



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 8, 2021

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (temporarily closed)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

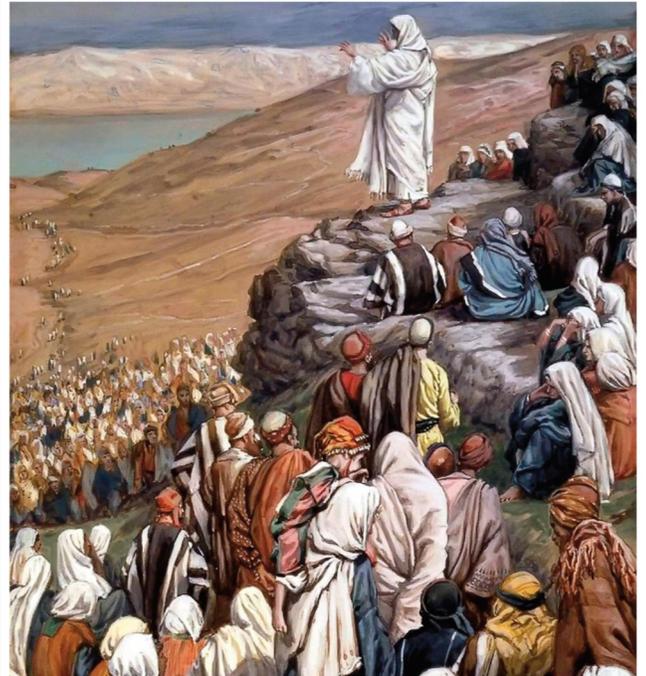
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
Jn 6:51



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmaryl.org

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Face masks do not have to be worn if you are fully vaccinated. If not, it is recommended that you still wear your face-mask over your nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

July 25, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,387	\$25,700	\$3,687
YTD	\$103,775	\$102,800	\$975
Needs	\$1,742	\$1,480	\$262

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending July 25, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,073
2nd	\$226

For Holy Cross, you can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We appreciate your generosity to the church.

Titles of Mary

With the Solemnity of the Assumption coming up next week (August 15), and the Queenship of Mary a week later (August 22), I think it is time for your Pastor to eat, drink and speak Mary! While the state beside Delaware is Maryland, the devotional and ecclesial landscape of the Church really is “Mary Land” – as the Mother of God, her unique connection to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gives her an important role in our faith life as well as in the life of the Church.

Dedicated to the One I Love. Because of this important role, Mary has many feast days (there is one for every day of the year), and many, many, many titles. I want to dedicate this column (and next week’s column) to the titles of our Blessed Mother, Mary, many of which are a great source of love and devotion for me in my prayer life.

Now, we know that titles tell us a lot about people. In our country, we don’t dabble in titles the way other culture do or have done. For us here in the United States, a title might be “Vice President of Sales” or “Governor of Delaware” – very direct and very prescriptive titles. And while Elvis Presley is “The King of rock n’roll,” and famous comedian Jackie Gleason was dubbed “the Great One,” we are not too much of a nation of titles. However, titles do play a large part in many other realms and areas of this world, and provide description, designations, location and accolades.

The Pope. For example: The Holy Father, the Pope, takes many titles: *His Holiness the Pope; Bishop of Rome; Vicar of Jesus Christ; Successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles; Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church; Patriarch of the West (no longer an official title); Servant of the Servants of God; Primate of Italy; Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province; and Sovereign of the Vatican City State.*

- Some are descriptive: His Holiness, Vicar of Christ
- Some are designations: Successor of St Peter, Prince of the Apostles
- Some are location based: Primate of Italy, Bishop of Rome
- Some are accolades: Supreme Pontiff, Patriarch of the West

King of Spain. I know it sounds like the Pope has a lot of titles, but the King of Spain has more titles than any reigning monarch I know. The King of Spain is officially known as: *“King Felipe VI, His Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain [the Spanish], King of Castile, of León, of Aragon, of the Two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, of Navarre, of Granada, of Seville, of Toledo, of Valencia, of Galicia, of Sardinia, of Córdoba, of Corsica, of Murcia, of Jaén, of the Algarves, of Algeciras, of Gibraltar, of the Canary Islands, of the East and West Indies, of the Islands and Mainland of the Ocean Sea; Archduke of*

Austria; Duke of Burgundy, of Brabant, of Milan, of Athens and Neopatria; Count of Habsburg, of Flanders, of Tyrol, of Roussillon, and of Barcelona; Lord of Biscay and of Molina de Aragón; Captain General & Supreme Commander of the Royal Armed Forces; Sovereign Grand Master of the Order of the Golden Fleece and of the orders awarded by the Spanish state.”

Try getting that on a nameplate for his desk! And what’s up with the fact that he is King of Jerusalem? How does that work? Well, that would be a topic for a whole ‘nother column. But the King of Spain’s titles are very much, in terms of categories, like those of the Pope:

- Some are descriptive: Catholic majesty
- Some are designations: Captain, General and Supreme Commander
- Some are location based: King of Jerusalem
- Some are accolades: Sovereign

Title Credits. So, titles tell us about who someone is, what they do, where they are from or connected to, and what they are known for. In that regard, Mary, our Blessed Mother, has many titles. On the simplest level, she is the wife of Joseph, the mother of Jesus. But in fact, her titles are too numerous to even cover in even this two-week long Pastor’s Column.

There’s Something about Mary. Mary our Blessed Mother, is blessed with many titles, that give *hyperdulia* (special honor) to her. Mary’s titles, like those of the kings and queens, could also be easily divided into groupings like I noted for the Pope, and the King of Spain. For instance:

- Descriptive: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Designation: Immaculate Conception
- Location: Our Lady of Guadeloupe
- Accolades: Mother of Mercy

Mary Had a Little Lamb. And while that breakdown can certainly apply, and in our normal course of hearing these titles make perfect sense to us, our Blessed Mother’s titles are perhaps even better sub-grouped to help us understand her unique role in salvation history, especially as related to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Thus, in this column I will be demarcating Mary’s specifically in the category of Dogmatic Titles (the most important, theological), Doctrinal Titles, Natural Titles, and Devotional Titles, and you will see how in some cases these key titles generate so many more titles upon titles for our Mother of all mothers.

Earliest Titles of Mary

First Things First. But before we get to those titles, let me note the very earliest titles ascribed to our Blessed Mother:

The New Eve. Not much later than 100 years after Christ’s death, Mary was identified as the “New

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
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Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. Take some time to stop by and spend time with Our Lord. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. Call Joann Pate at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you and/or your family. Our Lord is waiting for YOU to come spend one hour a week with him in prayer!!

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members: *Grayson Gomez, Peter Gomez,, and Neizan Perez*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Condolences to the family of *Mike Emig* who recently passed. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 15 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FIRST READING: REVELATION 11:19A, 12:1-6, 10A

Mary is the archetypal disciple in whom we see, as in a mirror, all that we can become through God's grace, despite our human weakness.

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 15:20-27

The belief that at Mary's death, she was taken up body and soul into heaven as a foretaste of the resurrection.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-56

Mary had nothing, yet she believed that God's power could make of her a blessing for all the world.

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to Saint Joseph?

It basically means you acknowledge Saint Joseph is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to Saint Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates their self to Saint Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give his undivided attention, protection, and guidance to those consecrated to him.

When will the next group consecration occur at Holy Cross?

The next group consecration will occur on Saturday, August 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the church. While it is being sponsored by the Men of the Holy Cross men's group, everyone is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

What do I have to do to prepare myself for consecration?

First, purchase the book: *Consecration to Saint Joseph*. (If you are currently under financial hardship, please email the Men of the Holy Cross, and they will gladly provide a copy for you.)

The book has preparation methods for individuals and groups. You will follow the individual preparation method, which is the main part of the book, for Days 1 through 32. Day 33 and the consecration will occur on August 21 as a group.

Ideally, Days 1 through 33 are contiguous, but that is not an absolute. If you prefer this approach, you begin Day 1 on July 20. Otherwise, begin as soon as you are ready, and complete Day 32 no later than August 20. You will spend about 20-30 minutes each day reading a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of Saint Joseph, followed by a reading on Saint Joseph, and concluding with the recitation of the Litany of Saint Joseph. On August 21, we will recite the same consecration prayer together as a group.

What is the agenda for the event on August 21?

The agenda is basically the Day 33 agenda that is given in the book. However, it will occur during Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST

9 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am William Heinrich

10 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Susan Papineau

11 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Bill Peek

12 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Irene Sadusky
ICC 6 pm For the People

13 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Matthew Kropiewnicki, Sr.

14 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Margaret Musselman
HC 5 pm Debbie Rolla

15 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Julie Anne Stump
ICC 8:30 am Waltar & Alice Tariala
HC 9:30 am Timothy Staniszewski
ICC 11 am Joseph Etim
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

Most Holy Eucharist.

What can I do if I cannot attend the group consecration on August 21?

Just follow the instructions in Consecration to Saint Joseph from the Individual Preparation Method as soon as you are ready.

How may I obtain more information about being consecrated to Saint Joseph or the Men of the Holy Cross men's group?

For more information about the Consecration to Saint Joseph, please visit the official website at www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/index.html.

For more information about the Men of the Holy Cross men's group, either visit their webpage on Holy Cross' website, or send an email to the Men of the Holy Cross via Reggie Capitan at reggie@thebrickdoctor.com.

MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Lector Schedule for July/August 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Aug 7 D. Kilby
Aug 14 K. Bassett

7:30 am Mass

Aug 8 J. Davis
Aug 15 R. Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Aug 8 C. Parks
Aug 15 M. Sherlock

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Aug 8 G. Godfrey
Aug 15 D. Smith

11 am Mass

Aug 8 A. Meyer
Aug 15 D. King

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at belt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryladel.org Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

It's summer. It's hot in the northern hemisphere. How do you and your beloved keep cool? If you're lucky enough to have air-conditioning. Be thankful and help someone who doesn't. If you live in the southern hemisphere – just wait.

PARENTING POINTERS

If your kids are of school age, it will soon be time to return. Most schools will be different post pandemic – even if it means going back to almost normal. Of course you'll talk about this, but also listen – to what they've learned during 2020-21 and what they fear.

FAITH DIRECT

The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE251. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, August 14th, tune in to hear Bishop Koenig's homily from the August 7th ordination of 15 permanent deacons. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdown.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

NEWLY REGISTERED

Welcome to our newest parish members: *Margaret A. Walker; Marie and Nicholas J. Sirolli; Jennifer and Joe Pepple; Andrew Walters; Emily, Sophie, Thomas Bickle and Rachel Delgado*

- Por favor de APAGAR o silenciar los celulares y todo aparato electrónico antes de entrar al Templo, que es un lugar sagrado donde se va a tener un encuentro con el Señor nuestro Dios. Es una distracción para los fieles que están orando. No les traiga comida o juguetes a sus hijos. La duración de la Misa es de una hora o menos. Enséñales a participar del santo sacrificio de la Misa, sabemos que los niños pequeños se inquietan, si se inquieta o llora sáquelo al Nártex hasta que se tranquilice. Prepare en casa a la familia, háblele a su hijo del lugar sagrado y de Jesús antes de ir a la santa misa y como cada niño se debe comportar en la iglesia y las expectativas que usted tiene del comportamiento de su hijo. Cuando llegue para la misa ocupe los asientos más cercanos al altar los pequeños se sienten más involucrados con la celebración y así pueden apreciar lo que está sucediendo; dale una labor en la Misa, puede crear en los pequeños una “sentido de responsabilidad y logro”, simples como “poner el dinero en la canasta de la colecta “y lo importancia de ayudar al sostenimiento de su iglesia. Explíquelo que las veladoras que están en el Nártex no son para jugar son ofrecimientos por una intención de una persona y se deja un donativo por cada vela que se enciende. Nunca deje ir al baño o salir solo a sus hijos, es por su protección y para la protección de todos.
- La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa. Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.
- Foro Cristino Comienza el viernes 17 de septiembre, 2021 a las 6:00 de la tarde el ELC. Volveremos a empezar con Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Sra Arline Dosman para Inscribirse. El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1

ICC- EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

**Todos los catequistas de educación religiosa y asistente / reunión de formación- para la capacitación de libros de texto nuevos: martes, 10 de agosto a las 7 pm en el pasillo con Paul Gallagher. (Si no está seguro de si debe asistir y está

pensando en enseñar o ser asistente, entonces sí, debe estar aquí)

TE NECESITAMOS: ¡Se necesitan catequistas para el próximo año! Consulte con la Sra. Poppiti lo antes posible. Si se lo está preguntando, esta puede ser su vocación.

ESCUELA BIBLICA DE VERANO: Un gran agradecimiento a todos nuestros voluntarios, nuestro seminarista Eric,

¡Todos los que donaron artículos y especialmente nuestros niños!- ¡¡¡Nos vemos el año que viene !!!

Se están recolectando evaluaciones: Todas las evaluaciones de los estudiantes que están en sus paquetes de unidades, para las 4 unidades, se deben a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti cuando la unidad esté terminada. Entregue el crédito para este año. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmmarydel.org

Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en la Inmaculada Concepción:

¡TE NECESITAMOS! NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS PARA EL PROXIMO AÑO. Si está pensando esto pue ser su llamado. Comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmmarydel.org

Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más, para 10 sesiones que se extienden a aproximadamente un marco de tiempo de 12 semanas. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti para registrarse. El costo es de \$ 25 para la Parte 1 y es necesario registrarse para tener su guía de participante. Presentado en el Salón del ICC los lunes por la noche a partir del 27 de septiembre., “Symbolon: La fe católica explicada es una nueva serie de videos asombrosos que presenta sistemáticamente la imagen GRANDE de la fe católica. Filmado en lugares en Roma, Tierra Santa, Calcuta, y en los estudios del Instituto Augustine Institute en Denver, docenas de maestros conocidos a nivel nacional presentan claramente la belleza y el brillo del catolicismo. Esta convincente serie contiene dos partes que incluyen diez episodios cada una. En la Parte 1, viajamos a través de las enseñanzas centrales de la Iglesia Católica descritas en el Credo y el Catecismo con el objetivo de conocer la Fe. En la Parte 2, nos enfocamos en nuestro encuentro con Dios en los sacramentos y la vida moral para que podamos vivir plenamente la Fe”.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL. ED (HC)

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>. Registration for Religious Education is due July 16, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION PREP CANDIDATES (HC)

Please plan on attending a parent meeting for Confirmation candidates on either Sunday, August 29 OR Monday, August 30 at 7 pm in the Matthew Mark room of the ELC Building 2nd Floor. We will go over the schedule for classes, retreats, and answer any questions that come up.

If you have not returned your child's registration materials, please do so ASAP.

PEER LEADERS FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Please let Mrs. Darling know your intent on continuing as a peer leader this coming year. Mark your calendar for Peer Retreat August 28 and 29. More details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

***Registration for next year 2021-2022: We need to plan for teachers, space and books. Please see Ms. Alicia to hand in your child's registrations. A table will be set up after most Masses for registration, online and at office.

All Religious Education Catechist and Assistant/aid in-service- for new text book training: Tuesday, August 10th at 7pm in hall with Paul Gallagher. (If you are not sure if you should attend, and are thinking of teaching or be an assistant, then yes, you should be here)

WE NEED YOU: Catechists needed for next year! Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

Assessments are being collected: All student

assessments that are in their unit packs, for all 4 units, are due to Mrs. Alicia Poppiti when unit is finished. Please hand in for credit for this year. Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmmarydel.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (IC)

A big thank you to all our volunteers, our seminarian Eric, all those who donated items and especially our kids! See you all next year!!!

FUND RAISER AT IC

To help defray cost of HVAC repair in church.

Fun & Nonsense 4 Shows

Bingo, Fun & Sainly Prizes

Sept. 11 at 4 PM and 6:30 PM

Sept. 12 at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM

\$10 Donation

SVDP MEETING AT IC

St. Vincent de Paul meeting on 8/12/21 at 5 pm in the office building. We will meet from now on in the office building every month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

PARISH PICNIC AT IC

Saturday, September 25, from 2 to 6 pm.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided.

Join us for Music, Hayrides, and Games.

Please bring a covered dish.

SYMBOLON (IC)

Knowing the Faith: We are offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th.

Here is a brief description, "*Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a stunning new video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each. In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of *knowing the Faith*. In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully *living the Faith*."

We live in a push button society. All I have to do is push four buttons to initiate my seventy five minute commute between home and school. I unlock the car door, I start the car, I open the garage door and I turn on the air-conditioner (or open the windows) and I'm ready to place foot to accelerator and off I go! Four buttons. It all takes a matter of a few seconds. Think about all of the tasks set into motion by the push of a button affording us the luxury of instantaneous results. In order for me to create this document, all I had to do was push a button. Global communication is enabled by the push of a button. And while the benefits of such effortless living are many, there are more than a few detriments associated with such opulence.

Many is the time when meeting with a family and their youngest pre-school aged child has joined us for our conversation. Almost without fail the tablet or mom's phone is handed off to the toddler as a means of occupying him for the duration of our meeting. Sadly, it works like a charm. That is, until something goes awry and almost as quickly as the technology failed, the tears and screaming ensue. The books I have in my office for such events don't hold a candle to the lost technology, and in most cases fail to hold the youngster's attention. For all of us, aggravation, annoyance and anger result from the lack of instant gratification.

Travel with me for a bit in the way-back machine.

When Jesus and the disciples arrived, they noticed the large crowd. Jesus felt love for these people because He knew they needed a teacher and someone to believe in. He knew that the disciples would understand, so He began teaching the large crowd many things.

It was starting to get late in the day and none of the people had supper yet. The disciples came to Jesus and said, "There is no food around here and it's already getting late. Maybe we should send the people away so they can go to the surrounding towns and get themselves something to eat." But Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

The disciples didn't think that they understood Jesus right and said, "We can't feed all these people, we would have to work almost a year to pay for all the food!" While the disciples were talking to Jesus, one of the disciples named Andrew noticed a small boy walking by with a small lunch. He stopped the boy and asked him what he had. He quickly ran over to where the disciples were talking to Jesus and said, "Here is a boy with five small loaves of bread and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many people?"

Jesus smiled and said, "Ask everyone to sit down."

.....And we know the rest of this miraculous story. How long did it take to accomplish this incredible feat? I don't know that answer. But I do know that God continues to work miracles in our time. It's the timing, though. Oftentimes, we wait.

I have been praying for someone to respond to my plea for a Cafeteria Manager. I am not looking for someone to feed 5000 people, maybe 200 on a chicken nugget day, or 250 on a pizza day. Breakfast is a popular day, too; but it doesn't take a miracle worker to bake some french toast sticks or pancakes. I am not trying to trivialize or minimize the responsibility; but our children had long ago come to love the meals prepared by Mrs. Stant. She added that secret ingredient that always makes everything taste better. It truly is heartbreaking to think we may have to resort to brown bag lunches from home every day. Efforts remain in place to fill this critical position. But that proverbial brick wall rears its ugly head at every turn.

I participated in a Middle States school visit several years ago. Unfortunately, the school was in an ongoing state of demise and was fighting to hold on. Programs had to be eliminated in their fight to keep open the doors. In the process of cost elimination, the lunch program bit the dust. That decision had an overall negative effect on student morale. As the visiting team, we recommended that the program be reinstated.

Remember, I can get in my car and be on the road by pushing four buttons. In a matter of seconds I have a motorized machine in operation driving me down the road. I need a miracle, and I need it now, Lord.

Please don't let our lunch program be a story told from the way-back machine.

Eve," identifying her as the mirror image of the first eve: obedient, devoted, and heeding of God's will. As Eve closed the gates of heaven to mankind, Mary, the New Eve opened them wide. Justin Martyr, a church apologist of the 2nd century, first imbued Mary with this title in his Dialogue with Trypho. St Irenaeus later expanded on this understanding.

Help of Christians. By the 4th century, St. John Chrysostom, in 345, was the first person to use the title Mary Help of Christians, as a devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Star of the Sea. Stella Maris or Our Lady, Star of the Sea is an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, used to emphasize her role as a sign of hope and a guiding star for Christians. This title is attributed to St. Jerome.

Those are the three earliest titles ascribed to Mary, and now let's turn to the theological most importantly titles, which I dub as "dogmatic title" – that is titles of Mary that tie to dogmatic beliefs of our faith. Note that many titles of Mary (like Our Lady of Fatima, or Our Lady of Knock, etc.) are not dogmatic or even doctrinal titles, rather they are simply titles generated from private revelation, which was later made known. As a reminder, a private revelation may be deemed of value of consideration and thus made known by the Church as praiseworthy of belief but not necessary for salvation. Conversely, Dogmatic teachings are necessary for salvation, and thus there are few aspects of Mary, that must be held by the faithful; similarly, there are titles that emanate from those dogmatic bases. Not every offshoot of a dogmatic title is necessarily dogmatic; so, while Mary, Mother of God would be dogmatic, other motherly titles of Mary may be merely descriptive or devotional. So, let's start with our dogmatic titles:

Dogmatic titles of Mary

Mother (of God): The Council of Ephesus decreed in 431 that Mary is Theotokos because her son Jesus is both God and man: In Latin Theotokos is rendered as "Mater Dei" or Mother of God from which we get the title, "Blessed Mother". Mary's motherhood is so profound and so abjectly connected to our salvation history that Mary carries, no less than 653 titles with the word Mother, including Sweet Mother of Pity, True Mother of the Apostles, Instructress and Mother of the Church, Lovingly Solicitous Mother, and many more.

Virgin Mary: The doctrine of the threefold perpetual virginity of Mary was taught by the early Fathers. The middle of the Fourth century, as Christianity took root in the Roman Empire, the term "ever-virgin" became a popular title for Mary. More commonly today, we render this title as the "Virgin Mary", the "Blessed Virgin", or the "Blessed Virgin Mary". So commonly used is the last title that it is frequently rendered simply as BVM in church writings and texts. The perpetual virginity of Mary was declared a dogmatic truth by the Lateran Council of 649.

The Virginity of Mary, emulated by female saints throughout the ages, who offered up their virginity to be brides of Christ, is a dogmatic truth for us. It is not some coincidence, it is not some make-shift hyperbolic honorific we render, it is the truth: Mary was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Christ and to the end of her life. She was undefiled, and while married to Joseph, they lived as brother and sister, with Mary's life devoted to Christ, and Joseph's life devoted to foster-fatherhood.

Mary's virginity is so significant that it has generated some 242 related titles of honor for our Mother Mary, among them: Mother of Virgins, Pearl of Virgins, First Confessor of Virginity, Ever-victorious virgin, and Virginal Queen of Virgins.

Immaculate Conception: Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception (celebrated December 8), is the Patron Saint of the United States of America. The dogma that Mary was conceived without original sin was held for many, many centuries in the Catholic faith, but it formally defined in 1854, by Pope Pius IX in an *ex cathedra* declaration and later Apostolic Constitution spelling out the nuances of the meaning of this title.

The fundamental identification of Mary as the Immaculate Conception is primary to our understanding of Mary as the Virgin Mother of God, Virgin in body and in spirit, undefiled by the taint of original sin. This is one Mary's most important titles, and as such some 99 titles related to her Immaculate Conception have been laid upon Mary by the Church, among them: Most Sweet Paradise of Innocence; the Immaculate Eve; the Lily among thorns; Mary, virgin soil, untouched by the curse; and Mary, Alone, holy, who excepting God, higher than all.

Related to this title, in modern devotion, is the title of Our Lady of Lourdes. Just a few years after the declaration of Pius IX, in 1858 The Blessed Virgin identified herself by this title in a private revelation to St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes in France. Mary asked the young Bernadette to drink from a spring where none existed. Bernadette scratched the surface and water began flowing which has not stopped since. The Church honors these events and remembers them with the optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th. For many years, this was the only title of Our Lady in the universal calendar based on an apparition.

More next week.....have a blessed week.