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Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or www.masstimes.org

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

Cycles of Faith

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The Pharisee and the tax collector—polar opposites by practice. The one is a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other is a deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his economic business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who "went home justified." Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it.

So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee. When we won't admit we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy.

As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be "justified" like the tax collector who cried out, "Be merciful to me a sinner!"



Celebration of the Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request the anointing by contacting Fr. Terry.

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Contact Fr. Terry to set a meeting to prepare for the sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youths and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil or before marriage.

Reconciliation • Before Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm, after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. Communal services during Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

Eucharist • First Eucharist is celebrated during April each year with children in the second grade.

Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or religious life.

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months before setting a date for marriage. Couples are to attend Engaged Encounter or the Sponsor Couple Program.

Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments, Fr. Terry.



Humility

In the readings this weekend the theme is on humility, that is, acknowledging the fact that all of us are not perfect and that we are in need of God's mercy. Humility is not a sign of weakness nor does it mean that one is to become a doormat for another to walk on. It means rather that we are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who said, "Learn from me for I am humble and gentle of heart." God does not play favorites and

From Father's Desk

no one should think that they are better than others. Instead they should be grateful for God's blessings and to exalt Him and not themselves. In our gospel the Pharisee gloried in himself rather than God and condemned the tax collector. Let us not be afraid of humility even though it may not be easy today living a humble lifestyle. Let our prayer be from the prophet Micah: This is what God asks of you; to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. God bless you, Fr. Terry

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

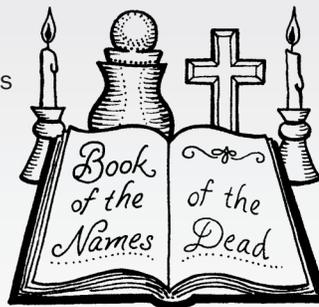
Question: I wonder if there's anything I can do to influence my friends to get involved in church--and even go more often? Can you help?

Answer: Evangelization is always a delicate balance. Faith itself is a gift, yet it needs to be nourished. So any influence you have needs to be the kind that encourages and invites deeper commitment, stronger faith, and a desire for God. Being preachy or overly pious often has the exact opposite effect. In the Gospel Jesus says you will know a tree by its fruit. Show others the fruit of the church's work and ministry. Look for activities, service projects, special events, outreach programs, etcetera, that you can invite them to. Introduce them to the priest and pastoral staff. Use personal contact to make others feel welcome and comfortable. The best way to be a witness to the faith is by doing. When your friends, cradle Catholics or not, see what you do and what the community of faith does to live and spread the Gospel, they'll want to be part of it. People are drawn to be part of something that is good, helpful, and makes their lives better. You just have to show them that the church is more than just Sunday Mass or a stopover for Christmas. Jesus called the apostles with little more than "Come and see!" You can too.

All Souls

November being the month of All Souls, a "Book of Remembrance" is provided in Church to write the names of those for whom you want the Community of Faith to remember in prayer. Also, as a beautiful way of remembering our loved ones, we invite you to bring photographs of those who have died and place them around the Church. On Sunday, November 6th Fr. Terry will also have a special candle lighting inviting family members to come forward and light a candle in memory of those beloved parishioners listed here.

Following that Fr. Terry will invite anyone who has lost a family member this past year to come forward to light a candle. Eternal rest O God....



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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 25

8:00 am † Rachel Hagan Thompson SC
By Class of 1960

Wednesday, October 26

5:30 pm † Frances Ballard IC
By Philip & Jeanetta Ballard

Thursday, October 27

8:00 am † Charles Bozarth SC
By Judy Pate

Friday, October 28

8:00 am † Matthew Howard IC
By Charles & Peggy Howard

Saturday, October 29

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, October 30

8:30 am † Mike Pate SC
By Judy Pate

10:30 am † Theresa Rose McCarty IC
By Betty Allard

Readings for the Week

October 23, 2016

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Faith Sharing Question

Luke 18:9-14

How do you avoid the trappings of self-vindication?

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

How would you assess your disposition in prayer?

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As you look back on your life, where has God been most present for you?

LIVE THE LITURGY

Becoming self-righteous is a trap into which many well-meaning people can fall. We can mistakenly believe that we are somehow more favored or superior in God's eyes because of our fidelity. This is a blatantly wrong assumption. God's mercy and love extends to the worst of sinners and he responds to the pleas of those who are most humble.

November 2015 to October 2016

St. Columba

Robert Estes, December 9, 2015
Roger Basham, December 22, 2015
Grace Buckman, January 11, 2016
Billie Jean Bunch, February 18, 2016

Immaculate Conception

June Fowler, November 28, 2015
Delma McManaway, January 30, 2016
David Sterett, February 20, 2016
John Buford, February 28, 2016
Kevin Hanks, April 13, 2016
Bethany Payne, April 14, 2016
Christopher Wheatley, June 8, 2016
Penelope Wheatley, August 2, 2016

Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.

Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

Bulletin Board

The Parish office will be closed
until Thursday October 27

Wednesday, October 26

6:00 pm Rel. Ed. K-Adult

Pet Blessing & Trunk of Treats IC

Thursday, October 27

6:00 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, October 30

Year of Mercy Confessions after Masses

Check out our new Website at:
icscchurch.org

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 30

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long

Butch Meriwether, Ruth Madden

Lector: Sara Hendricks

Server: Mary Beth Emmick

Cross Bearer: Jimmy Harper

Gift Bearer: Gerald & Sandra Davis

Hospitality: Shelby & Justin Basham,
Jordan Bozarth & David Winchell

Vocation Statue: Lou Fleck

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Margaret Powers

Shirley Hagman, Katherine Woodward

Lector: Ronna Ogle

Server: Andrew Lyday, Carter Lyday

Cross Bearer: Morgan Curry

Gift Bearer: Clayton & Gloria Gray

Hospitality: Jeannie Winchell Family

Vocation Statue: Bill & Phyllis Emmick

Children's Liturgy: Trina Ogle

In Need of Special Prayer

Anna Payne, Phyllis Emmick, Tim Heavrin,
Joan Peak, Whitney Emmick,
Stephen Emmick

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
Barbara Grant, Christina Hagan,
Olivia Murphy, Frances Payne,
Geneva Glasscock, Wilbur Jarvis, Shirley
Mobley, Florence Roby, Lillie Lanham
Clay Quinn, Regina Walz, Frances Storm

Please call the Parish Office to add or
remove names from this bulletin prayer list.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

There was a movie a few years back entitled "Fever Pitch," where Jimmy Fallon played a devoted Red Sox fan. He was so loyal and consumed by the Red Sox, it was a huge obstacle to any romantic relationship he tried to start. In the end, he found a partner in a woman, played by Drew Barrymore, who was able to deal with his devotion once he showed he was willing to give up his season tickets for her. In fact, she came to love how he cared about something so much, realizing few people care that much about anything.

Loyalty to a sports team can be tested when wins are hard to come by. But true fans never forsake their teams. They cheer them on through the good times and the bad.

The extreme loyalty of the most faithful sports fan gives us only a glimpse of the loyalty God has for us. If everyone chooses to desert us, God remains faithful to his own. This reality should have such an impact on our lives because we never need to fear the obstacles and trials ahead. The life of a disciple is not an easy one. People will sometimes find our faithfulness unsettling or it may make them feel uncomfortable. They may choose to walk away rather than hear about this Jesus that seems all consuming. But the loyalty and faithfulness of God can be your strength. In him you will find the strength to run the race and reach the finish line.

And when you cross that finish line, God will be there: your coach, your teammate, and your greatest fan. Think about what happened to the Red Sox after so many years of disappointment. Even when it seems you have no chance to win, God knows if you stick to the game plan, the prize will be yours. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank you

Thank you to the parents and youth who helped with the Sorghum Festival booth. Also a thank you to all who came by and supported the youth in their fundraiser.

Trunk or Treat and Pet Blessing

Dress up in your favorite costume and come trick or treating at our annual Trunk or Treat. Don't forget to bring your pets for a special blessing by Fr. Terry! Wednesday October 26th from 6:00-7:30pm at IC Church Parking Lot. Homemade chili, hotdogs, drink and ice cream. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for the best decorated car. Anyone wishing to set up their cars and hand out candy please contact the church office or Denise at 927-8419.

Trail of Treats

The confirmation youth will be handing out candy during the Trail of Treats at Vastwood Park on Halloween night. Youth may sign up in class to work a one-hour shift. This is fun service opportunity for the community.

Candy Donation

The confirmation youth are looking for donations of candy to hand out during the Trail of Treats. Candy donations may be left at the church in the marked baskets. Thank you for your support.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Collections report will be in November 6th bulletin.

St. Columba Mission Statement

We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.