



January 21, 2024
Immaculate Conception
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sunday of the Word of God

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis issued the letter "Aperuit Illis" (He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, Luke 24:45) establishing the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time "to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God." (#3) "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (#2).

As believers in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God, we take inspiration and guidance from the written Word of God in the Scriptures. While the Holy Father has called for this one Sunday to emphasize the celebration of the Word of God, we must constantly celebrate, study, and disseminate the Word of God in our lives. A love for the Bible and its content should be in the minds and hearts of all Christians. It is important to prayerfully read a couple of verses daily so that the Word of God may touch our hearts and transform an ordinary day into the day in which God speaks to us. Many ask what passages I should read, Pope Francis invites us to begin with the Gospels and to even carry a pocket edition of the Gospels with us so at different moments of the day we allow the Word of God to touch us and transform us. Those who have smartphones can read the daily gospel from apps such as "Evangelizo." Or you may visit the page <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day.html>.

May the Word of God in his full richness fill our hearts.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Ecumenical Prayer Service and Fellowship

Join us on **Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 PM** here at IC as Durham Congregations In Action (DCIA) and its members, together with Duke Divinity's Center for Reconciliation, host an ecumenical prayer service and fellowship. A light reception and fellowship will follow the service. The event will be bilingual (English and Spanish) and is open to the public.

Upcoming Events

- **1/23 at 11:00 AM:** Virtual Bible Study
- **1/24 at 5:30 PM:** Prayer service celebrating Christian Unity Week
- **1/27 at 9 AM:** Reconciliation

Virtual Bible Study: January 23

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from **11:00 AM to 12:30 PM** on Zoom. Our next study begins on Tuesday, January 23. Contact Karen Poglitsch at kpoglitsch@sbcglobal.net if interested.

Welcoming Session

If you're new to the parish and would like to register or get more information, please stop by the daily mass chapel for a welcoming session after all Masses next weekend.

Ash Wednesday Schedule 2/14/24

6:15 AM - English

8:15 AM - School Mass

Noon - English Mass

5:30 PM - Bilingual Mass

7:00 PM - Spanish Mass

LOVE FUND

The Love Fund comes from our community. A single mother of three children is a certified nurse's assistant who works driving patients to medical appointments. She usually keeps up with her bills but her mother recently had an emergency operation that showed cancer in her colon and lungs. Because of her mother's needs, she has taken time off from work and has fallen behind with some payments. She would be very grateful for any assistance.



Volunteer Opportunities

The New Year is a great time to start again! Maybe this year you would like to get more involved in the parish! There are so many opportunities to do so. A few opportunities are listed below:

Bereavement Committee

We want to start up the Bereavement Committee again. This Committee would provide a reception in the gathering space after funerals. You can be part of the team that sets up, serves, cleans up, or drops off food. Contact Margie at burtonm@icdurham.org if interested.

Love Fund Ministry

Would you like to help those in need? We are looking for a few more volunteers to get involved in this ministry. If you want to learn more about it, contact Margie at burtonm@icdurham.org.

Helping a parishioner

We have an older couple who have been part of our community for a long time. They have been experiencing severe health issues. They could use some help. They live in North Durham. If you would like to learn more about this, contact Margie burtonm@icdurham.org.

Immaculata News

For families interested in applying to Immaculata Catholic School for the 2024-2025 school year, our application is now OPEN. Scan the QR Code beside to apply.



Be sure to review this funding opportunity; the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship application for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 1, 2024. We encourage all to apply! Scan the QR Code beside to apply.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

January 20 - January 27

Saturday	5:30 pm	† Patrick Burns
Sunday	7:45 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	† Mary McCann & Jeannette Coyne
	11:30 am	Pro Populo
	1:30 pm	† Jose Luis Flores Rodriguez
	5:00 pm	† Jesus Flores Flores
Monday	8:15 am	† Jose Luis & Silverio Flores
Tuesday	8:15 am	No Intention
Wed.	12:00 pm	† Olga & Joseph Heart
Thursday	8:15 am	† Doralisa Perez
	7:00 pm	† Martha Williamson
Friday	8:15 am	No Intention
Saturday	8:15 am	No Intention

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