



JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

**“Do not be afraid;  
just have faith.”**

MARK 5:36

JUNE 27, 2021  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH PRECEDES HEALING

As always on Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines today’s Gospel. In the longer form, Jesus performs two healings; and the Book of Wisdom proclaims our God the God of life, who “fashioned all things that they might have being” and formed human beings in “the image of his own nature,” to be “imperishable” (Wisdom 1:14; 2:23). People of faith, therefore, choose to live God’s “undying justice (righteousness)” (1:15) in this mortal life, thus beginning, even now, the undying life for which we were created. To choose otherwise is to choose the other side: the devil and death (2:25). Mark presents the two healings as a story within a story, a “story sandwich,” a literary device that reinforces his message for those who originally would have heard, not read, the story. Mark wants to emphasize an essential truth of his Gospel: that Jesus does not perform miracles to compel faith, but rather that faith precedes healing.

### JUST HAVE FAITH

Jairus’ daughter is the child of an important, privileged man, who publicly seeks out Jesus and loudly proclaims—and demonstrates—his faith, “falling at Jesus’ feet and pleading earnestly with him” (5:22–23). The anonymous woman virtually “sneaks up behind” Jesus and, though clearly filled with faith, keeps that faith to herself until Jesus draws “the whole truth” out of her after her cure (5:27–28, 33). All the more impressive, then, that Jesus delays his healing of the seemingly “more important” and younger woman for the unknown, truly marginalized older woman. Returning to the “domestic church,” so to speak, of Jairus’ house from the public setting of the older woman’s cure, Mark tells us that Jairus’ daughter has died. In the face of a hopelessness even more definitive than that of the hemorrhaging woman, people tell Jairus “why trouble the teacher any longer?” (5:35). But Jesus does not consider his response to Jairus’ faith hopeless or a bother: “Do not be afraid; just have faith” (5:36). Despite death’s apparent triumph at Jairus’ home, Jesus grasps the child’s hand—even though the law prohibited touching the dead—and bids her, “Talitha koum—Little girl, I say to you, arise!” (5:41).

### WHY BOTHER?

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? Is a silent touch of Jesus’ garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel’s ending: after bidding Jairus’ daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

#### *SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES*

- Monday: St. Irenaeus
- Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul
- Wed: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Thursday: Saint Junípero Serra;
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Thomas; First Saturday

# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Immaculate Conception Church & St. Joseph Church

*Pastor: Rev. Ronald J. Minner • Deacon: Mr. Jack Mroz • Pastor Emeritus: Rev. James J. Ward*

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*St. Joseph Church side entrance is open daily for private prayer*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Tues. & Thurs. after 8 a.m. Mass @ SJC; Wednesdays, 6:30pm @ ICC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC Direct Phone: 800-791-9209; Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Phone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204; If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

## The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **Sat. June 26**

4:30 pm (ICC)

**Agnes Johnson** (Tom & Jean Kuchynski) /  
**Bernard "Dub" Gillespie** (Joseph Krebs & Family)

### **Sun. June 27**

9:00 am (SJC)

**Alice Rita Mulligan** (Rick & Mary Alice Kuhn) /  
**Glenn Derkosh** (Frank & Debbie Flizack)

### **Mon. June 28**

8:00 am (ICC)

**Lean Dominic** (Cathy & Ed Hawk) / **Francis Dougher** (Jerry & Judy Nederostek)

### **Tues. June 29**

8:00 am (SJC)

**Healing for Barbara Maloney** (Michele Monahan) / **All Father's Living & Deceased**

### **Wed. June 30**

*private*

**Missa Pro Populo -All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

### **Thurs. July 1**

8:00 am (SJC)

**Gerald & Marjorie Haggerty** (Children & Grandchildren) /  
**Yong Cha Kurak** (Bonnie McElmoyle)

### **Fri. July 2**

8:00 am (ICC)

**Gwen Gillespie** (ICC Women's Club) /  
**Pauline Kruslicky** (Children-Patricia, Michael, & Jo)

### **Sat. July 3**

9:00 am (ICC)

**In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:30 am (SJC) *Rosary for Life (following the 9am Mass)*

for your  
sake He  
became  
poor,  
so that by  
His poverty  
you might  
become rich.  
*2nd Corinthians*

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Sat. July 3**

4:30 pm (ICC)

**Regina G. & James F. Klein** (Regina M. Klein) / **Mary Kunkel** (Tony & Kane Roos)

### **Sun. July 4**

9:00 am (SJC)

**Sarah Carrigan** (Kitty) / **Thomas Dinan** (Stephanie Maliniak)

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of *Eleanor Stoneback* (From, Roush Family)

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

BLESSED MOTHER: In Loving Memory of *John G. Milan* (Requested by the Family)

BLESSED MOTHER: For a *Special Friend's recovery* (Requested by Gloria)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** 6/6/21: \$6,827.00  
*Thank you for your continued support & generosity.*

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS**

Tuesday, June 29: Catholic Daughters, 6pm  
Friday, July 2: Flame of Love, 1pm

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS,** who are at least of the age to have received the Sacrament of First Communion, and are interested in being Altar Servers. If this is something you've always wanted to do but never had the chance, call the Rectory, 570-325-2791 or 570-325-3731! Fr. Minner would like to hold a training class in July.



**THE BOOK OF WELLNESS** has been returned to the back of ICC for you to write in it anyone who is ill and needs the prayers of the church. We pray for the sick every day and ask God's help and blessings of healing, tolerance, and patience upon them. The sick always need our prayers. They often are so helpless in their illness and look for each tomorrow to feel better and be restored



*Congratulations* to **Jay Marsden and Meredith Brisbane** who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this weekend at St. Joseph Church and to **Ramón Montalvo & Donna Mahoney** who were joined in Holy Matrimony last weekend at Immaculate Conception Church.

Please remember both Jay & Meredith and Ramón & Donna as they make this life-long commitment that their life together may become a witness to Christ's love for his Bride, the Church.

**THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME!**

Fr. Minner would like to thank all the parishioners in welcoming him last weekend, especially the organists, choirs, Women's Club, Picnic Committee, and all the Parishioners who had a part in the refreshments after the weekend Masses.

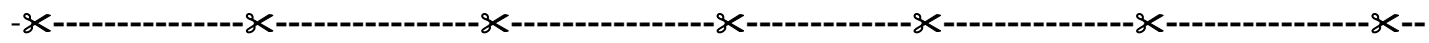


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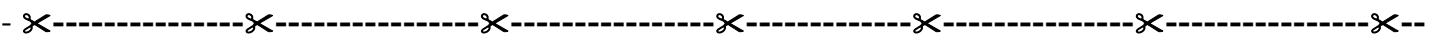
**WEEKDAY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

*Beginning Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>*

- Mon: 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
- Tues: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
- Wed: Private Mass
- Thurs: 8:00 a.m. Mass at ICC, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
- Fri: 8:00 a.m. Mass at SJC

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard every Wednesday evening at **6:00 p.m.** The 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at ICC, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at SJC. (7/7 & 7/21 @ ICC; 7/14 & 7/28 @ SJC)

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS:** Beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup> a 9:00 a.m. Mass will be held in Honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass will rotate church buildings every month. July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be held at ICC. August 7<sup>th</sup> will be held at SJC. The Rosary for Life will be held after the Mass on those first Saturdays.



CUT OUT & SAVE FOR YOUR INFO!