the Britten Ranch will occur Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Mowers, weed eaters, tree trimmers, gloves etc. will be needed. Call Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805 with any questions

**Parish Council:** It is time to elect new members for Parish council. A term is for 2 years with a max of 2 terms. If you would be interested in serving the church in this ministry please contact Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805. A Parish vote will be held the weekend of June 1-2.

**Contact:** Cara Ashford at [ashfordcar@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcar@gmail.com), if you have information for the bulletin.

## Announcements:

\*Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Britten's Ranch

\*May 31<sup>st</sup> is the feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mary's visit was a mission of charity. Most women, having just been told that they were carrying a child, would not hurry along a long journey. But Mary did not neglect the needs of Elizabeth during her pregnancy and her visit is an example of a mission of charity. Mother Teresa considered Mary at the Visitation a model for all Christian life : "In the mystery of the Annunciation and the Visitation, Mary is the very model of the life we should lead. First of all, she welcomed Jesus in her existence; then, she shared what she had received. Every time we receive Holy Communion, Jesus the Word becomes flesh in our life – gift of God who is at one and the same time beautiful, kind, unique. Thus, the first Eucharist was such: Mary's offering of her Son in her, in whom he had set up the first altar. Mary, the only one who could affirm with absolute confidence, "this is my body", from that first moment offered her own body, her strength, all her being, to form the Body of Christ." Two prayers find their roots in the Visitation: When Elizabeth greets Mary, she calls out to her the words that became the most well known Marian prayer – the Hail Mary. "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." After Elizabeth says that Mary is the mother of God, Mary responds with the words of the Magnificat, which is now an important part of evening prayer. PRO-LIFE PASSAGE "PAR EXCELLENCE!" Both of these women in the modern society could be candidates for abortion. Why? One was very young, Mary; whereas, the other was very old, Elizabeth. However, both had an infinite trust in God's Divine Providence and gave birth to the greatest: St. John the Baptist and JESUS, THE SON OF GOD! At all times, by our meditation on the mystery of the Visitation, may we be staunch defenders of human life, from the moment of conception until natural death. God is the author and origin of life and only He has the right to take life to Himself!