IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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February 12, 2023

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



SACRAMENTS

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The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

BAPTISM

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

CONFESSION

Anytime by appointment Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Anthony DePaulo (John & Nancy) 4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for 50th Anniversary John & Judy Skoretz (Children)

Sunday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Bud Twigger (Cheryl) 10:00 a.m. James A Salvatore (Mabette) 11:30 a.m. Paul Adomaitis (Christine) **Monday, February 13**

7:45 a.m. Marie, Teresa & Cecelia (Family)

Tuesday, February 14

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family6:30 p.m. John Ott (Barb & Tracy)

Wednesday, February 15

7:45 a.m. Helen Stanish (Rose) **Thursday, February 16** 7:45 a.m. Kathleen McCoy (Kathleen) **Friday, February 17** 7:45 a.m. Phyllis Lewis (Linda)

Saturday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Jean Moorhead (Fischerkeller Family)
4:30 p.m. Tony Mauro (Wife)
Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Elyse-Alberts-Azzatta

- (Family) 10:00 a.m. Rottmund & Ruby Families (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Schilling (Husband)

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner

Over the next few months, mark your calendars:

Theology on the Vine:

- ► February 23
- March 29 \triangleright \triangleright April 27
- May 25
- ➢ June 29 \succ July 27
- > August 30

As we get closer to the dates pay attention to the bulletin for information regarding each TOV!

Coming May 13th the season opener of our Burger Bash. Getting our grills ready for the new season





THE WELL, Diocesan Men's Conference, planned March 25 Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and make t Catholicism a way of life at "THE WELL - BE NOT AFRAID," the Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 25[,] at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell. Registration forms are available on the counter in the back of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church.

One of the guest speakers is:

Father John A. Moineau

Pastor - Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin Administrator - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

A priest in the Diocese of Greensburg for more than 35 years, Father Moineau was in for the battle of his life when he was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in the summer of 2021. After numerous treatments and the uplifting of prayers in July, 2022, he was told he is cancer free. Father Moineau says it was truly a miracle.

TOPIC (Session B) - "5 Steps of Accepting the Cross in Comparison With the 5 Steps of Grief."

This Week on the Corner



IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group Spring Semester

IMG Saturday - Feb. 18th 6:30am-8:00 am IWG Sunday - Feb. 19th 6:30 am-8:00 am

Lesson 6 - The Journey of the Magi In the steps the Magi take on their journey to follow the star of Bethlehem, we can see the steps of the spiritual life. In each

Bethlehem, we can see the steps of the spiritual life. In each step, there is a critical lesson about conversion—almost a "How to" guidebook.

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild Card Party Planning Meeting

Wednesday February 15 5:00 pm We will be meeting in the Caravaggio Conference Room.



Christian Mother's/Women's Guild General Meeting

Tuesday February 21 7:00 pm We will be meeting in Our Lady's Plaza. Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm.

No Parish Fish Fry this Lent



After meeting with our social and fundraising committees, we have decided not to resume a Lenten Fish Fry in the parish. Although we had great success in the past the effectiveness of this event in the future poses more challenges than solutions. The inflated cost of the product and supplies has made it obvious that it

would be very difficult to make a profit that would reflect the hard work and planning of the event. Fish used to be a low-cost commodity but in our economic climate today that is no longer true. After researching prices and availability of product we have decided to move away from this Lenten fund-raiser and concentrate on other fund raisers to support the parish mission. We have found that the shared fundraisers of the Cash Bash and monthly (raffle) tickets create a bigger profit than we have imagined with the fish fry in recent years. Our parish night at the races and burger bash events continue to be successful and allows for opportunities to gather and have "Fun" as well as raise funds. Finally, I believe that making Lent a more solemn focus, undistracted by the hard work of the fish fry, leads us better in the spirit of the season. I want to thank everyone who supports our annual fish fry, the leadership and the workers of the past.

FAITH FORMATION -

Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School Students, Saturday February 18th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Monday, February 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7th **Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday February 13th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday February 13th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.



Children's Offertory Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those children who did not receive them at Faith Formation classes. Please

sign child's name and envelope number on the sheet provided. Thank you!

Calling Moms with young children!

Motherhood can feel like an isolating experience, especially when you are raising your children in the faith! We are looking to bring together mothers with young children are looking for community to support one another on the journey and encourage one another to grow in their faith. Children are welcome! Join us for our first gathering Tuesday, February 21st at 9:30 am in the Immaculate Conception Faith Formation office- in the IC Administration Building. We plan to meet every other Tuesday morning after the first gathering. Let Susan know if you have any <u>questionsskcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>.

Mothers Circle at St. Barbara's Church

We are looking for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas or caregivers. Come play with us every Thursday at St. Barbara's church at 9:30am. Come have some adult conversation while all the kids play! Any questions please call Carrie 412-418-5622

Attention All Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at <u>sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.or</u> or 724-863-9550. Δ

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thoughts from the Pastor



CATHOLIC TRADITION: DEVOTIONAL AND LITURGICAL CANDLES "Jesus is the Light of the World"

The practice of lighting candles is an important tradition in Catholic churches, communities and families. Its origins may be traced back in the Old Testament times where an oil lamp is lit to "keep a flame burning perpetually" (Exodus 27:19-20) and as a "lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting...from generation to

generation" (Exodus 30:7-8) "set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses" (Exodus 40:24-25).

The New Testament further highlights the sanctity of this light in Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. "A first tent was prepared with the lamp stand, the table and the bread of the presence; this is called the Holy Place" (Hebrews 9:2). In today's Catholic tradition, this light has a very special place because it symbolizes Christ who said, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life" (John 8:12).

In most every part of Catholic celebrations and rituals, lighting of candles plays a very significant role. Candles are lit during the celebration of the Mass, on liturgical and funeral processions and evening prayer ceremonies. Candles are lit before the Tabernacle to signify the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to call for reverence on the part of the faithful.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, as a person is initiated into the Church, a candle is lit from the Paschal Candle, the symbol, His passion, His death and His resurrection. The person receives the Light of Christ that he— of Christ's Paschal Mystery may live and walk the path of God's children and keep the flame of faith burning alive in his heart. And as he receives this indelible baptismal mark, he shall meet the Lord and be one with all the saints in Heaven when the right time comes.

Candles are lit before an image of our Lord and before the saints. Catholics practice this not to honor the image itself but the one it truly represents. The lit candle symbolizes a prayer offering where we present our petitions to the Lord and ask the saints to pray with us and to pray for us during our most dire need. This light, as it is kept burning, also shows our desire to remain in God's presence as we go through our daily duties at home and in the workplace.

Candles lit before Christ's image also shows our reverence to Him who deserves our adoration and thanksgiving and who alone can forgive our sins and bring us back into deeper relationship with Him.

Let us then bear in mind that as we celebrate our sacred liturgies, our sacraments and our special prayers, Christ, the Source of all Light, shall come to us to be ever present to strengthen us, instruct us, inspire us hope that His Light will never burn out as long as we live in faith without a shadow of doubt that darkness will ever defeat us.

PASS ON THE TRADITION TO YOUR CHILDREN

Catholic Traditions of Sacraments are so important to pass on to our children and participating in them as a family. Lighting candles at church...saying a prayer together and leaving knowing that it continues to be offered on your behalf was a great comfort to me as a child. Take advantage of lighting a candle at the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, Sacred Heart and other statues throughout the church. Devotional lights remind us that we are

in constant communication with our Lord and those who served Him Faithfully.

SPECIAL CANDLES THAT CAN BE OFFERED

Many times we seek to have a Mass offered for our intentions especially for deceased relatives and those who our suffering. The Mass schedule is so full and hard to get a Mass immediately. Some have found comfort in have a 14 day votive candle lit in their name as an opportunity to keep their prayers before the heavens.



Here are the opportunities to have such candles lit in our Church:

Sanctuary Lamp – This candle is above the priest chair signifying the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

- **Divine Mercy Lamp** In the chapel of Mercy below the Divine Mercy painting there is a 14 day candle
- **Perpetual Light Lamp** This candle is lit with the new fire at the Easter Vigil and is keep burning before the Blessed mother statue throughout the year.
- St. Peregrine Lamp This 14 day candle is at the foot of the statue of Saint Peregrine and burns for those who have cancer
- Saint Joseph's Lamp at the Statue of Saint Joseph there is a candle that burns for those who have died in the parish.

NOTE: Each of these special lamps can be scheduled for your loved ones through the parish office. The cost of the candles are \$25. All other devoted candles are \$3.00 dollars and the monies can be dropped in the box by the kneelers.

Count down: 16 days to lent LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE SUFFERING OF JESUS Two separate and great opportunities For spiritual growth this lent

NOTE: Both of these Lenten opportunities is intended for the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception. The location, Immaculate Conception was chosen to coincide with Tuesday evening Mass and the Friday Stations of the Cross. To optimize these Lenten experiences, I would encourage you to attend first Tuesday evening Mass before the Tuesday reflections and the Stations of the Cross before my presentation on Saint Veronica. It is a great way to be spiritually prepared to enter into the passion of Christ crucified and our call to share in His cross. It is a privilege to be the pastor of parishioners of two parishes who understand the constraints of time and their willingness to share in these opportunities. Although we are two separated parishes we are served by the same priests in the name of one Lord!! United in Faith and in community makes us stronger in Christ!!

FRIDAY NIGHT CONFERENCES **VERONICA: THE TRUE FRIEND OF THE SUFFERING CHRIST**

This year I will share reflections on Veronica who sympathetically wipes the face of Jesus and is rewarded with the sacred image of His Divine face! We will explore who Veronica is and how she exemplifies the corporal works of Mercy. We will look at how we can imitate her and examine other Holy women who, throughout history, have followed her lead and see the face of Christ in the people of the world today.

Friday Night Conferences presented by Father John Moineau

Where:	Immaculate Conception Church
When:	Friday Feb 24 th ; March 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th and 24 th
Time:	Following the 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (7pm)
Who:	For anyone 15 and older Catholics and non-Catholics
How:	You can sign up in the back of the Church or call the office



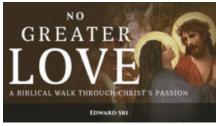
Come and share in these conferences in the presence of Lord in the Eucharist as a night away from your home and into the body of Christ! Sharing in such conferences gives us hope that we are not alone in our desire to serve the Lord as His disciples!

Follow Jesus to Calvary?

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Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing

love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.



The Passion and God's Love "God's passionate love for his people... is so Great that it turns God against Himself, his love against his justice... so great is God's love for man he follows him even into death, and so reconciles Justice and love." Pope Benedict XVI

TUESDAY EVENING PRESENTATION OF: "No Greater Love"



Mark Downey, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception, has volunteered to lead the Tuesday night group! The group will meet in the Children's Liturgy of the Word room next to the body of the Immaculate Conception Church. Mark will supply the group members with "work books" that will provide a study and discussion guide that will be used for home reflections and group sharing.

A 30-minute video will be shared/viewed followed by discussion and sharing on each of the episodes through scripture meditations. The fifth session will conclude the study with last words of Christ from the cross.

If you enjoy sharing or just listening and learning in a small group setting this is a perfect Lenten exercise for you! Bring a Friend/spouse along so that you can have further conversation about the riveting series presented by Dr. Ted Sri.

Presentations will be held on: Feb 28th March 7th 14th 21st and April 4th

"No Greater Love" scheduled for IWG and IMG!

The Lenten program for the Men (Saturday 6:30 am) and the women (Sunday 6:30 am) will be the same as the Tuesday program that Mark Downey will be presenting.

We will use the weeks of Lent to share and discuss this great presentation of video and discussion per our usual format!

So I invite all women and men over the age of 18 to come and join us for this unique Lenten experience!!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7 Angels Corner

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of John O'Connell

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Irene Magrey

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Rick & Michael Scott Borland by Carol

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Michael Scott Borland by Lin Wiltrek & Nancy Dupier

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of John Ott

Altar Candles for the Month of February: In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy



February 12th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 1 Corinthians Matthew

Candles

15:15-20 2:6-10 5:20-22; 27-28; 33-34; 37

February 19th - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Sirach
 15:15-20

 1 Corinthians
 2:6-10

 Matthew
 5:20-22; 27-28; 33-34; 37

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for the family of Joe Banks and Charles Kuntz who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

is held every Tuesday beginning after morning Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

Stewardship Corner

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of Jan 28-29, 2023	\$16,639.82			
OSV Sunday Offertory Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2023	\$4,547.04			
Diocese of Greensburg Online Giving 12/23 to 1/22/23	\$2,430.00			

Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members. https://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds



FRIDAY APRIL 28TH, 2023



Catholic Moms Please join us to gather for community and prayer!

Motherhood can feel like an isolating experience, especially when you are raising your children in the faith! We are looking to bring together mothers with young children who are looking for community to support one another on the journey and encourage one another to grow in their faith! Children are welcome!

Tuesday, February 21st 9:30am

Immaculate Conception Faith Formation Office (in the Adminstration Building)

We plan to meet every other week after the first meeting. Contact Susan with questionsskcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *February 12, 2023 - Order of the Mass*

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM									Ps	alm	n 119
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Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

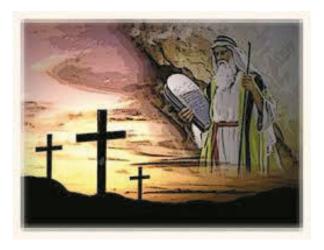
Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors. You shall not kill: and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

> The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

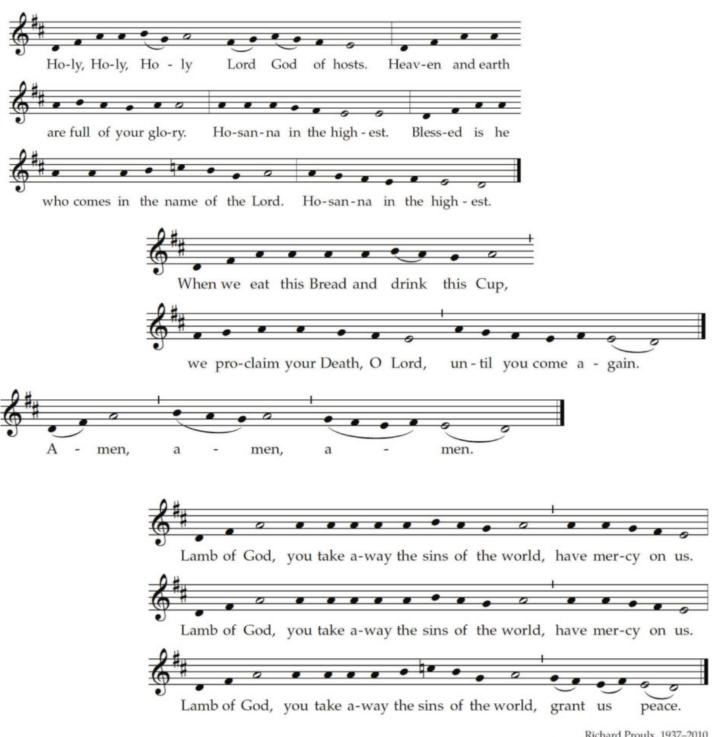


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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Missa Simplex Richard Proulx



Richard Proulx, 1937–2010 Adapt. by Michael O'Connor, O.P. Music © 2010, 2011, WLP

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COMMUNION HYMN

Eye Has Not Seen



Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9–10: Marty Haugen, b.1950 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950 © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

How Can I Keep From Singing?



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt. Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

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