

Welcome to the Parish of  
*Immaculate Conception*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*April 19, 2020 - Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)*

*Jesus, I Trust In You...*



*"Let us stand before the Crucified One and let us ask for the grace to live in order to serve. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others."*

*- Pope Francis*

*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples*

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### Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)

On February 22, 1931, Jesus appeared to a simple nun from Krakow, Poland, named Sister Faustina, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for mankind. He asked her to have the image of Divine Mercy made - the image that presents Jesus clothed in a white garment, with one hand raised in blessing and the other touching the garment at the breast. From the opening in the garment at the breast, there comes forth two large rays, one red, and the other pale. The pale ray stands for the water, which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood, which is the life of souls. Jesus said to Saint Faustina, "These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross...Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold on him. I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all, says the Lord. *Jesus, I trust in You!*"



#### Worship with IC from home...

**Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.**

**Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Wednesdays @ 11:00 A.M. (School Mass)**

We welcome all to join with us in prayer for our Masses which are livestreamed through Twitch TV ([www.twitch.tv/icchicago](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)) and through Facebook Live on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website ([www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net)). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.

Please spread the word that IC is still the place to be by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to join our expanding virtual community.

#### Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although both our Church building and Parish Office are temporarily closed (through Thursday, April 30th in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Shelter-In-Place mandate for the state of Illinois), our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at [frontdesk@icparish.info](mailto:frontdesk@icparish.info) with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

In the meantime, please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

#### Support IC through Give Central...

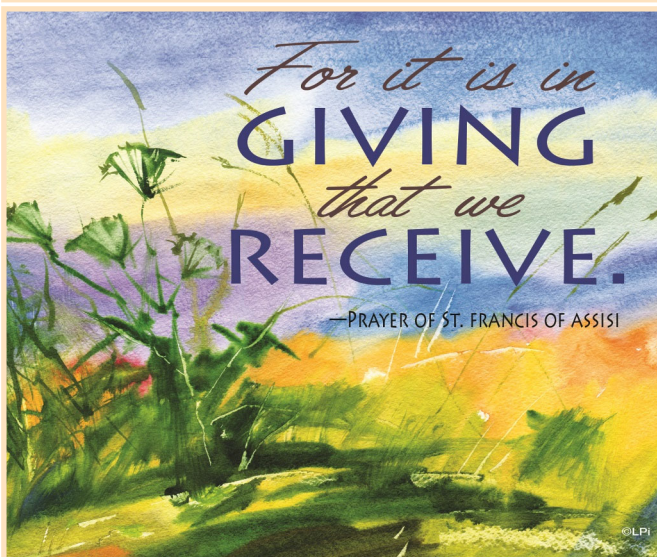
The current suspension of liturgical services is regrettably leading to significant losses in our offertory income. Simply put, we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you. As such, we are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at [www.givecentral.org/location/349](http://www.givecentral.org/location/349) to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at:

**7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.**

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of our parish!



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*With grateful hearts, we thank all those who welcomed us into their homes and hearts this past week by virtually attending our celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. We hope that listening to the Word of God and spiritually connecting with us as a parish family (praying with, and for, one another during these holy days) instilled your hearts and minds with peace and hope.*

*Our Masses are recorded and archived daily, so if you missed any portion of our celebration (or if a friend, relative or neighbor might be comforted by viewing our Masses during this challenging time) please visit: [www.twitch.tv/icchicago/videos](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago/videos) to access our current video archive (available for a limited time.) In the meantime, please enjoy a pictorial retrospective of our commemoration of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord.*



*Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
April 9th*



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*Good Friday - Passion of the Lord  
April 10th*



*Jesus said, "It is finished."  
And bowing His head, He handed over His spirit.*



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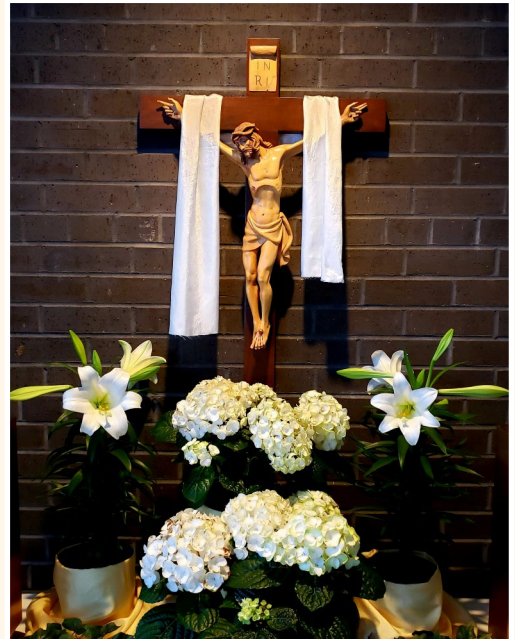


*Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
April 11th*



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*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
April 12th*



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### Gospel Reflection...

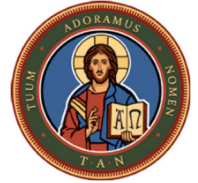
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- John 20:19-31

John is the only evangelist to record the episode of Thomas' initial doubt in Jesus' resurrection. What role does doubt have in your spiritual journey?

### Spiritual Resources...

Many of you may be suffering from fear and anxiety amidst the Coronavirus pandemic and the economic repercussions it has caused. Thankfully, a small blessing has found its way to our parish. TAN Books, a Catholic publisher based in North Carolina and someone we have done business with in the past, has graciously offered to supply us with a host of books covering various spiritual topics, and perfect to keep your Faith strong and engaged during this difficult time, all at a **discounted rate of 30% off**.



Additionally, **30% of all sales from our parish will be sent back to us as a donation**. Simply go to their website, [www.tanbooks.com](http://www.tanbooks.com), and use the code **IMMA60631** at checkout to receive the discount. **This is a great way to make a donation to our parish and receive something of great spiritual value in return.**

We hope you will find valuable resources on their website that will deepen your faith and comfort you during a very difficult time. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rick at [carmoric@comcast.net](mailto:carmoric@comcast.net).

#### Connect with IC through Zoom...

Opportunities for prayer (Monday through Saturday):

**11:00 A.M. - Daily Rosary**

(hosted by Deacon Rick & his wife Carol)

**Zoom Meeting Room/ID Code: 7902114314**

(Security Password: 920449.)

**3:00 P.M. - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Faith Conversations**

(hosted by Mario Orrico & Fr. Robert)

**Zoom Meeting Room/ID Code: 7661741428**

(Security Password: 895580.)

Direct links to both virtual Zoom rooms are easily accessible on our parish website ([www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net)). Zoom offers you the opportunity to see and hear members of our community praying together and engaging in conversations about their faith, while also allowing you to interact and participate as well.

Please visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) to register and download the web app for free on your computer, smartphone or tablet.

#### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Have you ever experienced awe? Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe has the ability to lift us up out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something that is beyond the normal happenings of life. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" Pondering the vastness of God's presence also brings us to a profound sense of God's mercy, which is the showering of His unconditional love on each of His daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves standing in awe once again and feeling an intense sense of peace.

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### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Mary Alvarez	Richard Losik
Concetta Bartucci	Benny Martinez
Melissa Bednarz	Edwin Martinez
Celerina Behrman	Frank Martinez
Robert Behrman	Jan Merino
Sonia M. B.	Veronica Murillo
Vince Caeti	Timothy Murray
Jackie Campbell	Mae O'Donnell
Rita Castillo	Jackie O'Koniewski
James Covello	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Sherry Crocifisso	Bill Remblake
Ronnie Cunningham	Sebastian L. Rivera
Brooke Foreman	David Rodriguez
Lila Gehner	Elaine Schatz
Ofelia Hernandez	Edward Stanczyk
Nancy Kinzie	Steven P. Trifilio
Craig Kloss	John Varallo
Lillian Kohut	
Arlene Lacey-Beyna	

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list or removed, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

To receive Communion at home, please contact our Parish Office or email Deacon Ron at: [jmideacon@aol.com](mailto:jmideacon@aol.com) and leave your name, address, and telephone number.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IC

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website at [www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net).

**Please note: As a precautionary measure, all previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed through Thursday, April 30th. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.**

### Pope Tweet of the Week...

"In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!"



### Your Gifts to God and Parish

If you plan to move from the parish, please notify the Parish Office at least three months before you move. Also, if you will be away for more than 3 months, please call the Parish Office, so your envelopes can be stopped for that time period. If you use electronic giving and still receive envelopes, please contact the Parish Office so we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

**Please join our parish family in prayer as we honor our faithful departed:**

Sebastiano Giannese (Brother of Dorina Spiering)



### Readings for the Week of April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**BAPTISMS:** Arrangements must be made in advance. A preparatory session is required for parents. The sessions are every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory Assembly. No baptisms during Lent.

**MARRIAGES:** Those contemplating marriage need to contact a priest of the parish to begin the process of preparation at least six months in advance. No marriages during Advent and Lent.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is [icparishbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:icparishbulletin@gmail.com).

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Please contact or visit the Parish Office for more information.

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### MASST INTENTIONS

**Please note: Although public celebration of Mass has been suspended until further notice, Fr. Robert and Fr. Matt will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the wellbeing of our community and our city and to honor the intentions of the day.**

#### **Sunday, April 19 - Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Richard Pawlowski; †Edward Labuz; †The Boksa Family; and †Jean & Tony Reszotko

7:30 A.M.— †Mike O'Donnell

9:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; †Charles Grayzeck; †Maureen Serb; †Estelle & Frank Lunski; †Marie & Jesus Villagomez; and †Vincenzo Porcelli

11:15 A.M.— †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo

6:00 P.M. - †Marilyn McCallister

#### **Monday, April 20 – Easter Weekday**

8:30 A.M.— †Clair Tyson

#### **Tuesday, April 21 - Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 A.M.— †Sebastiano Giannese

#### **Wednesday, April 22 - Easter Weekday**

8:30 A.M.— Scott Kinzie (on his 50th Birthday) (Living)

#### **Thursday, April 23 - Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30 A.M. — †Helen Jaworski

#### **Friday, April 24 - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**

8:30 A.M.— †Sebastiano Giannese

#### **Saturday, April 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist**

5:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30 A.M.— †Clementine Longo

9:30 A.M.— †Larry Ghidara (on his 4th Anniversary)

11:15 A.M.— †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Teresa Maniscalco; and †Sebastiano Giannese

6:00 P.M. - †Regina Hanusiak

**April 19th through April 25th**

*The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of*

**Regina Hanusiak**

**April 19th through April 24th**

*The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of*

**Mary Beth O'Grady**

**April 19th through April 24th**

*The St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of*

**David McCallister**

### **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, U.S. Army - Thomas Treslo National Guard Specialist 4th Class

U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

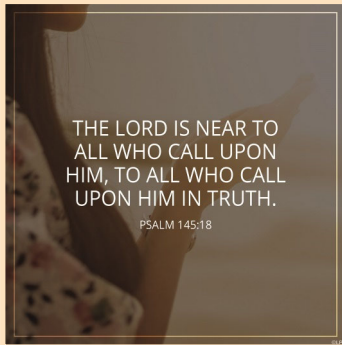
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal

U.S. Marine - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Let us pray for these women and men and all who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office when these service people return. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website: [vets.archchicago.org](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.

## *Immaculate Conception Parish*

### *Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*



A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves – and in the very life of creation – this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

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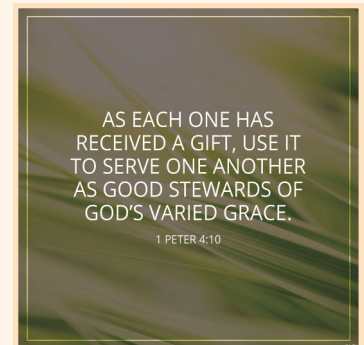
### *Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments*

#### **Give Yourself Completely...**

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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