

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

JUNE 9, 2024 | 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**“If a kingdom is divided  
against itself, that  
kingdom cannot stand.”**

**MARK 3:24**

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:  
Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

5:00 pm † Nilda Teodora Villafane Ramirez

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:00am † Benjamin Carrara  
† Michael Traynor

10:30am † Felix Wong  
† Mario Santulli

6:00 pm People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am † Joseph Ortiz

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

8:00am † Fred Minor  
Elmore Quiboloy

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8:00am † Gregorio A. Prado

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

8:00am † Joseph Palmieri

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

8:00am † June Emrick

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:00 pm † May Maher

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:00am For all Fathers

10:30am For all Fathers

6:00 pm For all Fathers  
People of the Parish

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:11*

### "... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie & Vinny Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Sylvia Magliaro, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Charlene Widmaier, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Charlene Widmaier, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Jacob Rivera, Gloria Dwley, Clara Rojas, John Giustiniani, Cliff Schaffer, Khameryn Oliver, Lindsay Trembulak

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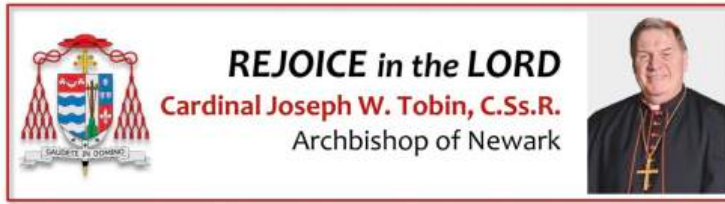
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 Archbishop of Newark



## Pastoral Conversion in a Missionary Key

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), calls all of us—lay faithful, priests and deacons, bishops, and even the pope himself—to a profound pastoral conversion "in a missionary key." To accomplish this challenging goal, we must place ourselves in God's hands, relying on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In his first chapter, the pope writes: "Life in the Spirit, which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ," is the opposite of the anxious, guilt-ridden, superficial way of life that far too many of us experience. "That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life," the Holy Father tells us. "It is not God's will for us" (#2). The alternative is the meaningful, joy-filled way of life that Christ taught us by his words and his example.

In his final chapter, Pope Francis exclaims: "How I long for the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! Yet I realize that no words of encouragement will be enough unless the fire of the Holy Spirit burns in our hearts" (#261).

The pope challenges all of us—no matter who we are—to be "Spirit-filled evangelizers," disciples of Jesus Christ whose hearts are on fire, who have a keen sense of mission, and who never hesitate to proclaim the Good News (#259).

In the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are members of the community of faith, the Church, and have accepted the responsibility that Christ entrusted to all his disciples: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20). This great commission has been given to each one of us individually as well as to the whole Church. We fulfill this responsibility, each in our own way, according to the gifts and talents given to us as stewards of our baptismal calling.

Most of us have never considered ourselves "missionaries," let alone "Spirit-filled evangelizers." The image of evangelizing seems strangely contrary to the Catholic ethos. Something in us protests: We are not fundamentalists. We do not wear our faith on our sleeve. We were taught to be more reserved in our witness to the faith.

While it's true that we Catholics have always "stood out" from other Christians in our worship, our devotions (especially to Mary and the

saints) and our observances (Lenten abstinence and meatless Fridays, for example), we have never been "in your face" when it comes to sharing our faith. And now, we are challenged "to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing" (#273). This is where pastoral conversion becomes absolutely necessary. This is when we most need to receive from the Holy Spirit the missionary zeal that makes it possible for us to proclaim our Redeemer, the Crucified and Risen Christ, to all nations and peoples.

Pope Francis knows that he is calling us to move beyond "our comfort zones" and define ourselves not as Catholics who simply do what is expected of us but as people who acknowledge and accept a very different role as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

"My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off," the pope says. "It is not an 'extra' of just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (#273). Strong words from a man who believes passionately that he (like all of us) is called to burn with the fire of God's love and to live the Gospel in every fiber of his being.

This is an impossible expectation for us fragile, sinful human beings unless we are filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Christ, risen and glorified, is the well-spring of our hope," the pope assures us. "He will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us" (#275). We have received His Spirit, and so we have the power to cast off the chains we have forged for ourselves and to work wonders in Jesus' name.

Let's look to the example of the Virgin Mary. "With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people. She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14), and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost" (#284).

With Mary's help, let's place ourselves in the hands of Divine Providence. Let's ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession as we allow the Holy Spirit to stir our hearts and lead us along the path of pastoral conversion and missionary zeal.

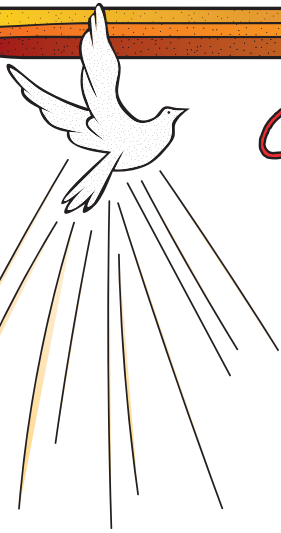
Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,  
 Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
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**ST. TERESA'S SOCIETY  
 FOR SENIORS**  
**Thursday, June 13**  
 1-2:30 PM | POPE FRANCIS HALL  
 1 MUNN ST

Join us for a talk by  
 STCP parishioner, Harold Ferguson:  
**Criminal Appeals and the  
 Difficult Fight for Justice**  
 Light refreshments will be available. This  
 is our last meeting before we break for the  
 summer. Please join us! Bring a friend!



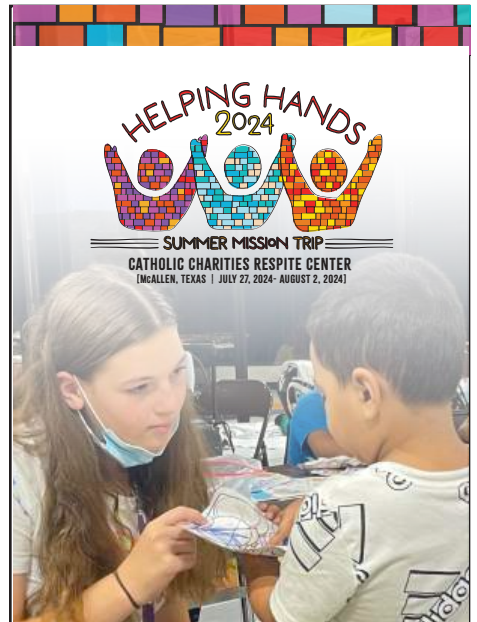


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Registration is online  
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ATTENTION: All families that currently have their child(ren) registered in our Faith Formation program should refer to the Parish Giving "welcome email" sent on 5/21 to register for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are unable to register through your Parish Giving account, please email Parish Giving: [info@parishgiving.org](mailto:info@parishgiving.org)

 **Confirmation Registration is online.**

# FROM THE VATICAN:

## Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 17. *Faith*

Paul VI Audience Hall | Wednesday, 31 January 2024

### TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE VIRTUE OF FAITH.

Together with charity and hope, this virtue is described as theological.

There are three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity. Why are they theological? Because they can be lived out only thanks to the gift of God. The three theological virtues are the great gifts that God gives to our moral capacity. Without them, we could be prudent, just, strong and temperate, but we would not have eyes that see even in the dark, we would not have a heart that loves even when it is not loved, we would not have a hope that dares against all hope.

What is faith? The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that faith is the act by which the human being freely commits himself to God (n. 1814). In this faith, Abraham was the great father. When he agreed to leave the land of his ancestors to head for the land that God would show him, he would probably have been judged insane: why leave the known for the unknown, the certain for the uncertain? But why do this? Is he insane? But Abraham sets off, as if he could see the invisible. This is what the Bible says about Abraham: "He went out, not knowing where he was to go". This is beautiful. And it will again be the invisible that makes him go up the mountain with his son Isaac, the only son of the promise, who only at the last moment will be spared from sacrifice. In this faith, Abraham becomes the father of a long line of descendants. Faith made him fruitful.

A man of faith would be Moses. Welcoming God's voice even when more than one doubt could have shaken him, he continued to stand firm and to trust in the Lord, and even to defend the people who were so often lacking in faith.

A woman of faith would be the Virgin Mary. Receiving the annunciation of the Angel, which many would have dismissed as too demanding and risky, she answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). And, with her heart full of faith, with her heart full of trust in God, Mary set out on a path of which she knew neither the route nor the dangers.

Faith is the virtue that makes the Christian. Because to be Christians is not first and foremost about accepting a culture, with the values that accompany it, but being Christian means welcoming and cherishing a bond, a bond with God: God and I, myself and the amiable face of Jesus. This bond is what makes us Christians.

Speaking of faith, an episode from the

Gospel comes to mind. Jesus' disciples are crossing the lake, and they are surprised by the storm. They think they can get by with the strength of their arms, with the resources of their experience, but the boat starts to fill up with water and they are seized by panic (cf. Mk 4:35-41). They do not realize that they have the solution before their very eyes: Jesus is there with them on the boat, in the midst of the storm, and Jesus is asleep, says the Gospel. When they finally awaken him, fearful and even angry that he would let them die, Jesus rebukes them: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" (Mk 4:40).

Here, then, is the great enemy of faith: it is not intelligence, nor is it reason, as, alas, some continue obsessively to repeat; but the great enemy of faith is fear. For this reason, faith is the first gift to welcome in the Christian life: a gift that must be welcomed and asked for daily, so that it may be renewed in us. It is seemingly a small gift, yet it is the essential one. When we were brought to the baptismal font, our parents, after announcing the name they had chosen for us, were asked by the priest — this happened at our Baptism — "What do you ask of God's Church?" And the parents answered: "Faith, baptism!".

For Christian parents, aware of the grace that was granted to them, that is the gift to ask for their child: faith. With it, parents know that, even in the midst of life's trials, their child will not drown in fear. See, the enemy is fear. They also know that, when the child ceases to have a parent on this earth, he will continue to have a God the Father in heaven, who will never abandon him. Our love is so fragile, and only God's love conquers death.

Certainly, as the Apostle says, not all have faith (cf. 2 Thess 3:2), and we too, who are believers, often realize that we have only a short supply. Often Jesus can rebuke us, as he did with his disciples, for being "men of little faith". But it is the happiest gift, the only virtue we are permitted to envy. Because those who have faith have a force within them that is beyond merely human; indeed, faith "triggers" grace in us and opens the mind to the mystery of God. As Jesus once said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea', and it would obey you" (Lk 17:6). Therefore, let us too, like the disciples, repeat to him: Lord, "increase our faith!" (Lk 17:5). It is a beautiful prayer! Shall we say it all together? "Lord, increase our faith". Let us say it together: [everyone] "Lord, increase our faith". Too quiet... a bit louder: [everyone] "Lord, increase our faith!". Thank you.

### Stewardship of Treasury week ending 5/24

Collections	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$6,692	\$301,154
Actual	\$6,955	\$343,138
Excess (Deficit)	\$263	\$41,984
Means of Giving	Weekly	YTD
Envelopes	56	2,499
Loose checks	12	473
Other	-	153
Online gifts	63	2,855

### week ending 5/31

Collections	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$6,692	\$307,846
Actual	\$7,352	\$350,490
Excess (Deficit)	\$659	\$42,643
Means of Giving	Weekly	YTD
Envelopes	57	2,556
Loose checks	7	480
Other	3	156
Online gifts	65	2,920



Interested in becoming  
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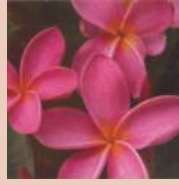
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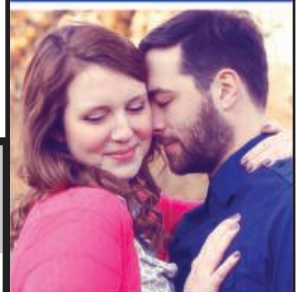
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