

Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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.

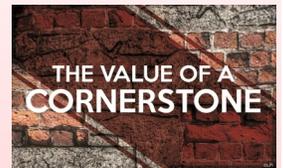
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.



A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Please call Fr. Terry to schedule a date and for baptismal prep. Baptism for older youths and adults either occurs at the Easter Vigil or before receiving other sacraments.

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

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.

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

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 mo before setting a date to begin marriage preparation. Couples may be asked to attend Pre Cana or Engaged Encounter.

Reconciliation • Before or after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

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

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



I Am the Good Shepherd

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we acknowledge the fact that we are totally dependent on our Lord for everything. Jesus proclaims in the gospel “I know my sheep and mine know me.” Yes, Jesus does know us through and through like a book—but do we really know Him? Do we keep Him at a distance being afraid that He will call us to change our lives? Jesus also says “my sheep hear my voice and they follow me.” Again on this Good Shepherd

Sunday let us examine our hearts and ask our selves—do we really hear and follow Jesus or do we find our ears listening to worldly ideas and philosophy and following the false shepherds of this world? Today let us commit ourselves to Jesus who leads us through the dark valleys to greener pastures.

As we begin the month of May we honor Mary the mother of Jesus. Mary can teach us so much about her Son, Jesus and how she responded to Him. She invites us to say yes as she did, and to trust in Him no matter what happens. In fact, her advice is “do whatever He tells you to do.” In this season of Easter and Resurrection, the month of Mary reminds us that nature is doing her art to proclaim new life—the budding of flowers and dogwood trees, warmer and longer days, etc. Hopefully this season is bringing out the best in us too. May our lives proclaim that the Resurrection of Jesus has changed us and that we too are proclaiming that Jesus is alive in us too. May Mary our mother watch over us and guide us in the footsteps of her Son.

Have a good week, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

In speaking of himself as “the good shepherd” who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to “a hired man” (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?



New Openings for Adoration at IC and SC

Spend a little extra time with Jesus in Adoration! We have an opening for Adoration at Immaculate Conception for 7:00am on Tuesdays and at 4:00pm on Thursdays at St. Columba. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information.



Lenten Project 2021 Great News!

What a great response we had from our two parishes in supporting our Lenten Projects this year. All of the donated items have been taken to St. Benedict's shelter and received with excitement and a sincere thank you to everyone for your donations. The cinnamon roll fundraiser, food truck, pocket change and personal donations amounted to a total of \$4187.88 which will be split between the two charities. This means 28 Water Women will be sponsored and another 112 families will receive safe clean water in Kenya. Saving lives of children whom we may never know but God knows! Thank you to all who supported our project this year. God will surely Bless You for your generosity!



Please keep in prayer the following children and their families as they continue their preparation to receive their First Holy Communion next week at the 8:30am Mass at St. Columba and 10:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception. As a reminder they and their parents will be participating in their First Communion retreat this Saturday May 1st from 9-11:30am at St. Columba Parish Hall. From St. Columba: Alex Thomason, Hazel Poole and Aubrey Miller. From Immaculate Conception: Charley Wedding

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, April 28

5:30 pm † Regina Walz IC
By Doug and Mona Hinton

Thursday, April 29

8:00 am † Mary Buck SC
By David and Dana Duncan

Saturday, May 1

5:00 pm † Robert Douglas Jr IC
By Margaret Vanover

Sunday, May 2

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Mary Rose Hagman IC
By George and Cheryl Gammon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24–13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 *St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26–2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website:

www.icscchurch.org

You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

DirecTV CH 370
Dish CH 261
Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am

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

Sunday, April 25

9:30am "You Are Not Alone" SC
 6:00pm Young Adult Event IC
 Planning meeting SC

Tuesday, April 27

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, April 29

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Saturday May 1

9:00am First Communion Retreat SC

Sunday, May 2

8:30/10:30 First Communion SC & IC
 9:30am Donut Sunday SC

It's Back!

Donut Sunday!



Join us after the 8:30am at St. Columba for Donuts and Coffee next Sunday on May 2nd! We will be following

restaurant guidelines for COVID. See you next Sunday. We will save you a chocolate one Fr. Terry!!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday April 28

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family
 Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday April 29

St. Columba: 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday May 1

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick

Sunday May 2

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Pat Roberts
 Cross Bearer: Butch Meriwether
 Hospitality/Usher: Scott Basham
 Denny Long
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
 Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Loretta Stokes
 Cross Bearer: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Lyday Family
 Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Fam



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer:

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist. Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. *"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Mt 18:3).

May Crowning

We invite everyone to bring flowers next week on May 2nd as we honor the mother of our Lord in our yearly May Crowning of Mary with our First Communicants.



Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Camps are filling up fast and parents are encouraged to register their youth soon! The high school camp called Camp Life is full and a wait list has been started. You may go to their website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Jill Frakes at the church office.

2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

MAY 31-JUNE 4: EUCHARISTIC LIFE (18+)	JULY 4-9: CAMP LIFE (HIGH SCHOOL)
JUNE 6-11: QUEST I (7TH/8TH GRADE)	JULY 11-16: QUEST II (7TH/8TH GRADE)
JUNE 13-16: EXPLORER I (3RD/4TH GRADE)	JULY 18-23: EXPEDITION II (5TH/6TH GRADE)
JUNE 20-25: EXPEDITION I (5TH/6TH GRADE)	JULY 25-28: EXPLORER II (3RD/4TH GRADE)
JUNE 28- JULY 2: GASPER ON THE GO @ FANCY FARM (3RD-12TH GRADE)	

Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,173.00 Collection 4-18-21\$2,528.00 Difference under \$645.00 Mass Attendance 73/66</p> <p>Week # 42 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$133,266 Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$135,737</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00 Collection 4-18-21\$1,753.00 Difference under \$747.00 Mass Attendance 86</p> <p>Week # 42 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal\$105,000 Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$106,756</p>
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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.