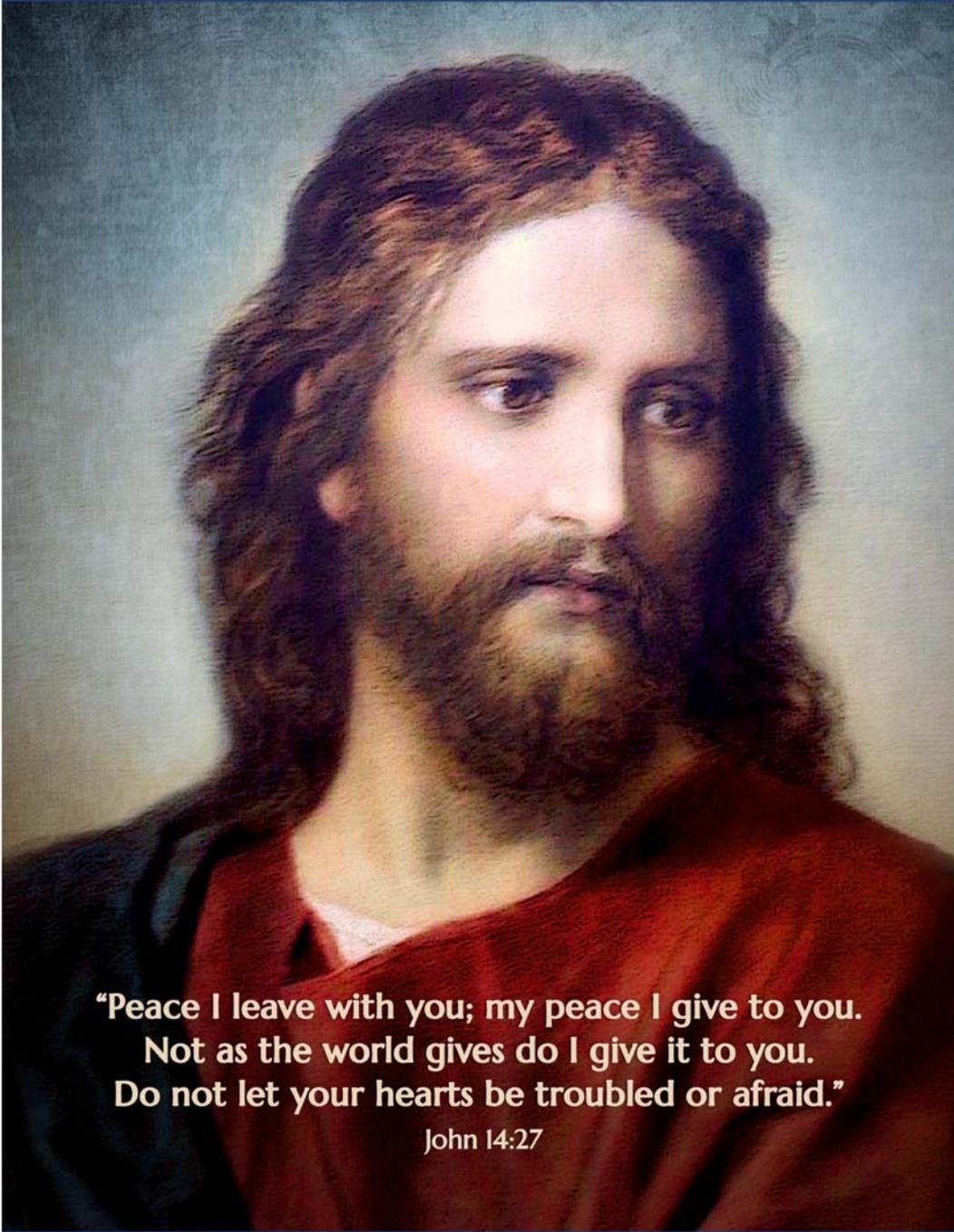


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“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

John 14:27

May 26, 2019

*6th Sunday
of Easter*

Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday | 7:30 am |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am |
| Thursday | 8:30 am |
| Friday | 7:30 am |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am |
| | 10:00 am |
| | (Spanish) 11:30 am |

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30- 4:30 pm

San Damiano Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration - weekdays



Our Mission

The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

From the Pastor's Desk



Heartfelt Gratitude to Cathleen Cary

We are blessed to have many faith-filled and dedicated people working here at Immaculate Conception. It is with sadness and yet also deep gratitude that I share with you that one of our long-time staff members, Cathleen Cary, will be making a significant transition in her life and we will be in a time of making adjustments.

Cathleen began working here at Immaculate Conception in the spring of 2009, initially on a short term basis to organize a ministry fair. The success of that led to her being offered a development position which she held through 2013. She then became the Marketing Director for the church and school on a part-time basis.

Over those 10 years Cathleen's work and accomplishments included coordinating the parish festival from 2009 – 2013; developing and promoting numerous events and fundraisers; improving and at times implementing the promotion of our church and school through outlets such as radio and newspaper; and working closely with communications coordinator Sue Ashmore to develop our social media channels and websites.

At the end of May she will be stepping away from her part-time work here as Marketing Director to focus on her family business. She has graciously agreed to help with planning for this year's Summer Jam parish festival and then on a project by project basis after that. In working with Cathleen I've been so thankful for her cheerful nature, her sincere dedication, and her inspiring professionalism. Though it seems cliché the truth is that she will be greatly missed.

Please join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to Cathleen Cary for her years of faith-filled service that spanned over a decade here at Immaculate Conception. While there is definite sadness in this time of transition we can also be joyfully grateful for all that Cathleen has done. As she embarks on a new adventure we have confidence that the Grace of Christ and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother will be with her and that she always has a home here in Columbia Heights.

Mercy in the Risen Lord,

Fr. James



Readings and Observances

Sunday, May 26, 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop; Memorial Day

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 28

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 29

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 30

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

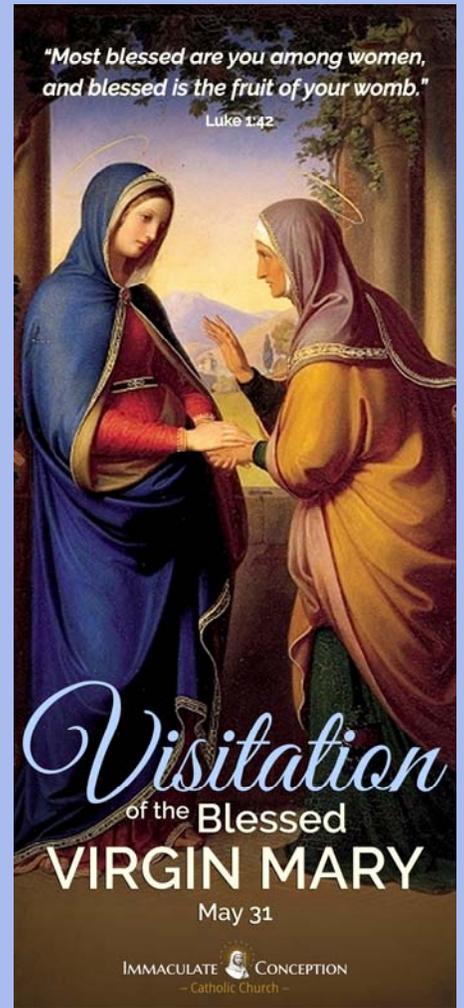
Saturday, June 1, St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, June 2, The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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Parish News

A Message From Cathleen Cary...

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church and School,

As I prepare to leave my position as Marketing Director at the end of May, my heart is full of emotions. The past 10 years have been a wonderful and exciting journey and I am deeply grateful for so much... the opportunity to have served in this capacity at IC; the blessing of working with talented and supportive colleagues; and for the generous support and encouragement given to me by the many parishioners and volunteers I've been honored to work with and get to know as friends. The depth of your service and love for our Lord, our Blessed Mother and our beautiful parish has inspired me beyond words.

Although I will not be at IC as often, I will continue to work on the festival marketing this summer and special projects in the future. I look forward to seeing you again one day soon.

Thank you again for your kindness and friendship. God bless you and Immaculate Conception always!

Cathleen Cary

FORMED



Experience the Eucharist Like Never Before!

Join us for the IC summer faith formation event "Do This In Memory Of Me" with Father James Peterson on June 10, 11 and 12, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This free, three-night series for all ages explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated. Contact Mary Nawrocki at 763-788-9062 x 210.



First Communion

Congratulations to the 30 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass at IC on Sunday, May 19. May Jesus live always in their hearts!

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Catholic Life Every Day with the Immaculate Conception App

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Reflections

- Scott Hahn commentary
- Reflections on Sunday Mass readings
- Weekly updates

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

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Search for **myParish** on the App Store or Google Play to download our app today!



Pray for a Priest

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.

May 27 - Rev. Minh Vu

May 28 - Rev. Joseph-Quoc Vuong

May 29 - Rev. Thomas Walker

May 30 - Rev. Frank Wampach

May 31 - Abp. Bernard Hebda

June 1 - Pope Francis

June 2 - Rev. James Peterson

Faith Formation

Time to Register for Totus Tuus!

Our *Totus Tuus* summer programs are right around the corner! A week of faith and fun led by a team of college students and seminarians includes two sessions: a day camp for children entering grades 1-6 on June 10-14, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and an evening program for youth entering grades 7-12 on June 9-13, 7:30 pm to 9:45 pm. The cost is \$25 per participant and \$75 max per family. The cost of the program is tax deductible!

Grades 1-6

Daily Mass
Faith Activities
Games
Water fun!

Grades 7-12

Adoration
Confession
Hot Topics
Social Time

For more information and to register, go to ICCSonline.org or call the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062 x 210.

School News

We congratulate our ICS 2nd grade students who celebrated their First Holy Communion at 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 19.



Eucharistic Adoration

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.”

(John 14:27)

As adorers pray before the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic adoration, they recognize the peace only Jesus can give. In turn, they often pass that peace onto family, friends, and others they come in contact with. Come to our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and receive the peace of Jesus. All are welcome.

We are looking for adorers to cover the following hours:

- Mondays at noon, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Tuesdays at noon (partner) and 3:00 pm
- Thursdays at 11:00 am
- Fridays at 11:00 am

We also are in need of additional partner adorers and substitute adorers, especially as we approach the summer vacation season. For information about adoration or to sign up for an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Note: The chapel will be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday.



“O God, let all the nations praise you!”

(Ps 67)

Pastoral Ministry



Immaculate Conception Church
ANOINTING MASS
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm
President: Father James Peterson
All are welcome!

Anointing Mass at Crest View

Join us on Thursday, June 13 at 3:15 pm for an Anointing Mass at Crest View, 4444 Reservoir Boulevard. Father James Peterson will preside. All are welcome.

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray For All the Sick—Especially:

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| Mary Boatwright | Steven Lauinger | Greg Sery |
| Paul Bona | Roger Mack | Irene Spensley |
| Michelle Cadieux | Sue McSherry | Tammy Swedzinski |
| Nichole Castonguay | Johnnie Meyering | Elaine Thunstrom |
| Robin Crisp | Janet Mihalik | Lois Weyers |
| Mary Fredenburg | Izzy Miller | Germaine Wolsfeld |
| Barbara Kaminski | Shawn Moulzolf | <i>and all those on our prayer chain</i> |
| Gerald Krawiecki | Danille Remarke | |

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice

Coins for Social Justice

Collection This Weekend!

Small Change Can Do a World of Good! Coins for Social Justice raises funds to support programs that promote the gospel of peace and social justice. The fourth weekend of each month, IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only the loose change or marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice.




Monthly Prayer Intention
Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention:
For success of the adult formation series "Do This in Memory of Me" in June.

Reflections

Word of Life

“Mary, patroness of America, renew in us a love for the beauty and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death; and as your Son gave His life for us, help us to live our lives serving others. Mother of the Church, Mother of our Savior, open our hearts to the Gospel of life, protect our nation, and make us witnesses to the truth.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life”

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

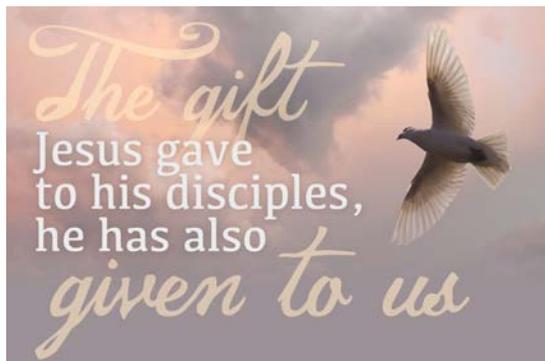
Question: Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer: You’ve probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ’s resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days—just over seven weeks—from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time—about six weeks—Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn’t just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an “advocate” or “counselor” when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await “power from on high”—the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the paschal mystery, beginning with Jesus’ suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don’t widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn’t mean you can’t embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

To listen openly and be willing to dialogue are the most effective ways to discern how to solve a problem. We must be open to the Holy Spirit and, under his guidance, allow our opinions to be challenged and changed. Learning to trust the active work of the Holy Spirit in all things releases us from fear and brings us closer to living in the peace Jesus promised. Scripture, Church teaching and practice, the wisdom of others in our community, our relationship with God, and the promptings and stirrings of our hearts all have to be weighed when making important decisions. This is how the Holy Spirit keeps us faithful to Christ and the Gospel and the way the Church brings resolution to questions that inevitably arise.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 26

Mass, Intention, +Irene & Leonard Bryer _____ 8:00 am
 Heggies Pizza Pickup _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 10:00 am
 Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
 Mass (Spanish), Intention, +Tanya Barbieri _____ 11:30 am

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day

Parish Office and School Closed
 Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 28

Mass _____ 7:30 am
 Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
 Anointing Mass _____ 7:00 pm
 Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, May 29

Mass, Intention, +Stanley Guzik, Sr. _____ 7:30 am
 Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
 Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, May 30

Mass _____ 8:30 am
 Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, May 31

Mass (School Farewell) _____ 8:30 am
 Intention, +Thomas Margotto
 Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, June 1

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Mass, Intention, +Emil Guzik & Family _____ 5:00 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, June 2

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
 Mass, Intention, +Randy & Betty Lou Wilcox _____ 10:00 am
 Mass (Spanish) _____ 11:30 am

+Deceased

Please Note:

The daily Mass on Friday morning, May 31, has been re-scheduled to 8:30 am.

Thursday May 30 will be the last 8:30 am Thursday Mass for the summer. Beginning June 6 through August 29 the Thursday morning Masses will be at 7:30 am.

Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)

PARISH

- Parish Office..... 763-788-9062
(Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)
- Parish Fax..... 763-788-0202
- Reception Desk** x 201
- Parochial Administrator, Fr. James Peterson** x 215
- Accounting Specialist, Julie Mack**..... x 204
- Deacon, Larry Palkert**
- Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore** x 205
- Director of Marketing, Cathleen Cary** x 213
- Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon** x 214
- Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Olson** x 218
- Parish Business Manager, Michael Wilde**..... x 202
- Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille** x 212
- Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser** x 227
- Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman** x 221
- Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick**..... x 204

FAITH FORMATION

- Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki** x 210
- Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott** x 208

SCHOOL

- School Office..... 763-788-9065
- School Fax..... 763-788-9066
- Principal, Jane Bona (jbona@immac-church.org)**..... x 220
- Director of Advancement/School Business Manager**
Mary Beth Pfeifer x 203
- Administrative Assistant, Sherri Macko** x 219

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- | | |
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| <i>Dave Kellner</i> | <i>Kathy Johnson</i> |
| <i>Charles Karanja</i> | <i>Stacy McVary</i> |
| <i>Marcus Paulson</i> | <i>Sandy Sichak</i> |
| <i>Jane Bona (School Principal)</i> | |
| <i>Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)</i> | |

Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrances to the church.

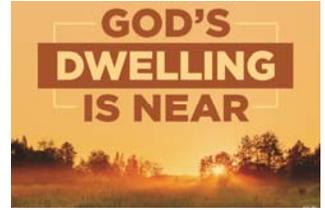
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Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

Gospel Meditations

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us—transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains.

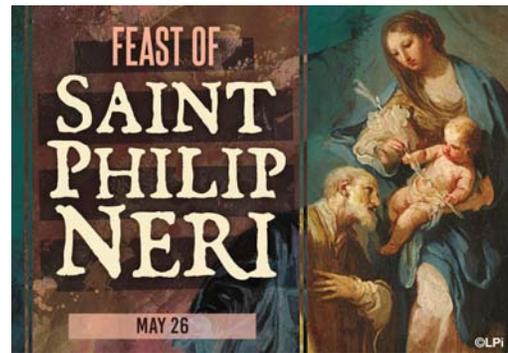


This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word... and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent—any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this—Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

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Faith, Fun and Friends...how can you miss?

Grades 1-6

Mass

Faith Activities

Games

Water Fun!

Grades 7-12

Adoration

Confession

Hot Topics

Social Time

**Totus Tuus is back
at Immaculate Conception Church!**

June 9-14, 2019

**Children entering grades 1-6 • June 10-14
Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Youth entering grades 7-12 • June 9-13
Sunday through Thursday, 7:30 - 9:45 pm**

Cost: \$25 per participant / \$75 maximum per family

**Contact the Faith Formation Office,
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