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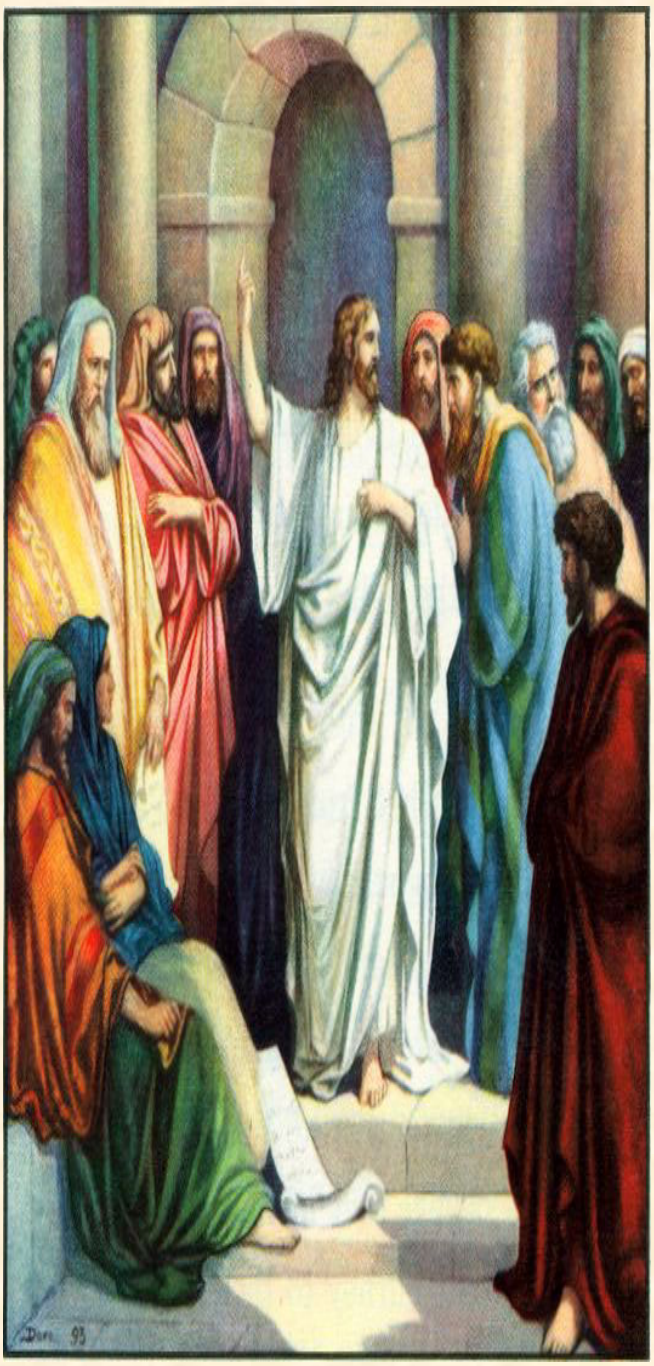


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deut 18:15-20
1 Cor 7: 32-35
Mk 1: 21-28

Monday
1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13
Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday
1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30
Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday
1 Kgs 10: 1-10
Mk 7: 14-23

Thursday
1 Kgs 11: 4-13
Mk 7: 24-30

Friday
1 Kfs 11: 29-32, 12-19
Mk 7: 31-37

Saturday
1 Kgs 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mk: 1: 29-39

JANUARY 29, 2012
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CCD/Religious Education

Classes will be on Sunday, January 29, at 9:30 am at St. Mary's School. For any questions, you can contact Sister Maria at the Parish Office or by email:
smchirandu@gmail.com

1st Communion Classes are held every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Sister Maria is in need of CCD teachers. If you can help with this ministry, your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

Parents we stress the importance of your child's regular weekly attendance at these classes. Make their faith formation your top priority!

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Class will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 @ 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. If others are interested in specific topics of our faith the teaching this week will be "Sacrament of Eucharist I".

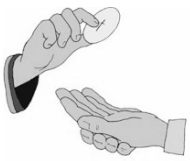
Also, we need volunteers to help provide snacks for each class. Please call the office if you are able to volunteer in this ministry of Evangelization. 304-622-8243

Sick and Homebound: If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a visit a Priest or Sister Beritha to receive Communion and/or for the Anointing of the Sick.

School News: There will be an open house at **Notre Dame High School** for Prospective Students and Parents Wednesday, February 1, 10 am-1 pm. There will be information packets, school tours and light refreshments.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed

Must be a Confirmed Catholic in good standing (married in the Church and attending faithfully and registered member of the I.C. Parish), and if you are willing to serve in this ministry, please call the office for further information. Secretaries will take your names and give them to Sister Berita who will call together a training workshop.



The Men's Society of the Immaculate Conception Church

The schedule for the next two months is as follows:

February 7, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
March 6, 2012 @ 6:00 pm.

We are always looking for new members. Stop by and see what our goals are for this year and maybe you have ideas you would like to share.

Prayer Line

For **serious** and **urgent** prayer needs, our **Parish Prayer Team** responds at once. Call one of the Team Co-coordinators:
Anna Marie Secreto: 304-622-4455,
Stella Shreves: 304-623-2776, or
Folly Basile: 304-622-6129

Rosaries repaired by Len Lambert. Please place them in a sandwich bag along with your name and telephone number. They will be repaired as quickly as possible and returned to the Church Gift Shop each week. If there are any problems, Len will contact you and explain what the problem is. You may call Len at 304-622-1780 or 304-203-7133 (cell).

Income Tax Statements

Please remember you must use your envelopes in order to for us to provide you with a tax statement at the end of the year. If you would like a statement for your contributions to Immaculate Conception in 2011, please call the Parish Office.

Confirmation Announcement

Classes will be held today, January 29, 2012 at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.

For the parents of the Confirmande:

The next service project involves a St. Valentines Bingo Party with the residents of Clarksburg Nursing and Rehab Center from 2:30-4:30 on Sunday, February 12. Candidates were given information about this activity last weekend. They will be asked to bring cookies, punch or bingo prizes to the party. Parents are also needed to chaperone. Please call Rose Trupo at 304-842-7483 for more information or to volunteer.

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If there are any **Adult Members** that need to be confirmed please contact Sr. Maria at the Parish Office or Rose Trupo at 304-842-7483 with questions.

Confirmation date is May 6, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry must meet with a priest before setting a date and at least six months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Friday Devotion

with Father Douglas Ondeck

Holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction 4:30-5:30 pm on February 3, 2012. First Saturday Mass will be February 4, at 8:00 am.

Choir News: The Immaculate Conception Choir will continue to rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The Choir will sing at the 11 am Mass each and every Sunday. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join the choir. Any questions or to join, please call the office or see our Music Director Mr. Ed Ferrazzoli.

TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS: Weekly donations are tracked through the envelope system, which is through your parish registration number. This is the reason we encourage all to register with our parish. Please call the parish office if your address changes. This saves us postage and keeps our census up-to-date. It may take up to 8 weeks to make changes.

Also, **DO NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED** that you are a registered member of our parish just because you attend Mass here. It could be quite embarrassing to us, to you, and to your family when someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, asked to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation requiring a note of Catholicity from us or if you expect to receive ***Reduced Parish Tuition Rates*** for the Catholic School. Registration forms are available in Vestibule and in the Parish Office.

Thank you

Did you know that.....

When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache.
When you open it, he collapses.
When he sees you reading it, he faints.

Let's read the Bible everyday, so he keeps on fainting. Maybe one day he'll have a stroke and never wake up.

I Will Move the Rock

A man was sleeping at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and the Savior appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might.

This the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Seeing that the man was showing signs of discouragement, Satan decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's mind such as: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't budged. Why kill yourself over this? You are never going to move it."

Thus giving the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure, these thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man even more. "Why kill myself over this?" he thought. "I'll just put in my time, giving just the minimum effort, and that will be good enough."

And that he planned to do until one day he decided to make it a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

To this the Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me, with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sine wed and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, and your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. Yet you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. This you have done.

"I, my friend, will now move the rock."

At times when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what he wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in him…

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but it is still God who moves the mountains.

God, You call us to obedience everyday. Sometimes, I want to see beyond obedience. I want to know why, how and when. Yet, it is usually long after the obedience that I begin to realize what Your plan was back then. So help me just be obedient for today. I am learning, Lord that by being obedient today, I am stronger for tomorrow. In Jesus' Name, AMEN

Mass Intentions

January 28 & 29, 2012
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday:	5:00 pm:	Louis & Pansy Maseda
Sunday:	7:00 am:	Salvatore "Sam" Oliverio
	8:30 am:	Fr Casey Mahone Special Intentions
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish
Monday:	8:00 am:	John Brunetti
Tuesday:	8:00 am:	Mary C. Roda
Wednesday	7:00 pm:	Eugene Coulson
Thursday:	8:00 am:	Louis A. Roda
Friday:	8:00 am:	Antoinetta Amodio

February 4 & 5, 2012
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday:	5:00 pm:	Paul "Buck & Louis Rieser
Sunday:	7:00 am:	Rev. Donal O'Donovan
	8:30 am:	Rose Christafore
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish