

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Over 100 Years of service to the Community

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Asension of the Lord



Claretian Community

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Staff Directory

Fr. Benjamin Romero C.M.F.
Pastor
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Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 am—5:00 pm
**Closed for Lunch
1:00 pm—2:00 pm**
Saturday
Closed
Sunday
9:00 am—1:00pm

Gift Shop Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 am—4:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Reconciliation

By Appointment Only

Mass Schedule

MONDAY—THURSDAY	12:00 PM (Español)	SUNDAY / DOMINGO
FRIDAY	12:00PM (Bilingual)	8:30AM (English)
SATURDAY / SABADO		10:30AM (Español)
Marian Mass	8:30AM (Bilingual)	12:30 PM (Español)
Vigil Mass	5:30PM (English)	4:30 PM (Español)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 10:30am—11:30am
7:00pm—8:00pm

Every First Friday:
10:30am-11:30am
(Everyone Welcome)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The glorious Gospel we hear today brings the Gospel of Matthew to its majestic conclusion. The disciples behold the glory of the risen Lord upon the mountaintop, and from that holy place Jesus sends them forth to renew the earth. Christ declares that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him, and he exercises that authority by inaugurating the mission of the Church. Today, as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, we stand with those first disciples gazing toward the risen Christ. Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost, and with that great feast the Easter season will draw to a close. We will then enter once again into the beautiful season of Ordinary Time—a season not of spiritual dullness, but of discipleship, a season in which we are called to live out what we have received. During these coming weeks, we are given the opportunity to show and share the love, mercy, and compassion we ourselves have received from the Lord. The grace of Easter is meant to take root in the ordinary rhythms of our daily lives, transforming the way we speak, forgive, serve, and love. Having encountered the risen Lord, we are now sent forth to become living witnesses of his presence in the world. Yet amid the beauty and triumph of this Gospel, Matthew preserves one startling detail. When the disciples see the risen Lord, they worship him—and yet we are told, “they doubted.” How can doubt exist in such a moment? How can anyone stand in the presence of the risen Christ and still hesitate? Perhaps this Gospel invites us to reconsider what doubt is and how it works. As believers, we often think of doubt as the opposite of faith: either we believe or we doubt. But the Gospel suggests something more complex—and perhaps more hopeful. There are moments when doubt is not the enemy of faith but its companion, even its servant. Doubt can call faith beyond superficial certainty into something deeper, more mature, and more honest. The apostles doubted even as they stood before the risen Lord, and yet Jesus still entrusted them with the proclamation of the Gospel. He still sent them into the world. So it is with us. If we allow doubt to dismantle a shallow faith, it may lead us into a deeper one. If we allow doubt to challenge an inadequate faith, it may guide us toward a truer and more enduring trust. And if we allow doubt to strip away the forms of faith that constrict and diminish us, it may open before us the path that leads to eternal life. As we prepare to enter Ordinary Time, the Lord sends us forth just as he sent the apostles: not because our faith is perfect, but because his grace is sufficient. We are called not to miss this opportunity, but to make it happen—to bring Christ’s love into the world through acts of charity, mercy, forgiveness, and hope.

Fr. Benjamin Romero, CMF

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 16

5:30 p.m.

Deceased

Consuelo Lopez

Leyton Cade Hernandez

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:30 a.m.

Deceased

Joe & Dora Bautista

Fidel & Olga Tijerina

Patricia Almendarez

10:30 a.m.

Deceased

Sara Sanchez Garza

Maira Mendoza

Manuel G. Mendoza

12:30 a.m.

Deceased

Robert Lozano

Birthday

Henry Vallejo

4:30 p.m.

All Parishioners of IHM

MONDAY, MAY 18

12:00 pm

All Parishioners of IHM

TUESDAY, MAY 19

12:00 pm

Deceased

Evalia Torres

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

12:00 pm

All Parishioners of IHM

THURSDAY, MAY 21

12:00 pm

All Parishioners of IHM

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Deceased

Maria G. Hughes

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:30 a.m.

All Parishioners of IHM

Queridos hermanas y hermanos,

El glorioso Evangelio que escuchamos hoy lleva el Evangelio de Mateo a su majestuosa conclusión. Los discípulos contemplan la gloria del Señor resucitado sobre la montaña, y desde ese lugar santo Jesús nos envía a renovar la tierra. Cristo declara que toda autoridad en el cielo y en la tierra le ha sido dada, y ejerce esa autoridad inaugurando la misión de la Iglesia. Hoy, al celebrar la Ascensión del Señor, permanecemos junto a aquellos primeros discípulos contemplando a Cristo resucitado. El próximo domingo celebraremos Pentecostés, y con esa gran solemnidad concluirá el tiempo de Pascua. Entonces entraremos nuevamente en el hermoso tiempo Ordinario, un tiempo que no es ordinario porque sea menos importante, sino porque es el tiempo del discipulado, el tiempo en que estamos llamados a vivir aquello que hemos recibido. Durante estas próximas semanas se nos ofrece la oportunidad de mostrar y compartir el amor, la misericordia y la compasión que nosotros mismos hemos recibido del Señor. La gracia de la Pascua está llamada a echar raíces en la vida cotidiana, transformando nuestra manera de hablar, de perdonar, de servir y de amar. Después de haber encontrado al Señor resucitado, ahora somos enviados para convertirnos en testigos vivos de su presencia en el mundo. Y, sin embargo, en medio de la belleza y el triunfo de este Evangelio, Mateo conserva un detalle sorprendente. Cuando los discípulos ven al Señor resucitado, lo adoran, y aun así el Evangelio nos dice: “algunos dudaron”. ¿Cómo puede existir la duda en un momento así? ¿Cómo puede alguien estar en presencia de Cristo resucitado y aun así vacilar? Tal vez este Evangelio nos invita a reconsiderar qué es la duda y cómo actúa. Como creyentes, muchas veces pensamos que la duda es lo contrario de la fe: o creemos o dudamos. Pero el Evangelio nos sugiere algo más complejo y, quizá, más esperanzador. Hay momentos en que la duda no es enemiga de la fe, sino su compañera e incluso su servidora. La duda puede llamar a la fe a ir más allá de una certeza superficial, hacia una fe más profunda, más madura y sincera. Los apóstoles dudaron aun estando delante del Señor resucitado, y sin embargo Jesús les confió la proclamación del Evangelio. Aun así, los envió al mundo. Y lo mismo sucede con nosotros. Si permitimos que la duda desmonte una fe superficial, puede conducirnos hacia una fe más profunda. Si permitimos que la duda cuestione una fe insuficiente, puede guiarnos hacia una confianza más verdadera y duradera. Y si permitimos que la duda elimine aquellas formas de fe que nos limitan y empequeñecen, puede abrir ante nosotros el camino que conduce a la vida eterna. Al prepararnos para entrar en el Tiempo Ordinario, el Señor nos envía, como envió a los apóstoles, no porque nuestra fe sea perfecta, sino porque su gracia es suficiente. Estamos llamados a no dejar pasar esta oportunidad, sino a hacerla realidad: llevar el amor de Cristo al mundo mediante obras de caridad, misericordia, perdón y esperanza.

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Sanctuary Light

The sanctuary light at is being offered for **All parishioners, both living and deceased**. May the light of Christ shine upon them, bringing peace and blessings to all.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are offered to the glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings. May they be a sign of our devotion and prayer.

We Request your prayers for:

Norma Reyna
Michael & Marisa Knuffke
Rita Urias
Theresa Reyes
Rita Urias

Theresa Reyes
Gilbert Salinas
McIveer Family
Rodrigo Hernández
Marty Garcés

Liturgy Corner

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:12—14

Psalm: 27:1, 4, 7—8

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13—16

Gospel: John 17:1—11a

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura: Hechos 1:12—14

Salmo: 27:1, 4, 7—8

Segunda lectura: 1 Pedro 4:13—16

Evangelio: Juan 17:1—11a

Breakfast Schedule 2026

May

3rd—Family Day

10th—Kitchen Closed

17th—Pastries & Waffles

24th—Pastoral Council

31st—Ushers

June

7th—Eucharistic Ministers

14th—Lectors

21st—Kitchen Closed

28th—Matachines

Stewardship May 10, 2026

1st Collection:	\$3087.51
Maintenance Fund:	\$ 561.00
Catholic Home Mission :	\$ 173.00
Other Income:	\$ 1171.99
Total Income:	\$4993.50

Thank you for your Generosity! Gracias por tu Generosidad!

Organization Directory

Altar Servers	Matachines	4:30 Choir
Richard Salas	Adan Martinez	Adán Martínez
Eucharistic Ministers	Music Ministry	Pastoral Council
Jorge Madrid	8:30 Choir	Julio Sierra
Finance Committee	Charlie López	Ushers
Richard Salas	10:30 Choir	Julio Sierra
Lectors/Liturgy	Rene García	Women's Club
Miguel Garza Jr.	12:30 Choir	Estella Rodríguez
	Efrián Rodríguez	

Parish News

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, the **Second Collection** will be for our **Parish Maintenance Fund**. Your generous support helps us maintain and care for our parish buildings and grounds. Thank you for your continued contributions!

BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast in the Parish Hall after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses! Waffles, pancakes, pastries, and coffee will be served. We invite everyone to come enjoy good food and fellowship with our parish community.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our Confirmation students as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with wisdom, courage, and faith as you continue your journey with Christ. May God's love and blessings guide you always

Religious Education

Jarely Aguilera, Sophia Delgado, Jaden Fernandez, Ariana Gutierrez, Alma Orozco, Christina Perdomo, Joshua Ramos, Manuel Ramos, Nevae Rios, Charlie Rosas

OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of Memorial Day, our office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you a safe and meaningful holiday.

FATHERS DAY ENVELOPES

Father's Day Offering envelopes are now available in the church and parish office. We will be preparing a special list of all fathers whose names are written on the envelopes. The list will be available for pickup at the church entrances on Father's Day. Please return your envelopes no later than June 14th. Thank you for your participation and prayers for all fathers, living and deceased.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Whether you're visiting Immaculate Heart of Mary Church from another parish, another state, or even another country, we're delighted to have you with us. We hope you find our worship meaningful and reverent, and that you feel the warmth and hospitality of our parish community. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish family. For more information about becoming a registered parishioner, please visit our Parish Office.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Este fin de semana, la **Segunda Colecta** será para el **Fondo de Mantenimiento de la Parroquia**. Su generoso apoyo nos ayuda a mantener y cuidar los edificios e instalaciones de nuestra parroquia. ¡Gracias por sus continuas contribuciones!

DESAYUNO

¡Acompañenos a desayunar en el Salón Parroquial después de las Misas de 8:30 a.m. y 10:30 a.m.! Se estarán sirviendo waffles, pan dulce, pancakes y café. Invitamos a todos a disfrutar de buena comida y convivencia con nuestra comunidad parroquial.

CONFIRMACIÓN

¡Felicitaciones a todos nuestros estudiantes de Confirmación al recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación! Que el Espíritu Santo llene sus corazones de sabiduría, fortaleza y fe mientras continúan su camino con Cristo. ¡Que el amor y las bendiciones de Dios los guíen siempre!

Educación Religiosa

Jarely Aguilera, Sophia Delgado, Jaden Fernandez, Ariana Gutierrez, Alma Orozco, Christina Perdomo, Joshua Ramos, Manuel Ramos, Nevae Rios, Charlie Rosas

OFICINA ESTARA CERRADA

En conmemoración del Día de los Caídos, nuestra oficina estará cerrada el lunes 25 de mayo de 2026. Reanudaremos nuestro horario habitual el martes 26 de mayo de 2026. Gracias por su comprensión. Les deseamos un día feriado seguro y significativo.

SOBRES PARA EL DÍA DEL PADRE

Los sobres para la Ofrenda del Día del Padre ya están disponibles en la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Estaremos preparando una lista especial con los nombres de todos los padres escritos en los sobres. La lista estará disponible para recoger en las entradas de la iglesia el Día del Padre. Por favor entregue sus sobres a más tardar el 14 de junio. Gracias por su participación y por sus oraciones por todos los padres, vivos y difuntos.

¡BIENVENIDOS, NUEVOS VISITANTES!

Ya sea que estén visitando la Iglesia Inmaculado Corazón de María desde otra parroquia, otro estado o incluso desde otro país, nos alegra mucho contar con su presencia. Esperamos que encuentren nuestra liturgia significativa y reverente, y que sientan la calidez y hospitalidad de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Si están en busca de un hogar espiritual, sería un honor darles la bienvenida a nuestra familia parroquial. Para obtener más información sobre cómo registrarse como feligreses, por favor visiten nuestra Oficina Parroquial.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension
May 14th or May 17th, 2026

A G B O C D D M E O F U G N H T H S J H K
I L S M T N H O R P O Q N R E S T T O U S
V H W O X U Y T Z S A O B F C J D O E Y F



What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension?
Use every other letter from the box of letters above
to fill in the blanks below.

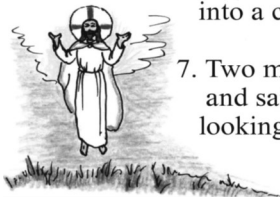
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_____!

True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension?
See if you know which of these are true
and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



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		<p>In Memory of Fr. Len Brown, CMF</p>	<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church MOTHER'S DAY Raffle WIN 3 DESIGNER PURSES! That's when you really win a chance to win a Michael Kors Handbag!</p> <p>1st Prize: Michael Kors Tote Bag 2nd Prize: Michael Kors Crossbody Bag 3rd Prize: Michael Kors Crossbody Bag</p> <p>Tickets: \$10.00 Parish Office: (210) 226-8268 <small>*All proceeds benefit our parish! Thank you for your generous support!</small></p>	<p>CRASH COLLISION CENTER With Over 20 Years of Experience, We Are Your Trusted Auto Body Repair Specialists</p> <p>✓ We Work with ALL Insurance Companies ✓ \$0 Deductible Options</p> <p>Special Promotion: \$200 OFF Labor +5% OFF Parts</p> <p>We accept American First Finance 315 San Pedro Ave (210) 427-2509 Contact us today for a FREE estimate</p>
		<p>In Memory of Deacon Jorge Bonilla -Valentin</p>	<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Gift Shop Located: Inside Parish Office Hours: M—F 9am to 4pm & Sun 9am—12pm Religious gifts • Rosaries • Bibles • Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, OCIA Gifts • Lasso, Arras • Children's Books and more.</p>	