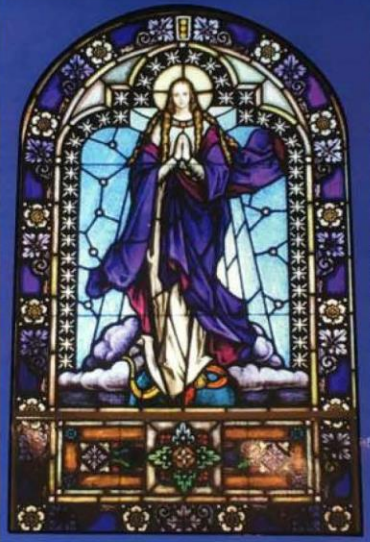


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC TRADITION IN
THE HEART OF GEORGIA



PASTOR

Rev. Jude T. Shayo, AJ

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. John Stephen Ariko, AJ

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of Immaculate Conception, exist to worship God through prayer, good works, the sacraments, and to be one in Christ in Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We are ambassadors of the Catholic tradition in the heart of Georgia. Our call is to nurture our individual spiritual growth and form one another in the values of the Gospel, with a sense of unity and hope, as we build the Kingdom of God.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

You enter this church not as a stranger but as a guest from God. We hope you will find a loving Christian community, and we look forward to benefiting from your uniqueness. Please contact the church office to register.

CHURCH: 1559 Hwy. 441 N., Dublin, Georgia 31021

PHONE: 478-272-0266

WEBSITE: www.immaculate-conception-church.net

EMAIL: iccdublin@immaculate-conception-church.net

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30AM

Friday: 8:30AM & 12:10PM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:00AM

Spanish Mass:

12:45 pm (Fall and Winter)

Holy Days: To be announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
& by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September-May, Pre-K (4 year olds) thru 8th grade.
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

ST. WILLIAM MISSION

CHURCH: 301 S. Smith Street, Sandersville, Georgia 31082 **PHONE:** 478-272-0266

MASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Sunday, 7:30 AM

HOLY DAYS: Mass times to be announced

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday, 5:00PM

HOLY REDEEMER

17 Telfair Ave, McRae, Georgia 31055 **PHONE:** 478-272-0266

MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday, 8:30 AM (bilingual)

CONFESSIONS: Sunday 10:45 or by appointment

ST. MARK

1687 Hawkinsville Highway, Eastman, Georgia 31023 **PHONE:** 478-272-0266

MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday 11:30 AM (bilingual)

CONFESSIONS: Sunday 10:45 or by appointment

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2, 2020
Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1 5:00 p.m. @ ICC
Dr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Conner (Stephen & Beverly Conner)

Sunday, February 2 7:30 a.m. @ SWC
+ Ray Auger (Sharyn Auger)
8:30 a.m. @ Holy Redeemer

10:00 a.m. @ ICC
The Sick & Suffering in Our Parish
11:30 a.m. @ St Mark

The Mothers of Our Faith Community
1:00 p.m. @ ICC
For the People (Pro Populo)

Monday, February 3 8:30 a.m. @ ICC
NO MASS COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY

Tuesday, February 4 8:30 a.m. @ ICC
Lorraine Ackerson (ICC Staff)

Wednesday, February 5 8:30 a.m. @ ICC
Beverly Conner (Stephen Conner)
6:00 p.m. @ SWC

The Mothers & Fathers of our Faith Community

Thursday, February 6 8:30 a.m. @ ICC

RCIA Class & Leaders (ICC Staff)

Friday, February 7 8:30 a.m. @ ICC
Holy Souls in Purgatory (Beverly & Stephen Conner)

12:10 p.m. @ ICC
Fr. Stephen Pontzer (Julie & Patrick)

Parish Ministries

Parish Council President – Garrett Cannon
Finance Council – Tony Ingrando
Bereavement Committee – Tiffany Taylor
Fellowship/Receptions – Ruella Ricaza
Knights of Columbus – Patrick Mimbs, GK
Dir. of Religious Education – Leanna Magluilo
Altar Guild Coordinator – Carole Edenfield
Lectors – Ed Fitzgerald
Usher/EM of Communion – Lorraine Ackerson
Youth Ministry Chairperson – Helen Martin
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator – Alice McLendon

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Come & pray the Rosary 30 minutes before
Mass 5:00 p.m. Vigil @ ICC

Ushers: Nilo Torres & Richard Paulino

Lector: Mary Louise McRae

Altar Servers: Lorenzo Manahan

EM of Communion: Lorraine Ackerson & Rick Mimbs

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Come & pray the Rosary 30 minutes before
Mass 10:00 a.m. @ ICC

Ushers: Glenn Johnson, Jim Caldwell, Bob Wallace, Jim Herron

Lector: Jim Caldwell

Altar Servers: Natalie Nguyen & Reece Brown

EM of Communion: Alice McLendon, Harold McLendon, Ed Fitzgerald, & Jep Craig

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Altar Servers: Yanet Lopez & Selina Cuevas

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Come & Pray the Rosary 30 minutes before
Mass 5:00 p.m. Vigil @ ICC

Ushers: Bud Schultz & Sue Schultz

Lector: Patrick Mimbs

Altar Servers: Andrew Conner

EM of Communion: Nilo Torres & Cathy Ziemba

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Come & pray the Rosary 30 minutes
Mass @ 10:00 a.m. @ ICC

Ushers: Jim Herron, Jim Caldwell, Nancy Davis & Tommy Davis

Lector: Glenn Johnson

Altar Servers: Reece Brown & Natalie Nguyen

EM of Communion: Alice McLendon, Harold McLendon, Margee Edge & Tim Edge

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Altar Servers: Christifer Vásquez, Carlos Romulo

Financial Report

Immaculate Conception

(242 Registered Families)

Weekly Expense	\$4,911.00
Offertory	\$5,776.00
Parish Center Campaign	\$370.00
Memory Candle	20.00
ACA Goal for 2020	23,380.00

St. William Mission

(29 Registered Families)

Weekly Expense	\$1,257.00
Offertory	\$967.00
Maintenance Fund	\$100.00
ACA Goal for 2020	\$4,872.00

Holy Redeemer

(45 Registered Families)

Weekly Expense	\$720.00
Offertory	\$217.00
Year to Date Total:	\$10,588.04
ACA Goal for 2020	\$4,817.00

St Mark

(39 Registered Families)

Weekly Expense	\$1,094.00
Offertory	\$599.80
ACA Goal for 2020	\$4,016.00

We ended the year at \$23,993.13, which made us about \$1,654.00 short. We apologize for not getting this information sooner. We were not able to get a progress report from the diocese until now.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal has been changed to The Annual Catholic Appeal.

February 8th and 9th is Commitment Weekend, please prayerfully consider what your contribution will be.

St. William Mission

Christian Life Center Food Bank Sandersville, Georgia is in need of the following items: individual fruit cups, pop tarts, small cans of food, such as, spaghetti, ravioli, etc.

Center Food Pantry

300 Calhoun Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021

January 2020-June 2020, the Food Pantry of Dublin has asked our parish to macaroni & cheese.

Abuse Hotline Number

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection.

Religious Education

CCD meets every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. At this time we will meet for Religious Education in the Narthex at ICC.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Classes are held in the Narthex every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Baptismal Classes are scheduled for 4th Tuesday of each month in the Narthex at ICC. You must contact the Church Secretary to begin the registration process for Baptism.

English @ 6:00 p. m.

Spanish @ 7:00 p.m.



February 2020

No Anniversaries for this week



February 2020

- 02- Alex Pezon
- 03- Filipe Lleras
- 04- Patrick Whittle
- 06- Matthew Mathai, Tita Sanders
- 07- Dick Mahoney, Fr. Stephen Pontzer, Anne Kristel Bayani
- 08- Isabella Grace Ingrando



Check It Out

The Happenings Page is updated monthly. This page shows future events and schedule changes. We will do our best to keep this current. **This website has also been expanded to include our mission churches. Please contact the office if you would like to add additional events to our website.** You will need to contact the church office with your submissions by Tuesday afternoon. It is best to e-mail me at iccdublin@immaculate-conception-church.net **We need input from all Mission Churches!!!**

Online giving is still available through the website. Also, if you want something added to the bulletin, please submit your request by Tuesday afternoon.

Jesus says "Come to Me"

Confessions Thursday evenings 6:00-6:30 pm @ ICC

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday @ 6:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration for the Hispanic Community is available the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at ICC

Father's teaching @ 7:30 p.m.

Please Bring your Bible.

Fr. John Stephen is starting a series on the Feasts we celebrate in the Church. This week he will be talking about "Feast of the Presentation".

Friday @ 10:30 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
Every 1st Friday, Eucharistic Adoration
@ St. William Mission, 1:00-9:00 pm

Upcoming Events

The Knights of Columbus will begin selling Corned beef and Cabbage tickets after Mass this weekend. Tickets are \$9 for Adults \$5 Children in advance and \$10 at the door on the 21st of March.

Ladies Fellowship Group meets the first Thursday of each month. The next luncheon is on February 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Salsa's

February 13th Marks the 10 year anniversary for the dedication of our Church. We will have a Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a reception. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

February 22nd, there will be a Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart in Warner Robins. This will be an all-day event, starting at 9:00a.m. And ending with 5:00 p.m. Mass. There is a fee of \$10.00 which covers everything, including T-shirt.

February 29th, Sr. Nancy Walsh will conduct a retreat for the confirmation candidates here at ICC. Time: 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A mandatory altar server training is scheduled for February 15th at 2:00 p.m. ALL current altar servers need to be at this training! Any new children, who have received their First Holy Communion, may also attend to be trained to become an altar server. If you are not at this training you will be removed from the altar server schedule and no longer scheduled. Please contact Jennifer Brown if you have any issues. 478-290-2785

We would like to invite all women of the parish community to participate in our Lenten Bible study starting on Ash Wednesday.

Have you tried to draw closer to God through his Word but don't know where or even how to start? Through meditative, prayerful study of the Gospel of Matthew we will learn and engage in the spiritual exercise of Lectio Divina on a daily basis. Not only will we learn how to read and ponder scripture carefully chosen for this desert season of lent, but we will come together weekly in community with fellow sisters in Christ to bring about a spiritual springtime.

The handbook we will be using to guide us is called HOSANNA by ELIZABETH FOSS and can be purchased on Amazon.com. Please ensure you are purchasing the 2020 version with pink leaves on the front cover. We will meet every Wednesday night at ICC at 6:30 PM starting on March 4th.

Please note that we invite women and teens from all parishes to attend this Bible study. While we understand that every woman might not be able to meet at this particular time we invite you to still participate in the daily Bible study at home this Lent. If anyone else is interested in leading a group at another time (or parish) please contact Jennifer Brown 478-290-2785 to get access to the group guide.



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST
ABORTION HEALING RETREAT:
March 27-29, 2020**

For any woman, man, family member, or friend, who is struggling with the emotional,

spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion; a **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat** offers an opportunity to find healing, hope and forgiveness. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God through this healing weekend near Augusta, GA.

For additional information contact Stephanie May at 912-306-0406, or stephmay@bellsouth.net, or visit the website and testimonial video at <https://diosav.org/family-life/abortion-healing/rachels-vineyard>

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential. Come and be restored.

We have Memory Candles available in the office.

**Our Memory Candle this week is
for Beverly Lepsch**



Welcome to all visitors at our church! We are glad you are here worshipping with us. If you attend Mass on a regular basis at Immaculate Conception, would you please consider making us your home church? Registration forms are in the Narthex. Fill it out and return it to our Church Office.

Pope Francis' Homily for 1st Sunday of the Word of God

‘Today Jesus speaks those same words to you: ‘Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change’”

Last Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, marks the first Sunday of the Word of God, since its institution by Pope Francis. In his letter *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis made the annual appointment, which is to always fall on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. The following is Pope Francis' full text of his homily :

“Jesus began to preach” (*Mt* 4:17). With these words, the evangelist Matthew introduces the ministry of Jesus. The One who is the Word of God has come to speak with us, in his own words and by his own life. On this first Sunday of the Word of God, let us go to the roots of his preaching, to the very source of the word of life. Today's Gospel (*Mt* 4:12-23) helps us to know *how*, *where* and *to whom* Jesus began to preach.

1. *How* did he begin? With a very simple phrase: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). This is the main message of all Jesus' sermons: to tell us that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. What does this mean? The kingdom of heaven means the reign of God, that is, the way in which God reigns through his relationship with us. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is *at hand*, that God is near. Here is the novelty, the first message: God is not far from us. The One who dwells in heaven has come down to

earth; he became man. He has torn down walls and shortened distances. We ourselves did not deserve this: he came down to meet us.

This is a joyful message: God came to visit us in person, by becoming man. He did not embrace our human condition out of duty but out of love. For love, he took on our human nature, for one embraces what one loves. God took our human nature because he loves us and desires freely to give us the salvation that, alone and unaided, we cannot hope to attain. He wants to stay with us and give us the beauty of life, peace of heart, the joy of being forgiven and feeling loved.

We can now understand the direct demand that Jesus makes: “Repent”, in other words, “Change your life”. Change your life, for a new way of living has begun. The time when you lived for yourself is over; now is the time for living with and for God, with and for others, with and for love. Today Jesus speaks those same words to you: “Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change”. That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter he has written to you, to help you realize that he is at your side. His word consoles and encourages us. At the same time it challenges us, frees us from the bondage of our selfishness and summons us to conversion. Because his word has the power to change our lives and to lead us out of darkness into the light.

2. If we consider *where* Jesus started his preaching, we see that he began from the very places that were then thought to be “in darkness”. Both the first reading and the Gospel speak to us

of people who “sat in the region and shadow of death”. They are the inhabitants of “the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, on the road by the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations” (*Mt* 4:15-16; cf. *Is* 8:23-9:1). Galilee of the nations, this region where Jesus began his preaching ministry, had been given this name because it was made up of people of different races and was home to a variety of peoples, languages and cultures. It was truly “on the road by the sea”, a crossroads. Fishermen, businessmen and foreigners all dwelt there. It was definitely not the place to find the religious purity of the chosen people. Yet Jesus started from there: not from the forecourt of the temple of Jerusalem, but from the opposite side of the country, from Galilee of the nations, from the border region, from a periphery.

Here there is a message for us: the word of salvation does not go looking for untouched, clean and safe places. Instead, it enters the complex and obscure places in our lives. Now, as then, God wants to visit the very places we think he will never go. Yet how often we are the ones who close the door, preferring to keep our confusion, our dark side and our duplicity hidden. We keep it locked up within, approaching the Lord with some rote prayers, wary lest his truth stir our hearts. But as today’s Gospel tells us: “Jesus went about all Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity” (v. 23). He passed through *all* of that varied and complex region. In the same way, he is not afraid to explore the terrain of our hearts and to enter the roughest and most difficult corners of our lives. He knows that his mercy alone can heal us, his presence alone can transform us and his word

alone can renew us. So let us open the winding paths of our heart to him, who walked “the road by the sea”; let us welcome into our hearts his word, which is “living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword ... and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (*Heb* 4:12).

3. Finally, *to whom* did Jesus begin to speak? The Gospel says that, “as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men’” (*Mt* 4:18-19). The first people to be called were fishermen: not people carefully chosen for their abilities or devout people at prayer in the temple, but ordinary working people.

Let us think about what Jesus said to them: I will make you fishers of men. He was speaking to fishermen, using the language they understood. Their lives changed on the spot. He called them where they were and as they were, in order to make them sharers in his mission. “Immediately they left their nets and followed him” (v. 20). Why immediately? Because they felt drawn. They did not hurry off because they had received an order, but because they were drawn by love. To follow Jesus, mere good works are not enough; we have to listen daily to his call. He, who alone knows us and who loves us fully, leads us to put out into the deep of life. Just as he did with the disciples who heard him.

That is why we need his word: so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one

word that speaks to us not about things,
but about life.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us make
room in our lives for the word of God!
Each day, let us read a verse or two of
the Bible. Let us begin with the Gospel:
let us keep it open on our table, carry it
in our pocket, read it on our cell phones,
and allow it to inspire us daily. We will
discover that God is close to us, that he
dispels our darkness and, with great
love, leads our lives into deep waters.