Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.





Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 P.M. Reconciliation Service at 4:30 P.M.

> Sunday Mass at 9:00 A.M. Reconciliation at 8:30 A.M.

> > **Daily Masses**

Monday thru Friday, Mass at 12 Noon

Adoration - every 1st Friday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Anointing Mass - every 3rd Friday of the month at 12 noon.

CCD Classes, Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

CYO, Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TRES MISIONES

Hoy comenzamos con una de las "cantos del siervo" del libro de Isaías, una canto profético sobre el ministerio de servicio de Jesús. La misión de Isaías no sólo es lograr que los hijos de Jacob se reúnan en Israel, sino también es convertirse en "una luz de las naciones" (Isaías 49:6). Jesucristo, como servidor, será el cumplimiento de la antigua profecía y la base de la nueva.

Este domingo comenzamos una serie de lecturas de la carta de san Pablo a los corintios. Aquí se define a Pablo de acuerdo a su misión: es un apóstol de Jesucristo. La Iglesia en Corinto a quien se dirige en su carta también se define: es parte de la Iglesia universal de Dios. Los corintios, como todos los cristianos, son llamados a la santidad. Aunque la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se celebró el domingo pasado, el Evangelio de hoy también alude a la importancia de dicho acontecimiento. La lectura enfatiza que Jesús "tiene precedencia" sobre Juan: su bautismo en el Espíritu erradicará el pecado. Jesús acepta el bautismo de Juan, a pesar de que él mismo es el Cordero de Dios.

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Christmas Offering Tree Collection:

For Father Basani's Village

\$4,257.03

Collections January 7th & 8th, 2017		
Regular Collection	\$3690.00	
Saltillo Collection	\$721.00	

Lay Ministers, January 21st & 22nd

Lector: Bryan Hughes Altar Servers: Dominic Borgioli, Thomas Borgioli Communion Ministers: Mary Frances Waldrep, Lynn Kyle, Mary Dimino Ushers: Joe Portera, Joe Waldrep Gift Bearers: The Joey Michel Family

Lector: Barbara Elliott Altar Servers: Victoria McTaggart, Elliott Shaw Communion: Kathy Elliott, Theresa Jolly Ushers: Adam Andresen, William Elliott Gift Bearers: Matthew Garcia Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Barbara Hood January 16 By Virginia Johnson

Barbara Hood January 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 By The Dunavan-Satterwhite Family

> Frank Dichiara January 23 By Leonard & Debbie Dichiara

Barbara Hood January 26, 27, February 2 By Bob & Catherine Starr

Teresa Messina Cernosek February 3 By Virginia Johnson

> Barbara Hood February 4 By Cole & Kathy Knighten

We extend our condolences to Jamie Long on the death of his brother, Steve, last week. May his soul rest in peace and his family be consoled by the love of our love.

VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.—Anonymous

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVESARIES

John T. McTagga	rt 1	Emily Shaw	21
Rich Herschede	1	Martha Caskey	22
Carolina Lemus	5	Justice Blakeney	25
Georgia-Ann Ingr	am 14	Gil Lyon	26
Griffin Bristow	15	Steve Mitchener	26
Terry Swetz	15	Mary Waldrep	26
Stephanie Weeks	18	William Elliott	28
Elaine Wilbourne	.18	Jim Sebert	29
interesting the second	Jerry	& Margie Burns	21
	John	& Barbara Elliott	24
	Armand	o & Isabel Ramirez	25

Parish Events:

The Adult Religious Education class meets each Thursday at 10:30 am. until February 16

The Anointing Mass is January 20.

Father Basani will be attending a conference in Canton January 30th—February 1. No Mass on those days.

Note from the Diocese:

Last October, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, then-president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, encouraged his brother bishops to take up an emergency collection to aid communities in the Caribbean and the US impacted by Hurricane Matthew.

At that time, we did not send out notice about it. However, the National Office for Diocesan Collections is asking again. So, if you can take up a special collection to assist those who were affected by Hurricane Matthew it is needed and will be appreciated.

This collection will be taken up January 21st & 22d.

Please keep in your prayers; Lilian Ayema who was recently in the hospital.

Amelia Dimino who was hospitalized this past week. She was able to come home Friday and is very happy about being home.

DON'T FORGET THE POOR