

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025



Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday: 7:00 am English
[Monday: Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm]

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm Spanish

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration / Rosary

Saturday: 9:00 am English

Saturday Anticipated Mass:

5:30 pm English

2000 Hail Mary's 8:00am—6:00pm
(last Saturday of the Month)

Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00 am English

9:00 am Tagalog [First Sunday]

10:00 am Spanish

12:00 noon English

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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Served by one another and by:

Our Priests:

Very Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Pastor
Rev. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

Our Parish Deacons:

Deacon Pedro Gonzalez
Deacon Leopoldo Polanco
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Religious Education: Grades 1-H.S: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

Music Director: Eric Fahner

Trustees: Purita Berrios & Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We thank you for choosing to worship at the Church of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception!

We welcome your participation in songs and prayers.

Come and join us and create a Christ-Centered Community where Strangers become Friends and Friends become Family!

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MASS SCHEDULE: April 14 – April 20, 2025

MONDAY	April 14, 2025
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	April 15, 2025
7:00 AM	Healing of Ricardo Somoza
7:00 PM	Acción de gracias por Kelisa Matias; +Adolfina Pérez
WEDNESDAY	April 16, 2025
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
THURSDAY	April 17, 2025 — Holy Thursday
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
7:30 PM	Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual) +Maria O Londoño de Restrepo +Rolly Sarmiento
FRIDAY	April 18, 2025 — Good Friday
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Passion of the Lord
5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (outside) Seven Last Words
SATURDAY	April 19, 2025 — Holy Saturday
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer with Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil (Bilingual)
SUNDAY	April 20, 2025 — Easter Sunday
8:00 AM	+Lila D'Urso; +Vicente Sorongon; +Peter Matarazzo, Sr. People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Linda Mayo;
12:00 PM	+Francisco Casambre, Jr. +Antonia Velazquez

Dear Family and Friends in Christ,

The Religious Education program last Saturday had the Level 1H and Level 1J students with their prayer partners in Level 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1) pair up and head over to the church to do the Stations of the Cross. Immersing the children in the Way of the Cross was a great way to teach them about the passion of our Lord and participate in this Lenten tradition. Additionally, nineteen students participated in their First Penance and Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May 2025. I ask that you keep these children, teens and their families in prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.

As we enter Holy Week, we recall Jesus' triumphant return into Jerusalem after 40 days in the desert- Palm Sunday. St. Mary's Parish has a prayerful Triduum for all to join. On Good Friday, at 5pm Holy Rosary Church and St. Mary Church will join to have the Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Erie St and Manila Ave. On the Easter Vigil, we pray for the adult students in the O.C.I.A (formerly R.C.I.A) who we welcome to the Church. On the morning of Easter Sunday, a beautiful tradition called 'Encuentro', 'Salubong' translating to 'The Meeting' will take place outside the steps of the Church in which the image of the Mourning Mary will meet the Risen Christ. Holy Mass follows at 8am with Continental Breakfast and activities for children in Marian Hall. But above all else, we remember our Lord Jesus, how welcomed He was into Jerusalem, his last supper, suffering, passion and death on the cross. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Pray for us sinners.

Peace and Grace,

Freddy Burke

Director of Religious Education



St. Mary's Sanctuary

All Souls in Purgatory

St. Boniface Chapel

In Loving Memory of +Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary's

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

+Feligreses Difuntos de Santa María

OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS

SILENT ADORATION MONDAYS: 7:00PM St. Boniface Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION: 7PM-9PM Main Church

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: 9:00am-10:30am, Main Church

ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY/ ADORATION WEDNESDAYS: 7pm Chapel

GRUPO DE ORACION: Tuesdays after 7PM Mass,

St Boniface Chapel

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wed. after 7am Mass, St. Boniface

COFRADES DEL SAGRADO CORAZON DE JESUS:

2nd. Sunday, 12:00pm

OL OF ALTAGRACIA GROUP: 3rd Sunday of the Month, 12:00pm

2000 HAIL MARY'S: Last Saturday of the Month, 8:00am – 6:00pm

CATHOLIC ACTION OF MARY: First Sunday 11AM,

St Bridget's Library

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday 1PM, St Bridget's Library

COLUMBIETTES: First Sunday 1PM, Marian Hall

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Collection Sunday, April 6 : \$3,248.00

Online Donations : \$ 130.00

We thank our parishioners for your continued support and use of your weekly envelopes.

Agradecemos a nuestros feligreses por su continuo apoyo y uso de sus sobres semanales.

Thank you for your Generosity! Gracias por su generosidad!

Parish Office

There will be No Holy Hour on Wednesday, April 16. The Parish Office will close early at 12pm on Holy Thursday, April 17. Morning Prayers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday at 9am.

Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 18 & 21, the Parish Office will be closed. The morning Mass on Monday, April 21 will be at 9am and there will be No Holy Hour.

Oficina Parroquial

No habrá Hora Santa el miércoles 16 de abril. Jueves Santo, 17 de abril, la Oficina Parroquial cerrará temprano a las 12 del mediodía. Oraciones de la mañana para el Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, Sábado Santo a las 9 am.

El Viernes Santo y el Lunes de Pascua, 18 y 21 de abril, la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada. La misa del lunes 21 de abril será a las 9:00 a. m. y no habrá Hora Santa.

SEMANA SANTA 2025

DOMINGO DE RAMOS, BENDICIÓN DE PALMAS

SÁBADO, 12 de abril — Misa a las 17:30

DOMINGO, 13 de abril — Misas a las 8:00, 10:00 y 12:00

Tras el Domingo de Ramos, al comenzar esta Semana Santa, recordemos constantemente su significado y valor para nuestras vidas hoy. Ese es un día muy importante en la historia, cuando Jesús comenzó su camino hacia la cruz. Sin embargo, quizás en medio de nuestras vidas ocupadas, tras las vacaciones de primavera o con todos los pensamientos sobre la Pascua, su verdadero significado se pierda, incluso sin querer. Su Palabra revela grandes verdades en cada parte de esta historia. Verdades que nos acercan a Cristo, recordándonos que solo Él es Rey.

EL TRIDUO: NUESTROS TRES DÍAS SANTÍSIMOS

JUEVES SANTO, 17 de abril — Oración de la mañana, 9:00 a. m., MISA DE LA CENA DEL SEÑOR, 7:30 p. m.

Salvo la resurrección en Pascua, el Jueves Santo es uno de los días de celebración más importantes, complejos y profundos de la Iglesia Católica. El Jueves Santo celebra la institución de la Eucaristía como el verdadero Cuerpo y Sangre de Jesucristo y la institución del sacramento del sacerdocio. Durante la Última Cena, Jesús se ofrece como el sacrificio pascual, el cordero expiatorio, y enseña que todo sacerdote ordenado debe seguir el mismo sacrificio de la misma manera. Cristo también se despidió de sus seguidores y profetizó que uno de ellos lo traicionaría y lo entregará a los soldados romanos. En esta misa, el lavatorio de pies simboliza el lavatorio que Cristo realizó a sus doce apóstoles, nuestros primeros obispos y sacerdotes.

LA ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO se realizará después de la Misa hasta las 11:00 p. m. en el Salón Mariano.

VIERNES SANTO

VIERNES 18 de abril — Oración de la mañana 9:00 a. m., PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR 3:00 p. m.

Hoy no hay misa; el altar está vacío y la puerta del sagrario está abierta. Comenzamos y terminamos nuestro servicio en silencio, recordando el sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo. Al venerar la cruz, se nos pide a cada uno que contemple la magnitud del sacrificio redentor de Cristo, junto con nuestra propia muerte al pecado en la muerte del Señor. Se distribuirá la Sagrada Comunión.

LA IGLESIA DE LUTO: 3:00 p.m., Muerte del Mesías. Celebración de la Pasión de nuestro Señor.

El obispo Gregory Studerus oficiará las ceremonias de la Pasión de nuestro Señor, donde contemplaremos el camino de Cristo al Calvario y su muerte en la cruz mediante cantos y meditaciones. Escuche las voces de quienes desempeñaron un papel importante durante las últimas horas de Jesús. ¿Qué pensó Judas, quien traicionó a Jesús? ¿Qué sintió María, quien vio a su Hijo sufrir y ser crucificado? Esté presente, pues sus pensamientos podrían ser los suyos también.

VÍA CRUCIS: 5:00 p.m., Procesión al aire libre.

Junto con el Obispo Studerus y los feligreses de Holy Rosary, realizaremos el Vía Crucis al aire libre. Comenzaremos frente a la Iglesia de Santa María. Por favor, vistan apropiadamente según el clima.

Las últimas siete palabras de Jesús después del Vía Crucis.

SÁBADO SANTO

SÁBADO, 19 de abril — Oración de la mañana 9:00 a.m., VIGILIA PASCUA 8:00 p.m.

¡Esta es la celebración central de todo el año litúrgico! Es la noche en que los antiguos cristianos velaban por la resurrección, como se recuerda al amanecer de la mañana de Pascua. La liturgia también enfatiza la historia de nuestra salvación mediante un Servicio de Luz y la Liturgia de la Palabra. Luego nos reunimos alrededor de la pila bautismal para renovar nuestras promesas bautismales y dejarnos llevar por las aguas de la nueva vida antes de celebrar la Eucaristía con plena alegría pascual. Invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros; es nuestra principal Misa de Pascua.

DOMINGO DE PASCUA

DOMINGO, 20 de abril — Salubong/Encuentro 7:30AM, Misas a las 8:00, 10:00 y 12:00

El Salubong/Encuentro anual comenzará con los hombres reunidos en la esquina de la avenida 2 con Manila y las mujeres en la esquina de la calle 3 con Erie. Esta es la tradición de la celebración con una recreación del reencuentro de Jesús y María, con las mujeres cargando a María con un velo para mostrar su dolor, y los hombres cargando a Jesús. Juntos, los dos grupos rezarán lentamente y proseguirán hacia la iglesia. Una vez allí, un ángel desvelará a María, señalando el fin de su dolor.

La Pascua es un día de celebración porque representa la plenitud de nuestra fe como cristianos. Mediante su muerte, Cristo salvó a la humanidad de la esclavitud del pecado y destruyó el dominio que la muerte tiene sobre todos nosotros; pero es su Resurrección la que nos da la promesa de una nueva vida, tanto en este mundo como en el venidero. Esa nueva vida comenzó el Domingo de Pascua. Con la resurrección de Cristo, el Reino de Dios se establece en la tierra, en la forma de la Iglesia. La Pascua no es un evento espiritual que ocurrió solo una vez, hace mucho tiempo; no decimos "Cristo ha resucitado", sino "Cristo ha resucitado", porque resucitó en cuerpo y alma, y sigue vivo y con nosotros hoy.

Misa familiar a las 8:00 a. m.

La misa familiar será a las 8:00 a. m., seguida de un desayuno ligero en el Salón Marian. Después del desayuno, habrá una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua para los niños.

HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY, BLESSING OF PALMS

SATURDAY, April 12— Mass at 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, April 13 — Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

On the heels of Palm Sunday, as we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That is a very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross. Yet maybe in the midst of busy lives, on the heels of Spring Break, or in all of the upcoming thoughts about Easter, the real meaning of it may, even unintentionally, get missed. His Word reveals such great truths in every part of this story. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King.

THE TRIDUUM: OUR THREE HOLIEST DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7:30 PM

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood. During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers. At this Mass, the washing of the feet symbolizes Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT follows after Mass until 11:00 PM in Marian Hall.

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, April 18 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM, PASSION OF THE LORD 3:00 PM

There is no Mass today; the Altar is bare, and the door of the tabernacle is open. We begin and end our service in silence as we remember Christ's suffering and death. As we venerate the cross, each of us is asked to contemplate the magnitude of Christ's redemptive sacrifice along with our own death to sin in the death of the Lord. Holy Communion will be distributed.

THE CHURCH IN MOURNING: 3:00 PM, The Death of the Messiah. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.

Bishop Gregory Studerus will officiate our Lord's Passion ceremonies where we contemplate on the journey of Christ to Calvary and His death on the Cross through songs and meditations. Listen to the voices of the people who played important roles during the final hours of Jesus. What were the thoughts of Judas who betrayed Jesus? What were the sentiments of Mary, who watched her Son suffer and crucified? Be there for their thoughts, maybe yours too.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 5:00 PM, Outside with procession.

Together with Bishop Studerus and the parishioners of Holy Rosary, we will have outside Stations of the Cross. We will start in front of St. Mary's Church. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS after Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, April 19 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM, EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM

This is the central celebration of the entire liturgical year! It is the night on which ancient Christians 'kept watch' for the resurrection as marked in the sunrise of Easter morning. The liturgy also emphasizes the story of our salvation history through a Service of Light and Liturgy of the Word. Then we gather around the font to renew our baptismal promises and to be touched by the waters of new life before celebrating the Eucharist with full Easter joy. We invite everyone to join us; it is our primary Easter Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, April 20 — Salubong/Encuentro 7:30AM, Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

The annual Salubong / Encuentro will begin with the men gathering on the corner of 2nd/Manila Ave and the women gathering on the corner of 3rd/Erie Street. This is the tradition of celebration with a reenactment of Jesus and Mary reuniting with the women carrying a veiled Mary, to show her bereavement, and the men carrying Jesus. Together the two groups will slowly pray and process towards the Church. Once there an angel will unveil Mary, signaling the end of her grief.

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next. That new life began on Easter Sunday. With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church. Easter isn't a spiritual event that happened just once, long ago; we don't say "Christ has risen" but "Christ is risen," because He rose, body and soul, and is still alive and with us today.

Family Mass at 8:00 AM

Family Mass will be at 8:00 AM followed by a light breakfast in Marian Hall. After breakfast there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.