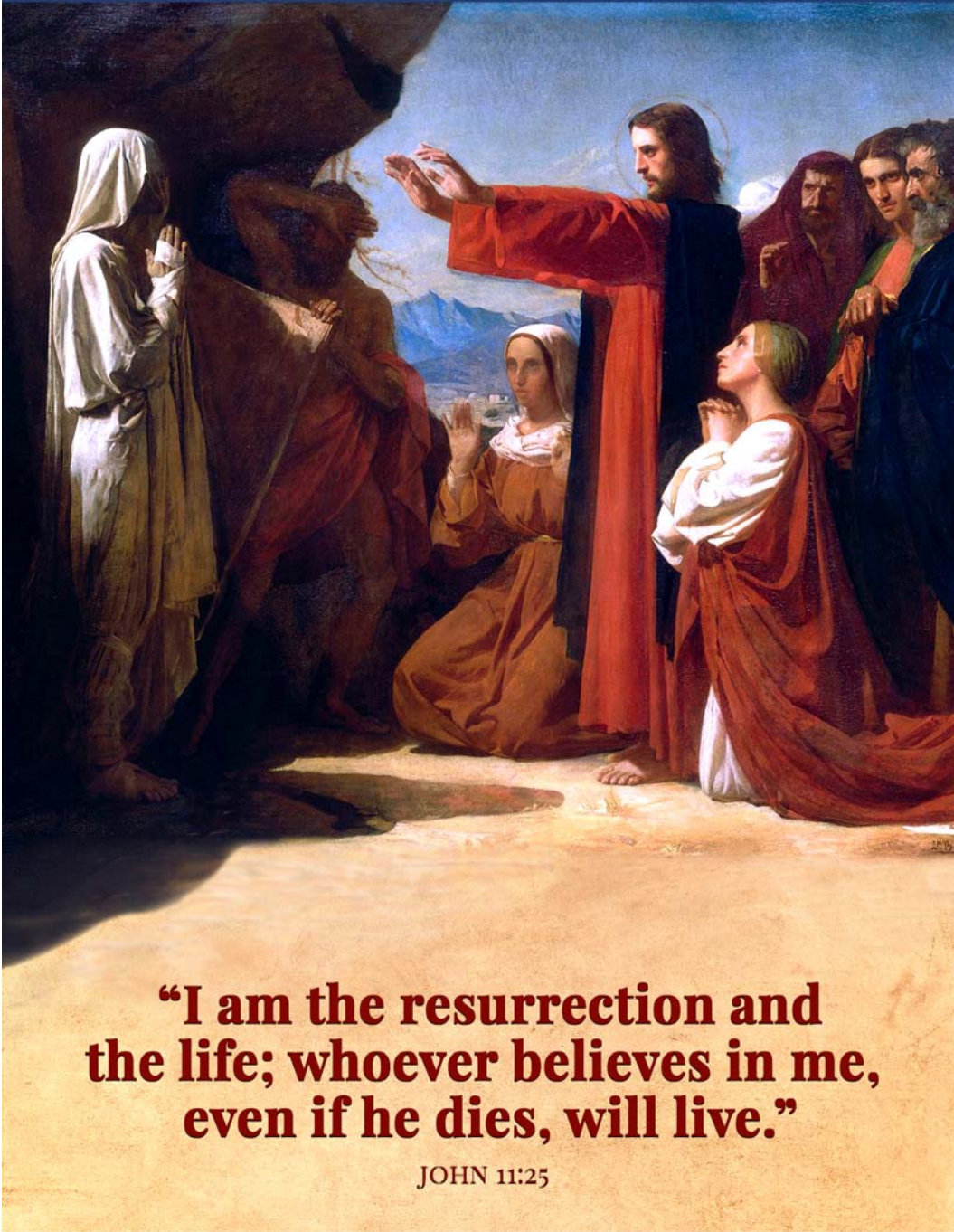


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**“I am the resurrection and
the life; whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will live.”**

JOHN 11:25

March 29, 2020

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Schedule

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	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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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

God has Helped

If our friends on the internet can be trusted then it is worth our time to ponder the significance of the name Lazarus. According to several websites that I was looking at the Greek name of Lazarus could be translated into English as “God has helped.”



We’re currently entering the Fifth Week of the Lenten season. My hope is that you could look back on the last four weeks and unequivocally say something like, “God has helped” me to become a better Christian; or “God has helped” me to have a deeper trust in His mysterious Plan; or “God has helped” me to reach out to those in need; or “God has helped” my family to grow closer to one another; or “God has helped” our parish to be a place of true encounter of Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).

For Martha and Mary they experienced in a personal and profoundly transformative way that “God has helped” them in their time of need when their brother Lazarus had died. The heartfelt compassion and mercy of Jesus was able to triumph over death for his good friend, Lazarus, and it can be the same for you and me as well. As we continue through these blessed days of Lent may we always remember that God is our helper and He will empower us to help others as well.

Hope in Christ,
Fr. James



April 4

Saint Isidore of Seville

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, March 29

5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 30

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 3

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66
or 27:11-54

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Ways to Keep in Touch with IC

- Watch for daily video messages from Father James, and Masses online on our website and Facebook.
- Read our parish bulletin online—available on our website.
- Sign up for Father James' weekly email and IC General Announcement emails.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- Call the parish office—we'd be happy to hear from you!

Parish Updates

- The Adoration Chapel will remain closed until further notice.
- Parish Office hours will be limited to 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please call ahead if you need to visit the office.

For news and updates monitor our website and social media and watch for emails with the latest information. If you are not currently receiving emails from us, please feel free to contact the parish office

Thank you for your understanding in this difficult situation.

Prayer

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention: *Conversion of IC parishioners*

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.*

- March 29 - Rev. Hoang Nguyen
- March 30 - Rev. Thanh Nguyen, CSSR
- March 31 - Abp. Bernard Hebda/Bp. Andrew Cozzens
- April 1 - Pope Francis
- April 2 - Rev. James Peterson
- April 3 - Rev. Mark Niehaus, ISP
- April 4 - Rev. Miguel Nieves, SEMV

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Tentative schedule for
HOLY WEEK
2020

Liturgies and Prayer

Holy Thursday, April 9
7:30 am Morning Prayer (Lauds)
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 10
7:30 am Morning Prayer (Lauds)
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11
7:30 am Morning Prayer (Lauds)
1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods and Baskets
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12
8:00 am Sunday Mass
10:00 am Sunday Mass
11:30 am Sunday Mass in Spanish

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Individual Confessions
Saturday, April 4 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Final schedule is not yet available - watch this bulletin for more information.

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Council of Catholic Women

CCW News

Effective immediately all CCW meetings are cancelled until further notice! Watch for information as it becomes available in upcoming bulletins and CCW newsletters.

Eucharistic Adoration

“Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord”

(from Psalm 25)

During this difficult public health crisis, prayer is of the utmost importance. Whether in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel or in the privacy of your own home, everyone can pray for God’s mercy, guidance and peace. If we do this, we will see the wonders our Lord has to offer and His glory will shine through!

If you would like information about Eucharistic Adoration or have concerns about attending your adoration hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

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 Virginia Wolverton and 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: Paul Bona • Mary Fredenburg

Barbara Kaminski • Gerald Krawiecki • Steven Lauinger

Roger Mack • Janet Mihalik • Shawn Moulzolf

Danille Remarke • Greg Sery • Tammy Swedzinski

Sandra Tabor • Elaine Thunstrom • Lois Weyers

Germaine Wolsfeld • *and all those on our prayer chain*

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

Feed My Starving Children

The Feed My Starving Children collection will continue when we return to Mass.



Ways to Help:

- **M&M’s fill the tube program:** Tubes will be available (while they last) in the church narthex and parish office. Please return on or before Palm Sunday, April 5 filled with \$14 in quarters, bills or a check. We will provide a basket in the church narthex each weekend for returns.
- **Cash Contributions:** If writing a check please make it payable to Immaculate Conception. Checks written to “Feed My Starving Children” will not go toward the fundraiser. Please drop in the collection basket at Mass in the envelopes provided or an envelope clearly marked “Feed My Starving Children”.
- Pray for all those who are hungry.

For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.



Reflections

Word of Life

““With great openness and courage, we need to question how wide-spread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana
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Why Do We Do That? — Catholic Life Explained

Question: *What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?*

Answer: Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or “cathedra” in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop’s teaching authority.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don’t even know), a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, “Come out!” Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God’s presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise.

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Discipleship

Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, “Don’t give up; you can never give up.” The former coach of the NC State men’s basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | ©LPI

The Week Ahead

Reconciliation

Saturday, April 4

Reconciliation _____ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 29

+Ed & Mary Sadowsky _____ 8:00 am
IC Parishioners _____ 10:00 am

Tuesday, March 31

Glafira Jaimes & Anahi & Magdaleno Hernandez _____ 7:30 am

Wednesday, April 1

Cornelio & Javier Hernandez _____ 7:30 am

Thursday, April 2

+Margaret Rutz _____ 8:30 am

Friday, April 3

+John Botzet, Jr., +Marian Miller _____ 7:30 am

Saturday, April 4

+Tillie & Robert Heaser _____

Sunday, April 5

+Adella Rimer _____ 8:00 am
+Bob Prokott _____ 10:00 am
IC Parishioners _____ 11:30 am
+Deceased

During suspension of public Masses, Father James will offer private Masses for the scheduled intentions.



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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,	
<i>Mary Beth Pfeifer.....</i>	x 203
Administrative Assistant, Sherri Macko.....	x 219

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dave Kellner Kathy Johnson Charles Karanja
Stacy McVary Marcus Paulson

Jane Bona (School Principal)
Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)

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

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.” (Ps 130)

Collections

Weekend of March 21 - 22

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 1,515.00
WeShare Online Giving.....	607.50
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$ 2,122.50

Gospel Meditation

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death

experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, “Come out!” He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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Faith Formation

Save the Date for Totus Tuus!

Mark your calendars for our Totus Tuus summer programs—a week of faith and fun led by a team of college students and seminarians. The program includes two sessions: a day camp for children entering grades 1-6 on June 8-12, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and an evening program for youth entering grades 7-12 on June 7-11, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The cost is \$25 per participant and \$75 max per family. The cost of the program can be written off for tax purposes!



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Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

