

The Parish of Immaculate Conception & Assumption of Our Lady

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
*During the pandemic, there are no office hours
on Saturday or Sunday.*

Holy Mount Cemetery -- (914) 961-3643

Hours: Daily 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

(recitation of the Rosary before Mass)

Monday - Friday:

7:30 AM at Assumption

8:30 AM • 12:00* PM at Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 8:30* AM at Immaculate Conception
**Miraculous Medal Novena, Blessing with the Relic,
and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays and First Fridays after the 12:00 PM Mass
at Immaculate Conception with Benediction at 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday, Assumption: 4:00 PM

Saturday, Immaculate Conception: 5:00* PM

Sunday at Immaculate Conception:

8:00 AM • 10:00* AM • 12:00 PM • 5:00 PM

Sunday at Assumption: 9:00 AM • 11:30 AM (Spanish)

Spanish Mass/Misa en Español:

11:30 AM at Assumption (*todos los Domingos*)

Bilingual Italian/English Mass/Messa in Italiano:

9:00 AM at Assumption (*first Sunday of the month*)

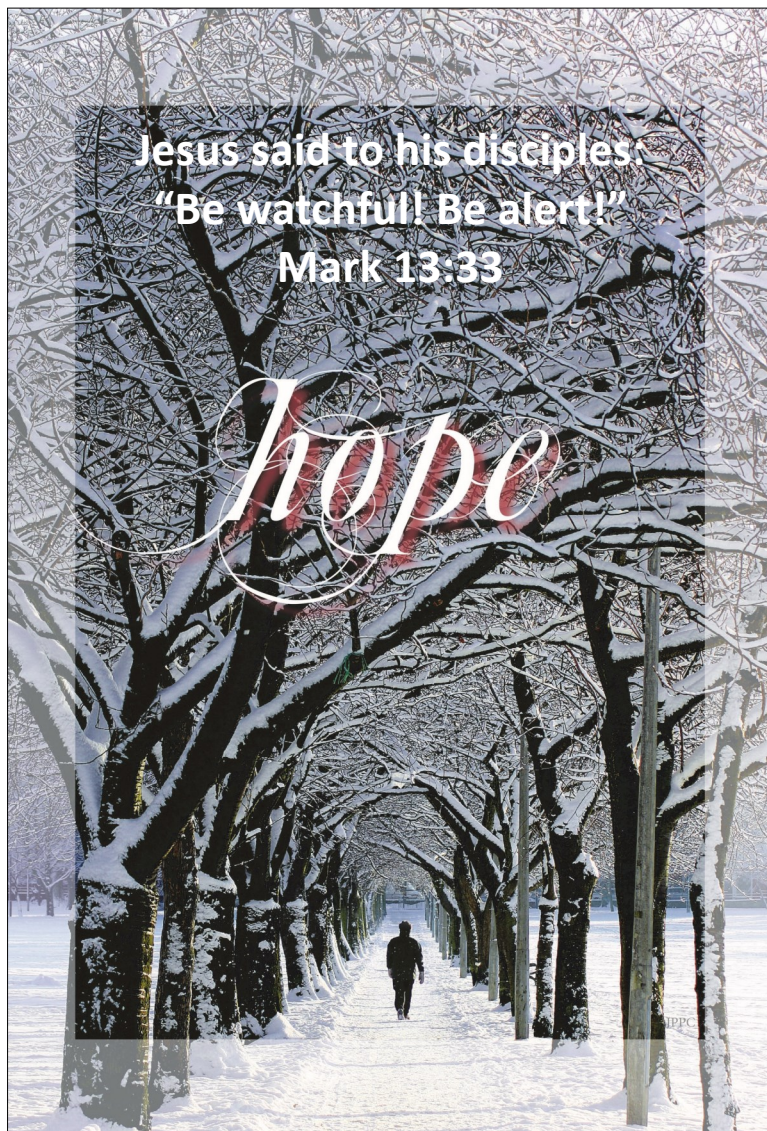
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00-5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception;

3:30-3:55 PM at Assumption; and

anytime by calling the priest on duty: (914) 961-3643.

* *Livestreaming Masses: www.icaparish.org/livestream*



November 29, 2020



First Sunday of Advent

Prayers for our Parishioners

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, *Vigil*, First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM James Shea Mem.
5:00 PM Carmen and Frances Terry Mem.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Adriano Alves Mem.
9:00 AM Gloria and Joseph Di Rienzo Mem.
10:00 AM Helen Leonard Mem.
11:30 AM Mateo Gonzalez Living
12:00 PM Carmen Artau Mem.
5:00 PM Isabelo Ortiz Mem.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

7:30 AM Dan and Esther Salvatore Mem.
8:30 AM Isabel C. Avitabile Mem.
12:00 PM Ciriaco Troncone Mem.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 AM Salvatore Fonte Mem.
8:30 AM Jack Troncone Mem.
12:00 PM Joseph Jr., Anna Maria,
and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 AM Agostino Celestino Mem.
8:30 AM Christian Lambrelli Mem.
12:00 PM Daniel Peters Mem.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30 AM Mary and James McLaughlin Mem.
8:30 AM Joseph Quercia Mem.
12:00 PM Mark Gjela Mem.

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 AM Vito Giordano Mem.
8:30 AM Joseph Jr., Anna Maria,
and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.
12:00 PM Margaret Longabucco 8th Anniversary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 AM Giuseppe Santilli Mem.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, *Vigil*, Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM The Visconti-Marrano Families Mem.
5:00 PM Christopher Cardiello Mem.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM The Valente-De Luca Family Mem.
9:00 AM Carmela and Saverio Torella Mem.
10:00 AM Angelo and Maria Maiorano Mem.
11:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners Living
12:00 PM Lucia and Vincenzo Recine
and Ginetta Viselli Mem.
5:00 PM Anthony Provenzano and
Edythe Provenzano Mem.

*There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

A time to be Born: Baptisms ...

Madison Arita, Emilia Rae Bonnici, Jason Bryce,
Luciano DiMatteo, Michael Eduardo, Giana Gallego,
Kennedy Jane Krause, Anthony Albert Moeller, Aria
Jessica Polizzi, Robert Prisco, Gianna Restrepo,
Benjamin Luke Ruggiero, Adrianna Santiago, and
Gabriella Sicilia

A time to Love: Banns of Marriage...

I: Steven Costa and Diana Basilone
II: George Nickoletos and Jacqueline Kolaj

A time to Die: Those who have died...

Robert Fitzsimmons, Mario Iannarilli, Giovanni DiLeo,
Rev. John Conti, Kathleen Voight, Dorothy Aurisy,
Martino Immediato, Maria B. Grassi, Peggy Billadello

A time to Heal: Those who are ill...

Bernadette Gleason-Culhane, Thomas Capolino,
Salvatore Naclerio, and Vincent Bonnanzio

A time for War: And a time for Peace...

For those in the military who have died in the
service of our country.

A Prayer for the Busy Holiday Season

Father, I want this holiday season

to be filled with light
instead of darkness.

Please help me discard my
emotional masks and be
real before You,
as well as my
family and friends.

Father, help me make this holiday season
an offering of praise to You.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

— Mary Southerland, from "Turning Christmas Chaos
into Christmas Joy" from *Girlfriends in God*



From the Desk of Fr. Lakmin Silva

Welcome to Advent: Preparing for the Incarnation

We have now arrived at the first Sunday of the Season of Advent. The word “advent” is derived from the Latin word “*adventus*,” which means “coming.” And, to be more precise, it is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ, which is celebrated as His birthday on Christmas Day. This season lasts for four weeks and is set aside to contemplate what the coming of Christ means to the world and to each of us. So, during this season, we are invited to reflect on the coming of the Son of God in human form, as the babe in the manger, and His coming into the lives, hearts, and actions of those who accept Him as their Savior. We also contemplate His future coming, when Jesus will return to the Earth as a King who comes to judge and rule the whole universe.

Hence, the theme of Scripture readings and teachings during Advent prepare us for the Second Coming while also commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. We celebrate with gladness the great promise in Advent, yet we know there is also a somber tone as threat is added to the theme of promise. This is reflected in some of the Scripture readings for Advent, in which there is a strong prophetic tone of accountability and judgment on sin.

However, this is also faithful to the role of the Coming King who comes to rule, save, and judge the world.

Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is purple. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the advent of the King. It is the color of hope. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week.

This points to an important connection between

Jesus’ birth and death. The nativity -- the Incarnation -- cannot be separated from the crucifixion. The purpose of Jesus’ coming into the world, of the “Word made flesh” and dwelling among us, is to reveal God and His grace to the world not only through Jesus’ life and teaching but also through his suffering, death, and

resurrection. To reflect this emphasis, Advent originally was a time of penitence and fasting, akin to the season of Lent.

Finally, the meaning, theology, and the traditions of Advent remind us that we are not mere spectators of this whole event but active, watchful participants. So “Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.” (Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

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from the crucifixion.”*

Dichiarazione d'intenti della Parrocchia

La Parrocchia Cattolica Romana dell'Immacolata Concezione e Assunzione e' una comunita' dell'Eucaristia la quale glorifica il Padre nell'unione con il Figlio e guidata dallo Spirito Santo e protetta dalla Madonna. Il nostro richiamo e' alla preghiera, all'istruzione e alla servitu' del popolo di Dio in questa vita, e nella speranza della vita eterna.



Sacraments and Liturgy



During RCIA, we have been praying and studying with those who wish to finish their Initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters as they prepare to become Catechumens and Candidates on the First Sunday of Advent. They will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021.

FULL INITIATION: Michelle Medina

**PROFESSION of FAITH, FIRST COMMUNION
and CONFIRMATION**

Jennifer Serunjogi, Semu Serunjogi

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Stephen Dolan, Marlo Hunter,
Michael Martinez, Lorenzo Montegiorgi

CONFIRMATION

Helen Fleming, Jacqueline Kolaj, Erin Novak

Next Weekend's Celebrants

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Vigil, Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:00 PM: Fr. Silva

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 AM: Fr. Collins

10:00 AM: Fr. André

12:00 PM: Fr. Novio

5:00 PM: Fr. Sorgie

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY CHURCH

Vigil, Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00 PM: Fr. Novio

Sunday, December 6, 2020

9:00 AM: Fr. Sorgie (Italian)

11:30 AM: Fr. Ulloa (Spanish)

Next Weekend's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

Reading I: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

These verses open the so-called "Book of Comfort." We read of the commissioning of the prophet. Later in history, John the Baptist will fulfill Isaiah's declaration about a "desert voice proclaiming."

Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

The unknown author (definitely not St. Peter) addresses the criticism he has heard of God's providence. He explains "divine time" and His "delay" which is actually His patience with sinners.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

This prologue relates for the reader the promises of the Old Testament prophets to the work of John the Baptist and to Jesus as "the coming One." We also receive a portrayal of St. John's humility.

Sacraments in our Parish

The Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled at 1:30 PM on select Sundays at Immaculate Conception or Assumption. Call the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements. Baptismal catechesis (instruction) is offered on one Thursday monthly.

The Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call Fr. Sorgie, our pastor, to arrange for the date and church of your wedding at least six months in advance, prior to any other plans for your expected wedding date. Wedding arrangements will be handled by Wedding Coordinator, Mrs. Russo: (914) 629-1691.

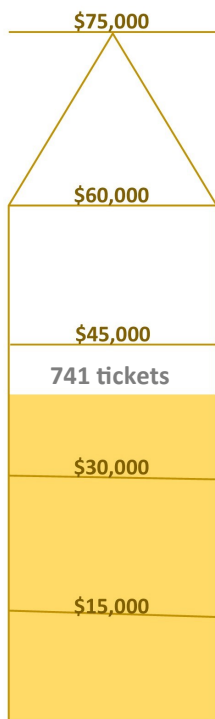
Note: There are no weddings on Sundays.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Available anytime day or night. Call (914) 961-3643.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Anytime, call the priest on duty: (914) 961-3643. Also on Saturdays: 3:30-3:55 PM at Assumption, 4:00- 5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception.

Your Stewardship

The 6th BONANZA LOTTERY MANY DRAWINGS AHEAD!



Great cash prizes are available to win by those purchasing tickets in our Bonanza Lottery. Each week, two tickets will be drawn for two \$200 prizes. **Winning tickets will be reentered for all subsequent drawings!** Also, we will have three big drawings of \$2,000 each on Feb. 13, March 13, and June 6.

There will be **41 winners** in total and **over \$10,000 in prizes** awarded. **Tickets are \$50 each** and are available in the Parish Office, Sacristies, and the ICS and PREP offices. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, and your generosity helps defray expenses for the parish.

Thank you for your support!

Stewardship: Weekend of Nov. 22, 2020

This information was not available at press time. Please watch future bulletins for our Sunday Collection figures.



Goal: \$156,500.00

Pledged: \$164,946.00

Number of Gifts: 265

Mass Cards for the Living and Deceased

To obtain Mass cards or schedule an intention in honor of someone living or deceased, please visit the parish office during these times:

Monday through Friday

from 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Saturday from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Sunday from 9:00 AM–1:30 PM

Niches Available

Holy Mount Cemetery Terrace Gardens and Columbarium

We have broken ground on our new Holy Mount Columbarium. Now our Parishioners -- and anyone else -- have an opportunity to spiritually and respectfully have their loved one's ashes rest intact on the Sacred Grounds of Holy Mount Cemetery. Each niche holds up to two urns of cremains.

Please call Maria, Admin. Asst., to reserve a niche(s) for you or your loved ones at (914) 961-3643 on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM or email her at: secretary@icaparish.org. A 50% deposit is required for reservations.

Niche Size	Price	# of Niches Remaining	Section See Image Below
8" X 8"	\$2,500	39	1
12" X 12"	\$3,500	1,467	1, 2, 3, 4
16" X 16"	\$4,500	61	1



1. The Holy Mount Indoor Section
2. Assumption Terrace Garden Section
3. St. Bernadette's Walkway Section
4. Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Section

Parish News and Events

Thanks and Praise for Our Parish and PREP

The Castro Family share their thoughts about the Parish and PREP online this year:

"We feel so welcome in this parish! Although we are going through a hard time due to the pandemic, the Word of the Lord is helping us.

"With the parish community, and Sr. Cora especially, providing the Word of the Lord and weekly livestreaming of Masses for our families, there's no better way to experience it! This level of learning

has been like no other, with the church and PREP always available to us -- constant accessibility.

"My son is learning in the car, on the go, and in normal conversations throughout the day. What a great way for families and God to come together!

To our Parish Community...keep up the great work! It is showing in the light that shines through our children. Thank you for teaching and welcoming us! God bless ICA."

If you have a question about any aspect of our Catholic Church and faith, contact us and we will answer to the best of our ability.



257. "What are the elements that should be found in our prayer?"

When we pray, we should each make a conscious effort to incorporate all the elements of Catholic Christian prayer which have been taught throughout the history of the church and most recently in *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The proper understanding of each element is also important.

The tradition of the Roman Catholic Church highlights four basic elements of prayer: Prayer of Blessing and Adoration, Prayer of Petition, Prayer of Intercession, and Prayer of Thanksgiving.

1. Blessing and Adoration. In its widest applications, the word "blessing" has a variety of meanings in sacred writings. It can be taken in a sense that is synonymous with praise; thus, the Psalmist writes, "I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall be always in my mouth." The prayer of blessing expresses praise and honor to God and is man's response to God's gifts.

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. Praise is the form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It lauds God for His

own sake and gives Him glory, quite beyond what He does, but simply because He is.

2. Petition. A prayer of petition is a request to God that asks Him to fulfill a need. By prayer of petition, Catholics acknowledge their dependence on God. This expression is not intended to direct God what to do but to appeal to His goodness for the things we need; and the appeal is necessary, not because He is ignorant of our needs or sentiments, but to give definite form to our desires and to help us appreciate our close personal relation with Him. The expression need not be external or vocal; internal or mental is sufficient.

The prayer of petition is, at its heart, an Act of Faith in that the one praying must believe first, in the existence of God and second, that God is both willing and able to grant the petition. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that asking forgiveness, coupled with trusting humility, should be the first movement of a prayer of petition.

3. Intercession. Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners. Intercession is a prayer to God on behalf of another person asking God to assist other people with the things they need.

4. Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving celebrates what God has given and done.

Parish News and Events



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Memorialize or Honor a Loved One in our New Divine Mercy Chapel

Our beautiful new Divine Chapel Mercy is now open in the Parish Center. Along its walls are these Stations of the Cross, hand painted and done in Talavera della Reina, Spain. Each is a one-of-a-kind work of art and designed specifically for our Divine Mercy Chapel. They are available to honor or memorialize a loved one (\$500 ea.). Also available, the Holy Water Stoope (\$250, lower right).

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic

devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation and are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as one moves from station to station, recalling and meditating on Christ's last day.

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with a Station, please call the Parish Center office, (914) 961-3643.



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Parish News and Events

Morning Out! and Parents Connect

This Ministry Resumes Soon

The Morning Out! and Parents Connect parenting ministries will be meeting on Tuesday mornings in a limited capacity over the next few weeks. These are great opportunities for you to connect with other parents in our parish in a safe, welcoming, open and faith-filled environment. *All COVID-19 protocols will be respected and the number of persons limited.*

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Michelle Horvers, (914) 787-0005.

Parish Offices Now in the Parish Center

Our Parish Office is no longer in the rectory and is now located in the new Parish Center. It can be entered from the original entrance to the school. There is a handicap ramp between the Church and School and a new sign to lead you directly to the new center.

Help Other People Eat (HOPE)

Feed Those in Need at this Difficult Time

Our parish is assigned to the soup kitchen on the second Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month. Volunteers prepare food for their choice of one or both dates: to feed about 10-15 people.



Aluminum containers or plastic bags are available at the enclosed, back rectory porch for entrees. Please leave meals in the enclosed, back rectory porch on the assigned date no later than 2:30 PM. They are picked up by 2:45 PM.

As a family, serve others in this powerful way as the holidays approach:

December 9 and 15:

- Meatloaf (sliced, over wide noodles)
- 2 Large Bags Mixed Vegetables (frozen)
- 2 Large Bags of Mixed Green Salad
- Bottle of Italian Dressing

Jesse Tree 2020

Tags Now Available

Amid a year no one will soon forget, the Jesse Tree outreach program will proceed. Gift labels are now available and we are asking that all gifts be **NEW** and placed in a gift bag with your label attached to the gift bag.



Please look for gift labels at the entrances of either church. If you participate, please return the gift to either church by Sunday, December 13.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: jessetree2020@gmail.com.

The Jesse Tree Ministry thanks you for your continued support and generosity for those in need, especially this year.

A Big Thank You...

to ALL who helped the **HUNGRY and THE COLD** at **HOPE** and the **Food Pantry** of the **Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal** with our **Coats & Cans Drive**.

Thanks especially:

Jennifer Biancardi and Fran Lanzetta who coordinated the Coat Drive;
Joyce and Donal Bermingham who coordinated the Can Drive.

Interested in helping coordinate the December Coats & Cans? Please call: (914) 961-1076.



La Comunidad Hispana



Pregúntale al padre

Si tiene preguntas acerca de cualquier aspecto de nuestra Fe o Religión Católica. Deje una nota o llámenos y le responderemos de la mejor manera posible.

257. “¿Cual Cuáles son los elementos que debemos incluir en nuestra oración?”

Cuando oramos debemos asegurarnos de incluir todos los elementos Católicos Cristianos que nos han enseñado a través de toda la historia de la Iglesia y de los más reciente del Catecismo Católico de la Iglesia. El comprender cada uno de estos elementos es de suma importancia.

La tradición de la Iglesia Católica Romana, subraya cuatro elementos de oración: Oración de Bendición y Petición, Oración de Adoración, Oración de Intersección, y Oración de Acción de Gracias.

1. Bendición y Adoración, en su amplia aplicación, la palabra “bendición,” tiene una variedad de significados en las Sagradas Escrituras. Puede ser tomada en el sentido de que es una alabanza, así el salmista dice: “Bendeciré al Señor todo el tiempo; habrán siempre alabanzas en mi boca.” La oración de bendición expresa adoración y honor del hombre hacia Dios. Es su manera de responder a los regalos de Dios.

Adoración es la respuesta del hombre reconociendo que es una criatura ante el Creador. Alabanza es una forma de adoración que reconoce inmediatamente que Dios es Dios. Clama y glorifi-

ca a Dios más allá de lo que El hace, simplemente por que El es.

2. Petición es una respuesta a Dios clamando por una necesidad. En la oración de petición los Católicos reconocemos nuestra dependencia de Dios. Esta expresión no pretende dirigirle a Dios hacia lo que tiene que hacer, pero si es una apelación a Su bondad para las cosas que necesitamos; y esta apelación es necesaria no por que el ignora nuestras necesidades y sentimientos, pero si es para dar forma definida a nuestros deseos y para también ayudarnos a apreciar la relación cercana que tenemos con El. Esta expresión no necesita ser interna o verbal, interna y mental es suficiente.

El corazón de la oración de petición es que es un Acto de Fe en el que al hacerlo se debe creer primeramente, en la existencia de Dios, segundo en que Dios puede y está dispuesto a cumplir y concedernos nuestra petición. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica dice que, pedir perdón humildemente es lo primero que debe hacerse en una oración de petición.

3. Intersección, es una oración de petición que nos lleva a orar de la misma forma en la que a Jesús lo hizo. Jesús es quien intercede por los hombres, especialmente los pecadores, ante el Padre. Intersección es una oración para Dios pidiendo por otra persona, para que la asista con sus necesidades.

4. Acción de Gracias, es una oración a Dios para agradecer lo que Dios nos ha dado y concedido.

Oficinas de la Parroquia, ahora en el Centro Parroquial

Nuestra oficina de la Parroquia no está más en la Rectoría, ahora está localizada en el nuevo Centro Parroquial. Se puede tener acceso a través de la entrada original de la escuela. Existe una rampa para incapacitados entre la Iglesia y la Escuela y un letrero nuevo le dirigirá al nuevo Centro Parroquial. Para todos los asuntos con la parroquia, por favor visite nuestra nueva oficina y admire el centro mientras lo preparamos para su completa abertura.