



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

July 27th & 28th

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PRAYER CHANGES ?

"One of His disciples asked Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" —Luke 11:1

Sometimes our prayer is a projection of our own self-hatred rather than a communication with God. For instance, Abraham began interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah by saying: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes!" (Gn 18:27) Later in his prayer, Abraham begged God not to become impatient (Gn 18:30) or angry (Gn 18:32) with him, as if God had problems with impatience and anger. Abraham projected his own problems onto God. Eventually, Abraham quit interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah. He may have thought these cities didn't deserve to be saved or that God wouldn't save them, although God had repeatedly said He would.

When we pray, may we not project our self-hatred, problems, and limitations onto God. Rather, may we let God project His love, holiness, and power onto us. We pray not in order to change God but to allow Him to change us. Praying is not God-changing; rather, it is "us-changing," which makes it life-changing. "Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1).

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

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, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney 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, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Lynita Brown, Phillip Ollinger, Dee Martinez, Luke Acker and Shane King

Family Chalice Program

July 27/28 Donna Barnett
August 3/4 Nick Kuehler Family
August 10/11 Vanessa & Jason Eugea
August 17/18 Nick Ashford Family
August 24/25 Cobb & Kay Britten
August 31/Sept 1 Nick Weinheimer Family

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 27th Laura Kuehler, Ryan Britten
A-28th Daniel & Melanie Hinson
28th Caren Howard
29th Bruce Britten
30th Brody Britten
31st Colton Tucker

Stewardship Reports

0721/19 Stewardship Report	
Individual	\$1,410
Loose	\$ 289
Children	\$ 5
Total	\$1,704

07/21/19 The Building Fund	
Individual	\$ 887.84
Loose	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 987.84

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 27th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown and John Connelly

Sunday, July 28th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Maci

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey, Sharon Britten and Melanie K Britten

Saturday, Aug 3rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea and Jan Britten

Sunday, Aug 4th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Hugh and Owen

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer, and Joannie Kling

Saturday, Aug 10th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Ryan and Derek

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten and Kevin Brown

Sunday, Aug 11th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Zadyn

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Nicole Kuehler, and Marla Britten

Saturday, Aug 17th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon & Stephen

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown, John Connelly

Sunday, Aug 18th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson & Tucker

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer, & Tabitha Eggemeyer

Announcements:

Second Collection:

July 28th Defalco Retreat Center

Aug 15th Assumption of Mary

Aug 18th Black and Native American Mission Collection

Groom Day: Come visit the Christian Mother's Ice cream booth 6:00pm until they run out.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Culinary Society tent Saturday 11:00 – 2:00 for Sliced Pork or German sausage sandwich.

Contact: Staci Kotara at staci.kotara@gmail.com, if you have information for the bulletin.

Announcements:

*Weekend Mass times in the Month of August

Saturdays, **August and September** Mass at 7:00pm

Sunday, August 4th ----- 6:00p.m.

Sunday, August 11th----- 6:00pm.

Sunday, August 18th ----8:30a.m.

Sunday, August 25th ---- 8:30a.m.

Sunday, September 1st --- 8:30a.m.

*Fr. Raj Samala is taking vacation in the month of August. In his absence, for any Emergency Spiritual needs call Fr. Hrudaya from Panhandle– 806-341-8655

*Thought of the week: Character is like a tree and reputation is like a shadow, the shadow is what we worry about but the tree is the real thing.

*Q. I heard that there are two kinds of priesthood. It was even said that we lay people are part of one of the two priesthoods. Can you please clarify that? A. 1. Indeed, there are two kinds of priesthood. Most Christians are familiar with the first kind of priesthood that consists of the clergy. It is the order of men who are set apart for sacred offices. Their calling is often referred to as a "calling to the priesthood." They are known for administering the Sacraments in the Catholic Church. In 1 Peter 2:5, we find a reference to another kind of priesthood that is referred to as "the common priesthood." "(4) Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and (5) like living stones, let yourselves be build into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." The 1968 edition of "The Jerome Biblical Commentary" views this priesthood in the following manner: Catholics are exhorted to live in holiness as befits the Chosen Race and the Royal Priesthood. They are "living stones," not just as persons contrasted with the inanimate blocks used in pagan temples but as persons vivified by the life of Christ Himself in baptism. So united to Christ, the Cornerstone, they form a new unit, which the author proceeds to describe in several mixed images. They form first a spiritual house, a new temple in which the bonding material is not race, but the Spirit. By baptism Christians are called and destined to the service of the priesthood. As a kingdom of priest (royal priesthood), Catholics are called to a priestly destination. By their baptism, they are deputed to the cultic service of God in Christ. It is at once a royal and a priestly destination. They are to offer themselves as a "living sacrifice" that would be holy and acceptable to God; this is to be their spiritual worship. The baptized Christian is therefore empowered and expected to live his whole life as if he were a cultic act, continuing in a sense the sacrifice of Christ, but also manifesting to the world that he is marked for the service of Christ. All Catholics, male and female, automatically belong to the second kind of priesthood by their baptism.