



*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

*MAY 3, 2020*

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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### Sacraments

**Baptism** – On an individual basis by appointment.  
Please contact the Rectory Office.

**Reconciliation** – By appointment

**Matrimony** – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Ministry to the Sick** – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



**Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon**

### Parish Meetings

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

**Adult Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

**Religious Education:** Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Immaculate Conception School

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Family Mass  
11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

#### Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)  
Mon. – Fri. 12:00 NN (SMMC Chapel)  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Prayer Group (Rectory Chapel)

**Holydays** – As announced

### Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.  
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

### Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The last few months in our community and our nation have been unique in many ways. For many charitable institutions the financial challenges have also been not only unique, but also very real and significant. Weekly offertory as well as sacramental offerings are no longer available for parish expenses. The Golf Tournament has been cancelled. For over 15 years it has been our only fundraiser; it covers the deficit and partially funds the ongoing restoration. It has been our Grand Annual collection.

So many have continued their weekly offerings by mail for which I am very grateful. It is my hope that all of our parishioners will continue to support Immaculate Conception Parish at this difficult time.

May the Risen Christ bless you and your families and our community abundantly with gifts of health and peace during this Joyous Easter Time.

**THANK YOU!**

**Father Sannella**



### Good Shepherd Sunday

In the past year,  
my wireless provider introduced something  
called HD Voice.  
Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was  
unbelievably clear  
and it felt at times like both the caller and I  
were in the same room.  
The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the  
customer any additional fees and  
it didn't require any changes to the phone.  
I could say it was free,  
but I suspect I was already paying for it  
in my monthly bill anyway.  
At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you,  
the easier it is to recognize  
who it is on the other end of the call.  
How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ?  
In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper  
who opens the gate and calls for his sheep.  
They respond because they know his voice.  
Others try to lure the sheep  
when the gatekeeper is not there,  
but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.  
Jesus is our gatekeeper,  
but unlike receiving something for free  
from a wireless company,  
to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and  
practice listening.  
By developing a stewardship way of life  
that is mindful and prayerful,  
we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern  
when the call is from our  
Lord and when it is from an imposter.  
It is great to talk about all the things we can do  
and all the gifts we can share,  
but if are not listening for his call to hear where our  
offerings are needed,  
we can end up like a lost sheep  
searching for the gatekeeper.



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**is now accepting registrations for the**  
**2020-2021 school year!**

**SAINT CORONA**  
**is the patron saint against**  
**plagues and epidemics.**  
**Her feast day is celebrated on May 14.**



Almighty God, who forgive the sins of your people and heal all their faults, you who call the Lord our healer and your beloved Son to bear our sickness, look upon us who stand humbly before You.

We pray to You in this time of plague and need, remember Your love and kindness that You have always shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Just as you graciously looked upon Aaron's atonement and stopped the plague that broke out, just as you accepted David's sacrifice and commanded the destroying angel to withdraw his hand, accept also today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep this disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness and do not let the plague spread any further.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us!  
Saint Corona, pray for us!  
Saint Sebastien, pray for us!                      AMEN

# MASS

**All Masses**  
**are**  
**cancelled**  
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**notice.**

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We are currently seeking new members. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call the rectory at 978-458-1474 and leave a message for SVDP or speak to Richard Sweeney at one of the weekend Masses.

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**TAX REPORT**

For those of you who use regular weekly offertory envelopes for your statement of parish contributions, your tax report is ready.

Please call the Office 978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

If you have grandparents who would appreciate the bulletin make them a copy of this bulletin if they usually attend Mass and read it.

There will be no hard copy it will be on line only.

Thank you.

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**A PRAYER FOR WORLD HEALTH**

Almighty and Ever Loving God, Creator of all things, in You we place our trust for guidance during this Coronavirus pandemic. Hear the prayers we offer for our elderly and those with chronic health conditions, who are most vulnerable.

Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Allow Your heavenly knowledge to direct our medical professionals and researchers to find a solution for this sickness. Bless, with Your divine protection, doctors, nurses and first responders and surround us all with Your love.

Guide those in authority, O Lord. By the wisdom of our leaders and public health officials, along with the integrity of our citizens, may harmony be restored.

Look also with favor on the families and friends who mourn those who have died from this illness and comfort them in their loss. Console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom.

Calm this terror that threatens us. Protect our families, neighbors and friends and restrain our fears and anxiety. Grant that health, the fruit of life, may reign throughout the world.

AMEN

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