

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of
financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

From time to time, I'm approached by Parishioners or other members of the faithful, who want my "take" or my feedback on Catholic matters. Often these matters deal with some prognostication of some Catholic "visionary" or some secret revelation from a saint or from God himself. Often these "visions" or revelations are not confirmed by the authority of the Church, and in some cases are not approved at all. The problem I have with many of these matters when they are presented to me, is that they are presented as a "you must believe this" or else.

Do You Want to Know a Secret? The problem with that is that the way some of this material or information is presented is as secret knowledge or special knowledge, beyond the Catechism, the Canons, the Scriptures and Sacred Tradition. Let me be blunt: The Catholic Church is not some fringe cult, there is no secret information or knowledge that is necessary for Salvation. Everything God

wanted known for mankind's salvation was revealed in Scripture, Tradition and, most fully, in the person of Jesus Christ. To hold that there is secret knowledge or special secret information necessary for salvation or knowledge of God, is called Gnosticism. And Gnosticism, which is a broad category of several types of heresies, is condemned by the Church.

But there are legitimate revelations and visions that have appeared over the centuries. What about those? Where do they fit in? In this, I am referring to matter like the appearance or vision of Jesus bearing his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque or to the apparition of Mary to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. Now, in truth, both of these are called "Private Revelations" which were put forth to specific persons, for specific reasons. The Church has deemed them worthy of belief, however neither apparition or vision is necessary to be believed for Salvation. And the problem becomes when ones devotion to a specific apparition or vision rises to the level where they impose on

others that they must believe this, or else they are rejecting God, or else they are rejecting the Church, etc.

What I mean to say is: (1) the belief that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man, and (2) the belief that St. Joseph of Cupertino could levitate (which I firmly believe), are not on equal footing. The former is essential Catholic belief, and of salvific worth, the latter — true or not, worthy of belief or not — is not of salvific worth.

To clarify the Church's distinctions between public and private revelation, I am going to focus this week and next week's Pastor column on this topic. And away we go...

Rarities. I'm a Beatles fan. And as a fan, I ran off to my local record store in 1980, and plunked down \$7.99 for an album called "Beatles Rarities." To read the hype surrounding this album one would have thought this was the biggest thing since... well... the Beatles. The album was a collection of "rare" alternate takes of hit Beatles songs. I don't know what I really expected, but what I got were things like this: "Love Me Do" without a tambourine in the background, "Help" in mono instead of stereo, and "Penny Lane" with a three-second trumpet solo tack on the end of the song. This Capitol Record collection of so-called "Rarities" didn't fulfill me in the same manner of great original Beatles hits, but I would have to say that it did give me a better developed appreciation of their work. While this album provided no new revelations to me about the musical talent of this legendary band, it did give me a nuanced insight to their work. There is correlation between this record buying moment from yesteryear (dare I say, "Yesterday"), and the Church's understanding of what is called "Public Revelation" and "Private Revelation" (or I might put, the fullness of the Beatles vs. "Beatles Rarities.")

You Say You Want a Revelation... The Catholic Church teaches that everything that God wished to reveal for us in order that we would be able to attain salvation was revealed

in its fullness in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus – the Word made flesh, God-incarnate – communicated the Word and the truth of God in the form of Revelation to His Apostles. The Apostles in turn either wrote it down (New Testament in conjunction with earlier scripture, all divinely inspired) or handed it on (tradition). This communication relayed to us from God, through the Apostles, is known as "Public Revelation." It is a message made known for all mankind; thus it is "public." That Divine truth in Public Revelation is what the Church calls "the Deposit of the Faith" – it is the static, immutable truth of God made known to us in scripture and tradition.

Going Public. So, what is so special about this Public Revelation? Well, for salvation (and I would expect that everyone is on board for that) what God has made known to us via Scripture and Tradition (Public Revelation), Catholics are obliged to believe, to the extent of which is known by the teaching of the Church. That is to say, these things are necessary for salvation.

Being School — Public vs. Private. This brings us to the issue of what is called Private Revelation. To what does that refer? Well, God continues to reveal himself to us and others in many ways – and many folks have had that experience and tell others about it. Because God has told us everything we need to know for salvation in the person of Christ, expressed in Public Revelation, the question may occur as to what the value, weight or, indeed, the point of any of this Private Revelation might be. The answer in short form is this: Nothing that is made known via Private Revelation is or can be necessary for salvation – it is private in its nature, even if made public by its disclosure.

So, what are conditions and examples of Private Revelation? I'll tell you in seven days because I'm out of space. As they used to say on TV's *Batman*: To be continued next week, same bat-time, same bat-channel!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

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Sunday, February 24

8:30 Christina Godfrey

11:00 Charles Beck

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, February 28

7pm Misa For the People

Sunday, March 3

8:30 Anna Adam

11:00 Jack Carrow

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3009.00

Supplementary: \$ 360.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated

Join our Parish Family....Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Ash Wednesday is March 6th

Mass is at 9am, 5:30pm, and 7pm Spanish

****Lector, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar servers needed for all Masses. Please Call office and let Alicia Poppiti know if you can serve.

Altar Servers

March 3

8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon, Averi Locke

11am Mass – Vince Haass, Joanna Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Jessica Perez Ortiz & Sofia Ramirez

Lectors

March 3

8:30am Mass – Karen Cairns

11am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 1pm – Yorli Escalante, Pavel Hernández

Eucharistic Ministers

March 3

8:30am Mass – Sarah Bell, Karen Durham

11am Mass – Judy Carrow, Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, S. Morales, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo

Collection Counters

Feb 17 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Feb 24 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Mar 3 Tom & Mary McGowan

Church Cleaning Crew

Marzo 1, 2019 Grupo #12

Anselmo Escalante, Adelaida Velásquez, Judith Ortiz, Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylin Bartolón

Marzo 8, 2019 Grupo #13

Miguel López, Verónica López, Gregorio López, Juan Ramírez, Federico Pérez.

HELP

NEEDED !!

The ICC PENNY PARTY is March 9th 6PM and it is a great fundraiser benefitting our Church.



- Can you help set up Friday, March 8th in the Hall? Any time you can help between 9am-3pm will be appreciated!
- Can you help the night of the event? We need help between 4:30 – 9:30pm. You do not have to be available the entire time.

Service Hours are offered for the event.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Feb 24 9:40am SRE Classes in Classroom

Sun, Feb 24 12:15pm – Catechist Retreat in Hall

Sun, Feb 24 2:30pm – RICA in CC

Mon, Feb 25 6:30pm – “Catholicism” in Hall

Tue, Feb 26 6:30pm – 1st Communion Prep in hall

Wed, Feb 27 7pm – Grupo de Oración in Church

Fri, Mar 1 7pm – Band Practice

Fri, Mar 1 7pm – RCIA

Sat, Mar 2 6:30pm – Culto



Join us for Breakfast NEXT SUNDAY
March 3 9AM in the Hall

Knights of Columbus



Next meeting Tues, February 26
7pm Meeting in the Knights Hall
All members are encouraged to

attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

The next retreat is May 3-5, 2019 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

“It is easier to build a child than to repair an adult.” (Marilyn Krock, Caring Family Resources)
Think about this the next time you're tempted to say, “Later, dear” or “Can't it wait”, or “We'll do it tomorrow (or next week)”.

Marriage Moment –

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...” (1 Cor. 13:7)
Which of these characteristics does your beloved especially have?

“So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13)
Appreciate each other today and every day.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
9:40am-10:50am

Catechist Retreat
TODAY, February 24th
12:15-4pm in Hall.



Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year are ready. Please register your children now to secure a spot for your children.



We are taking registrations until April 1, 2019.



Sacramental Prep:

1st Communion Prep: Tuesday, Feb 26 at 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish hall.

Confirmation Prep: Sunday, March 10th, 11am-1pm in Hall.



Catechetical Day ("Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ")

with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and

Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. The Presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The final registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please get registration from Alicia Poppiti.



Tax letters are available in the office now.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to treat others as we would want others to treat us. How do you treat others as you want to be treated?

Question for Youth: How do you follow Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you?"

Question for Adults: Jesus says, "Give, and gifts will be given to you." When have you experienced your generosity coming back to you?

Séptimo domingo del Tiempo ordinario

Tema: Traten a los demás tal y como quieren que ellos los traten a ustedes.

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús dice que tratemos a los demás tal y como queramos que ellos nos traten a nosotros. ¿De qué manera tratan a los demás tal y como quieren que los traten?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cómo siguen la enseñanza de Jesús de "bendigan a quienes los maldicen, oren por quienes los maltratan"?

Pregunta para los adultos: Jesús dice: "Den y se les dará". ¿Cuándo han experimentado que la generosidad les era retribuida?



Pilgrimage: Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the tenth annual Pilgrimage on **Saturday, April**

13, 2019. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Ben Walther at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. **Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti, a bus will provide transportation for an additional \$10 per person, and you must be registered to ride bus. Deadline for registration is April 1st.**

Deadline for t-Shirt orders is March 10th, no late orders excepted.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 24 DE FEBRERO, 2019.

Queridos feligreses,

De vez en cuando, se me acercan feligreses u otros miembros de los fieles que quieren mi "opinión" o mis comentarios sobre asuntos católicos. A menudo, estos asuntos se relacionan con algún pronóstico de algún "visionario" católico o alguna revelación secreta de un santo o de Dios mismo. A menudo, estas "visiones" o revelaciones no están confirmadas por la autoridad de la Iglesia, y en algunos casos no están aprobadas en absoluto. El problema que tengo con muchos de estos asuntos cuando me los presentan, es que se presentan como "debes creer esto" o no.

¿Quieres saber un Secreto? El problema con esto es que la forma en que se presenta parte de este material o información es como conocimiento secreto o conocimiento especial, más allá del Catecismo, los libros Canónicos, las Escrituras y la Tradición Sagrada. Permítame ser franco: la Iglesia Católica no es un sexta o un culto marginal, no hay información secreta o conocimiento que sea necesario para la Salvación. Todo lo que Dios quería que el hombre supiera para su salvación y la de la humanidad se reveló en las Escrituras, la Tradición y, más plenamente, en la persona de Jesucristo. Sostener que existe un conocimiento secreto o información secreta especial necesaria para la salvación o el conocimiento de Dios, se llama gnosticismo. Y el gnosticismo, que es una categoría amplia de varios tipos de herejías, es condenado por la Iglesia.

Pero hay revelaciones y visiones legítimas que han aparecido a lo largo de los siglos. ¿Qué pasa con esos? ¿Dónde caben estos? En esto, me refiero a cosas como la aparición o la visión de Jesús que lleva su Sagrado Corazón a Santa Margarita María Alacoque o la aparición de María a Santa Bernardita en Lourdes. Ahora, en verdad, ambos de estos se llaman "Revelaciones Privadas" que se revelaron a personas específicas, por razones específicas. La Iglesia los ha considerado dignos de creer, sin embargo, ni las apariciones ni las visiones son necesarias para creer en la Salvación. Y el problema se

convierte en cuando la devoción a una aparición o visión específica se eleva al nivel en el que imponen a los demás que deben creer esto, sino están rechazando a Dios, o están rechazando a la Iglesia, etc.

Lo que quiero decir es: (1) la creencia de que Jesucristo fue el Hijo de Dios, fue concebido por el poder del Espíritu Santo, se encarnó de la Virgen María y se hizo hombre, y (2) la creencia de que San José de Cupertino podría levitar (y lo creo firmemente), no están en el mismo plano de igualdad. La primera es una creencia católica esencial, y de valor salvífico, la segunda, verdadera o no, digna de creencia o no, no tiene valor salvífico.

Para aclarar las distinciones de la Iglesia entre revelación pública y privada, me centraré esta semana y la de la próxima semana en este tema. Y allá vamos...

Rarezas. Soy fanático de los Beatles. Y como fan, En 1980 corrí a mi tienda de discos local, y puse \$ 7.99 por un álbum llamado "Rarezas de los Beatles". Para leer todo el alboroto que rodea a este álbum, uno hubiera pensado que esto era lo más importante desde... bueno... Los Beatles. El álbum fue una colección de "raras" tomas alternativas de canciones exitosas de los Beatles. No sé lo que realmente esperaba, pero lo que obtuve fueron cosas como esta: "Love Me Do" sin una pandereta en el fondo, "Help" en mono en lugar de estéreo, y "Penny Lane" con trompeta de tres segundos solo al final de la canción. Esta colección de Capitol Records de las llamadas "Rarezas" no me complació de la misma manera que los grandes éxitos originales de los Beatles, pero debo decir que me dio una apreciación mejor desarrollada de su trabajo. Si bien este álbum no me proporcionó ninguna nueva revelación sobre el talento musical de esta banda legendaria, me dio una visión matizada de su trabajo. Hay una correlación entre este momento de compra de discos de antaño y (me atrevo a decir, "Ayer"), y la comprensión de la Iglesia de lo que se llama "Revelación pública" y "Revelación privada" o podría decirse, la plenitud de los Beatles vs. "Rarezas de los Beatles".

Dices Que Quieres una Revelación... La Iglesia católica enseña que todo lo que Dios

desea revelarnos para que podamos alcanzar la salvación se reveló en su totalidad en la persona de Jesucristo. Jesús, el Verbo hecho carne, encarnado por Dios, comunicó el Verbo y la verdad de Dios en forma de revelación a sus apóstoles. Los Apóstoles, a su vez, lo escribieron (Nuevo Testamento junto con las escrituras anteriores, todas inspiradas por Dios) o lo entregaron (tradición). Esta comunicación transmitida a nosotros desde Dios, a través de los Apóstoles, se conoce como "Revelación Pública". Es un mensaje hecho conocido por toda la humanidad; por lo tanto, es "público". Esa verdad divina en la Revelación Pública es lo que la Iglesia llama "el Depósito de la Fe", es la verdad estática e inmutable de Dios que se nos dio a conocer en las Escrituras y en la tradición.

Haciéndolo Público. Entonces, ¿qué tiene de especial esta Revelación Pública? Bueno, para la salvación (y espero que todos estén a bordo para eso) lo que Dios nos ha dado a conocer a través de las Escrituras y la Tradición (Revelación Pública), los católicos están obligados a creer, en la medida de lo que se sabe por la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Es decir, estas cosas son necesarias para la salvación.

Ser Escuela - Pública vs. Privada. Esto nos lleva al tema de lo que se llama la Revelación Privada. ¿A qué se refiere eso? Bueno, Dios continúa revelándose a nosotros y a los demás de muchas maneras, y muchas personas han tenido esa experiencia y se lo cuentan a otros. Debido a que Dios nos ha dicho todo lo que necesitamos saber para la salvación en la persona de Cristo, expresado en la Revelación Pública, la pregunta puede ser en cuanto a cuál es el valor, el peso o, de hecho, el punto de cualquiera de estas Revelaciones Privadas. La respuesta resumida es esta: nada de lo que se da a conocer a través de la Revelación Privada es o puede ser necesario para la salvación, es de naturaleza privada, incluso si se hace pública por su divulgación. Entonces, ¿cuáles son las condiciones y los ejemplos de la Revelación Privada? Te lo diré en siete días porque estoy fuera de 0 espacio. Como solían decir en Batman de TV: ¡Continuará la próxima semana, la misma batí hora, el mismo batí canal!

Tuyo en Cristo
P. James Lentini
Párroco



Ways to help support our Winter FundRaiser

PENNY PARTY – MARCH 9, 2019
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH HALL

DONATE: Used items such as Yard Sale Items.
Bring them to the office between now and up until Friday afternoon March 8th

And/Or

DONATE: New Items you may have or want to Re-Gift
Bring them to the office between now and up until Friday afternoon March 8th

And/Or

DONATE: Baked Goods – Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Fudge, Brownies, Breads, Candy
Bring them to the Hall Friday March 8th or Saturday, March 9th 3-5pm

And/Or

DONATE: Items for \$ 5.00 Table (Items you would bid \$ 5.00 or more for. This table is always filled with many valuable items, gift certificates, and terrific donated gifts.)
Bring them to the office between now and up until Friday afternoon March 8th

And/Or

YOUR TIME: Help Set up Friday, March 8th @ 9AM til approx 3PM
(You do not need to be here the whole time!! Any time will help.)
Help the Day of the Event Saturday, March 9th @ 4:30PM – 9:30PM
Service Hours are given for help with this event.

DOORS OPEN @ 5PM – BIDDING STARTS @ 6PM
COME ENJOY SNACKS & DINNER FROM THE KITCHEN BEFORE THE BIDDING STARTS.
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO THIS FUN-FILLED
FAMILY EVENT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT.
WITHOUT YOU, IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE!



Apoye nuestro Recaudación de Fondos del Invierno

FIESTA DEL CENTAVO 9 de MARZO, 2019

SALON PARROQUIAL DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION

DONE: Artículos usados como artículos de subasta.
Llévelos a la oficina desde ahora hasta el viernes por la tarde, 8 de marzo.

Y / o

DONE: Artículos Nuevos que puede tener o desea volver a regalar

Llévelos a la oficina ahora hasta el viernes por la tarde, 8 de marzo.

Y / o

DONE: Productos horneados- Tortas, pasteles, galletas, panes, dulces

Llévelos al salón el viernes o sábado 8 y de marzo, de 3 a 5 de la tarde.

Y / o

DONE: Artículos para la mesa de \$ 5.00 (Artículos por los que ofrecerían \$ 5.00 o más. Esta mesa siempre está llena de muchos artículos valiosos, certificados de regalo y excelentes productos donados.)

Llévelos al salón el viernes o sábado 8 y de marzo, de 3 a 5 de la tarde.

Y / o

TU TIEMPO: Ayude a arreglar el salón el viernes 8 de marzo a las 9 a.m. hasta las 3 p.m. aproximadamente (¡No necesitas estar aquí todo el tiempo! Cualquier tiempo que puedas ayudar.)

Ayude el día del evento Sábado, 9 de marzo a las 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Horas de servicio se darán para ayudar con este evento.

PUERTAS ABREN A LAS 5PM - SUBASTA COMIENZA A LAS 6PM
VENGA Y DISFRUTE DE LOS BOCADILLOS Y LA COMIDA DE LA COCINA ANTES DE QUE COMIENZE LA SUBASTA. INVITA A TUS AMIGOS Y TRAIGA A TODA LA FAMILIA A ESTE DIVERTIDO EVENTO FAMILIAR
EN LA PARROQUIA DE LA CONCEPCIÓN INMACULADA.

GRACIAS POR SU APOYO Y PARTICIPACIÓN. ¡SIN USTED, ESTO NO SERIA POSIBLE!