



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



“The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.”

In 1854, Pope Pius IX’s solemn declaration, “Ineffabilis Deus,” clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God’s call to their own vocation in order to carry out God’s plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary’s “Let it be done to me according to Thy Word,” in response of the Angel Gabriel’s greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God’s Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God’s gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

“The word of the Lord came to me thus: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” (Jeremiah 1:5-6)
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Please Pray for our family & friends

Brian Scharrer, Cecelia Hernandez, Cheryl Kartes, Christina Munoz, Dan McNicholl, David Pope, Don Taylor, Fred Hawkes, Gary Hanson, Gordon Bryson, Irv & Lucille Douroux, Jill Nagrodsky, Jim & Phyllis Carpenter, Jim & Debby Keys, Joseph Graziano, Judy Lanphear, Julie Hogan, Karen Poelakker, Kitty Woolridge, Laura Fawson, Melissa Dorado, Nance Coggeshall, Nick Escamilla, Norm Engle, Patricia Flaherty, Patty Broyles, Phyllis Willame, Rae Crozier, Raul Reyna, Ray White, Rob Dwyer, Ruth Mounts, Samuel Scarth, Steve Kist, Sue Munoz, Tom & Carol Porter, Torii Cain, Tracy Goodin, Wendy & Lance Tanner and Wes Evans.

Please Pray for The Repose of the Soul of Our Departed Loved Ones

Alberto Jose Reyna, Angel Clingerman, Annette Smith, Arlene Strupp, Dionesio Briones, Doug Pope, Gabriel Garcia, Hector Garduno, Jean Bourque, Jim Scarth, Kyle Christianson, Kyle Hanson, Mary Wallace, Richard McAfee, Shaun Rich, Sylvia Romero Martinez, Vincent Guglielmetti SR, & Wanda Guglielmetti

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Sick & Homebound:
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Parish Calendar

VIGIL MASS: Saturday 6pm

MASS: Sunday at 12:30pm

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 12:30pm

Advent Bible Study: Mondays in December at 6pm

ROSARY: Mondays at 2pm

KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE: Mon., Dec. 15 at 3pm

COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesday at 9am

ADORATION:

Wed. Dec. 10 - 9:30am - 10:00am

Sat. Dec 27 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Ladies Breakfast: Monday, December 15th

Please contact Susan Tovar (714) 488-3730

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8th Mass at 5:30pm

Catholic holy day celebrating the teaching that the Virgin Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin.

The Peace That Grows in Waiting: A Reflection for the Second Week of Advent

The Second Week of Advent often arrives quietly. The initial excitement of beginning a new liturgical year has settled, and the busyness of December begins to press in. Yet this is precisely when the Church invites us to pause and listen more closely to the voice crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

John the Baptist does not shout from a palace or a marketplace. Instead, he speaks from the wilderness—far from noise, distractions, and comforts. It is striking that God chooses the quiet, rugged landscape to announce the nearness of His Son. Perhaps this is because true peace rarely begins in the middle of our busiest moments; it often sprouts first in the hidden, unhurried places of the heart.

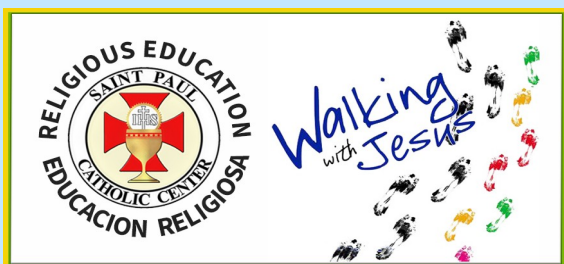
This week's Advent candle symbolizes peace, but not the fragile peace the world often offers—one dependent on perfect circumstances or the absence of conflict. Christian peace is different. It is born from trust: trust that God is at work even when we cannot see the full picture, trust that Christ is drawing near, trust that His presence can bring order to the places where we feel scattered.

Many of us enter this season carrying worries or longings that feel especially heavy. Some face an empty chair at the table for the first time. Others find themselves overwhelmed with responsibilities, financial concerns, or the ache of a relationship that needs healing. Advent does not ask us to hide these things; it invites us to bring them into the quiet wilderness where God's peace can meet them.

This week, we might take inspiration from a simple Advent practice: clearing space. Families often tidy their homes in preparation for Christmas visitors—dusting shelves, sweeping corners, placing greenery where clutter once stood. What if we did the same in our spiritual lives? What if we cleared a bit of space each day for prayer, a moment of silence, or an act of charity that softens our hearts? These small openings become places where Christ's peace can take root.

As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, its gentle glow reminds us that God's peace grows gradually, like the expanding circle of light. It begins with a single "yes" to God's presence in the midst of our ordinary lives. And with each small act of preparation, the light grows.

May this second week of Advent be for us a time of quiet trust and renewed hope. And as Christ draws nearer, may His peace—steady, enduring, and deeply rooted—take hold in our hearts and in our homes.



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December 24th thru January 6th

Reopens Wednesday, January 7th