

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Dear friends in Christ,

May I on behalf our deacons and staff of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, extend our deepest prayers and condolences as you mourn the loss of a loved one. The sadness of death is not forgotten in our Sacred Liturgy, but we are also reminded of Our Lord's promise of resurrected life. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of the departed, offers us the chance to join our grief to the hopefulness of the heavenly liturgy, where every tear will be wiped away.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception is pleased to offer its parishioners and friends the Mass of Christian Burial as a means of consolation for the living, as well as grace-filled assistance for the deceased. These rites, which typically include a Wake Service at the funeral home and a Mass, enable the family and friends of the deceased to pray for their loved one's soul, as well as to remember the promise of eternal life extended to all believers by the hands of the Lord.

Included in this packet are the options for the offering of a Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. We encourage family members and friends to take part in the Mass by reading the First Reading, Second Reading, and the Prayer of the Faithful. In addition, we invite you to present the gifts of bread and wine, which will be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ Himself. Copies of the readings are included, as well as the musical selections for the Mass. Please indicate your selections by filling out the Funeral Mass Information Form. The completed form should be given to the funeral director so that he/she may inform the church of your selections.

Normally, individual tributes or **eulogies should be reserved for the Wake Service the afternoon or evening before the day of the Funeral Mass or for a reception following.** The homily at Mass is when the priest will preach on the Gospel and make specific references to the deceased. **If desired, ONLY ONE family member may read a short (3-5 minute) eulogy at Mass. This eulogy MUST reflect on the faith of the deceased. In addition, this eulogy should be prepared before the Wake Service and made available to the priest before the Mass.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the staff of the funeral home or the priest or deacon who will conduct the Wake Service. Know of our thoughts for you, and our prayers for your deceased loved one.

May God strengthen you in this time of mourning,



Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris
Pastor

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A reading from the second Book of Maccabees (Mac 12:43-46)

Judas, the ruler of Israel,
took up a collection among all his soldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, .
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.
But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.
Thus he made atonement for the dead
'that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord.

2. A reading from the Book of Job (Job 19:1,23-27a)

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:
Oh, would that my words were written down!
Would that they were inscribed in a record:
that with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;
whom I myself shall see:
my own eyes, not another's; shall behold him;
and from my flesh I shall see God;
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord.

3. A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (Prov 31:10-13, 19-31)

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands.
Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar.
She rises while it is still night,
and distributes food to her household.
She picks out a field to purchase;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She is girt about with strength,
and sturdy are her arms.
She enjoys the success of her dealings;
at night her lamp is undimmed.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
She fears not the snow for her household;
all her charges are doubly clothed.
She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
Her children rise up and praise her;
her husband, too, extols her:
"many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

4. A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (Ecc 3:1-8)

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord

5. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wis 3:1-9)

The souls of the just are in the hands of God,
and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead,
and their passing away was thought an affliction,
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.
For if before men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them,
and found them worthy of himself.
As gold in the furnace he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

6. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wis 4:7-15)

The just man,
though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the crown,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported - snatched away,
lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul;
for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

7. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isa 25:6a, 7-9)

On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will provide for all peoples.
On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.
The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces;
the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth;
for the Lord has spoken.
On that day it will be said: "behold God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

8. A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (Lam 3:17-26)

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:
the favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
they are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS – choose once from the following.

Psalm 23 (usually the Responsorial Palm is sung, However it may be read.)

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

People repeat

Reader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
in verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name sake.

People: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

People: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

People: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

People: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 27 (usually the Responsorial Palm is sung, However it may be read.)

Reader: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

People: Repeat

Reader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

People: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life.
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

People: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.

People: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reader: I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

People: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Psalm 42 (usually the Responsorial Psalm is sung, However it may be read.)

Reader: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

People: Repeat

Reader: As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Reader: Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

People: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Reader: I went with the throng and led them in procession
to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

People: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Reader: Send forth your light and your fidelity;
they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place.

People: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Reader: Then will I go in to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
O God, my God!

People: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rom 5:5-11)

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.
Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

2. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rom 6:3-9)

Are you unaware that we who were baptized
into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we
too might live in newness of life.
For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.
We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.
If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.
We know that Christ,
raised from the dead,
dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

3. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rom 14:7-9 10c-12)

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

4. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rom 8:14-23)

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"
The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.
We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;
and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

5. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Rom 8:31b-35, 37-39)

What then shall we say to this?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us.
Who will condemn?
It is Christ Jesus who died,
rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

6. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Saint Timothy (2Tim 4:6-8)

For I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord,
the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

7. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians **(1Cor 15:51-57)**

Behold, I tell you a mystery.
We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:
"Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

8. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians **(2 Cor 5:1, 6-10)**

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,
we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands,
but eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.
Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

9. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians **(Phil 3:20-4:1)**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body
by the power that enables him also to
bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

10. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians **(1 The 4:13-18)**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this,
on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

11. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John (1 John 3:1-2)

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

12. A Reading from the Book of Revelation (Rev 21:1-5a, 6b-7)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them,
and they will be his people,
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away."
The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Done after the homily by a family member or the priest.

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Reader: In Baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead **him/her** over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord...

Our **brother/sister N.** was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome **him/her** into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord...

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray to the Lord...

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep with him in peace. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. We pray to the Lord...

The family and friends of **N.** seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord...

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our **brother/sister N.** Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive our **brother/sister** any sins and grant **him/her** a place in your kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - FUNERAL MASS INFORMATION
(Please return this sheet to the Funeral Director)

Name of Deceased: _____

Funeral Home: _____ **Cemetery:** _____

Date of Funeral: _____

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FIRST READING (OLD TESTAMENT) SELECTION

Please find the number from the left margin of the selected reading

Number: _____

Read by: _____

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Usually the Responsorial Psalm is sung by the Cantor. However, if the family wishes, it may be read.

Number: _____

Read by: _____

SECOND READING (NEW TESTAMENT) SELECTION

Please find the number from the left margin of the selected reading

Number: _____

Read by: _____

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Read by:

This may also be read by the priest if no family member is available

OFFERTORY GIFTS

2 to 4 family members may take part in bringing up the gifts

Number of Gifts: _____

Gift Bearer: _____

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OPTIONAL EULOGY Read by:

3 to 5 minutes about the FAITH of the deceased

only ONE eulogy is permitted

SONG SELECTIONS – *Must be RELIGIOUS music suitable for Mass. Music suggestions are listed on the last page of this handout.*

Entrance: _____

Offertory: _____

Communion: _____

Recessional: _____

Music Selections for Funerals

Entrance Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Gather Us In
Here I Am Lord
Hosea (Come Back to Me)
Lift High the Cross
On Eagle's Wings
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens
You Are Near

Recessional Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Hosea (Come Back to Me)
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
Lift High the Cross
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
On Eagle's Wings
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

Offertory and Communion Hymns

Amazing Grace
Ave Maria (for communion only)
Be Not Afraid
Be Still My Soul
Behold the Lamb
Blest Are They (The Beatitudes)
Eye Has Not Seen
Gift of Finest Wheat
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Here I Am Lord
Hosea (Come Back to Me)
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life

I Have Loved You
I The Lord
Lady of Knock
Loving and Forgiving
May God Bless You
Oh How Blessed (The Beatitudes)
On Eagle's Wings
Oh God You Search Me
One Bread One Body
Prayer of St. Francis
The Supper of the Lord
You Are Mine
Your Words Are Spirit and Life

**If you request a Hymn not listed above, please contact;
Marilyn Marino, Music Director, at 845-786-7128.**