

Welcome to the Parish of  
*Immaculate Conception*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*May 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter*



*"For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the spirit."*

*- 1 Peter 3:18*

*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples*

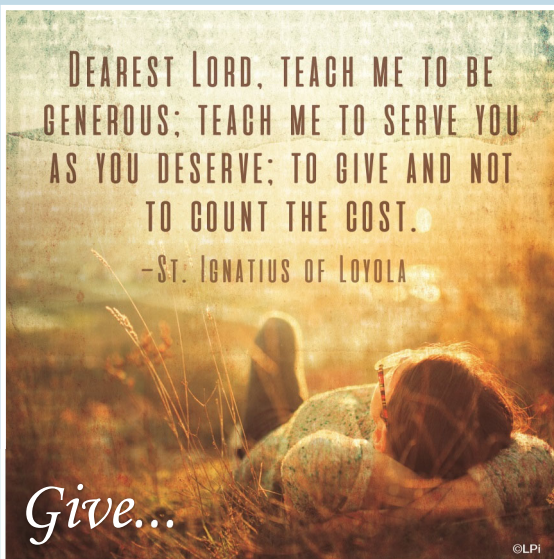
Worship...



Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live 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.

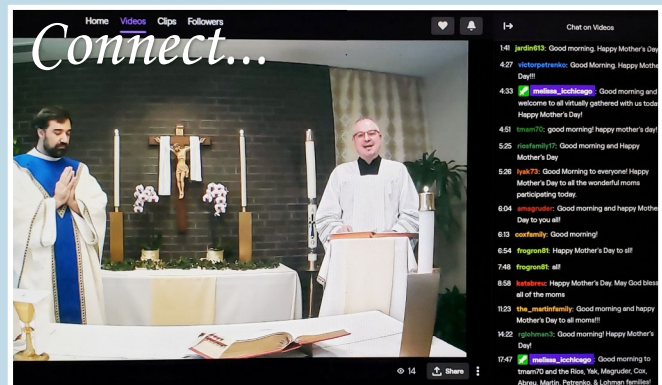
We also invite you to pray the **Rosary** and **Divine Mercy Chaplet** with us daily (Monday through Saturday) at **3:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Additional instructions on how to join us are available on our website.

Please spread the word that IC is still “the place to (virtually) be” by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to join our expanding online community.



Give...

Worship with IC from home...  
Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.  
Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.  
Wednesdays @ 11:00 A.M. (School Mass)



Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

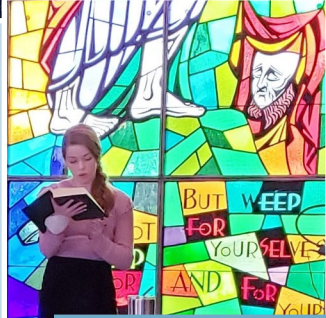
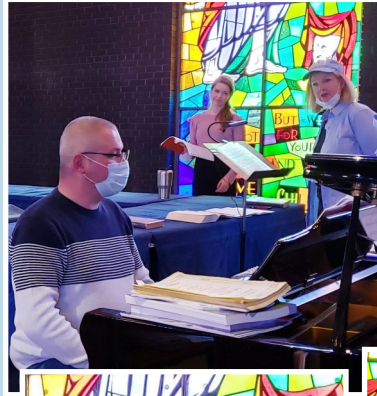
If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at [www.givecentral.org/location/349](http://www.givecentral.org/location/349) to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting 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.**

*“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” - II Corinthians 9:11*



*Immaculate Conception Parish*



**Behind the Scenes at IC...**  
Our reunited professional quartet, Elizabeth Doyle, Katie & Justin Taylor and EmilyAnn Duffley, joined Fr. Matt & Scott in our Church for a recording session this past Wednesday, May 6th as we continue to expand our music library for our virtual Masses.



## Immaculate Conception Parish

### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

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

### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

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

Phillip Leo Tarasiewicz  
James Maher (Grandfather of Katie Taylor)

### Readings for the Week of May 17th



**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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

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

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

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

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

**Next Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 *7th Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

### Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although both our Church building and Parish Office are temporarily closed (through **Saturday, May 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.

### 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 Saturday, May 30th. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.**

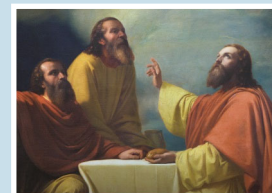
### Pope Tweet of the Week...

*"Prayer is the breath of faith. It is like a cry that comes forth from the heart of the believer and is entrusted to God. Faith is having two raised hands and a voice that cries out to implore the gift of salvation."*



### Gospel Reflection...

*"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live."*  
- John 14:18-19



Jesus reveals to his disciples that the intimacy between himself, the Holy Spirit, and the Father can be shared with fellow believers. How do you experience the intimacy of our triune God?

**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 our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at [www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net) for additional information.

**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, May 17 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - Rev. Matthew Heinrich (on his 5th Anniversary of Ordination)

7:30 A.M.— †Helen Jaworski

9:30 A.M.— †Sophie Fudala; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Donald Coduto; †Robert “Bob” Babich; †Frank Shortino; †Adele Stellabotte; †Mary Moreth; and †Dr. Peter Sakas, DVM

11:15 A.M.— †Lorenzo Chiusolo; †James Maher; and †Bryan Moorehouse

6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

**Monday, May 18 – Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

8:30 A.M.— †Anna Paura (on her 19th Anniversary); and Rev. Robert Carlton (on his 1st Anniversary of Ordination)

**Tuesday, May 19 - Easter Weekday**

8:30 A.M.— Philip Abraham (Living) (on his Birthday)

**Wednesday, May 20 - Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest**

8:30 A.M.— †Vicente Daylo (on his 16th Anniversary); and †Mary Lukose

**Thursday, May 21 – Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 A.M. — Rev. Robert Fedek (on his 15th Anniversary of Ordination)

**Friday, May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

8:30 A.M.— †Richard Pawlowski

**Saturday, May 23 - Easter Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - †Catherine Lacey

**Sunday, May 24 – The Ascension of the Lord**

7:30 A.M.— †Clementine Longo

9:30 A.M.— †Philip Bober

11:15 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Julia Stirling

6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish



**May 17th through May 23rd**

*The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of*

**Rev. Robert Fedek**

*(On his 15th Anniversary of Ordination)*



**May 17th through May 22nd**

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

**Irene Hand**



**May 17th through May 22nd**

*The St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of*

**Phillip Tarasiewicz**

**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.

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



We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends – faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

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

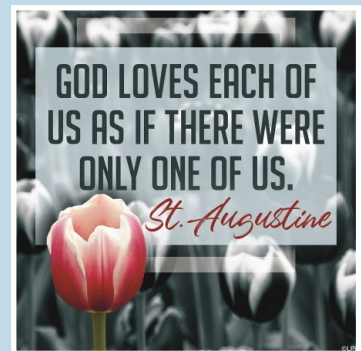
**Calculating Love...**

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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