Immaculate Conception Church

St Teresa of Calcutta Parish

August 2, 2026 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

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Summer Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception Church
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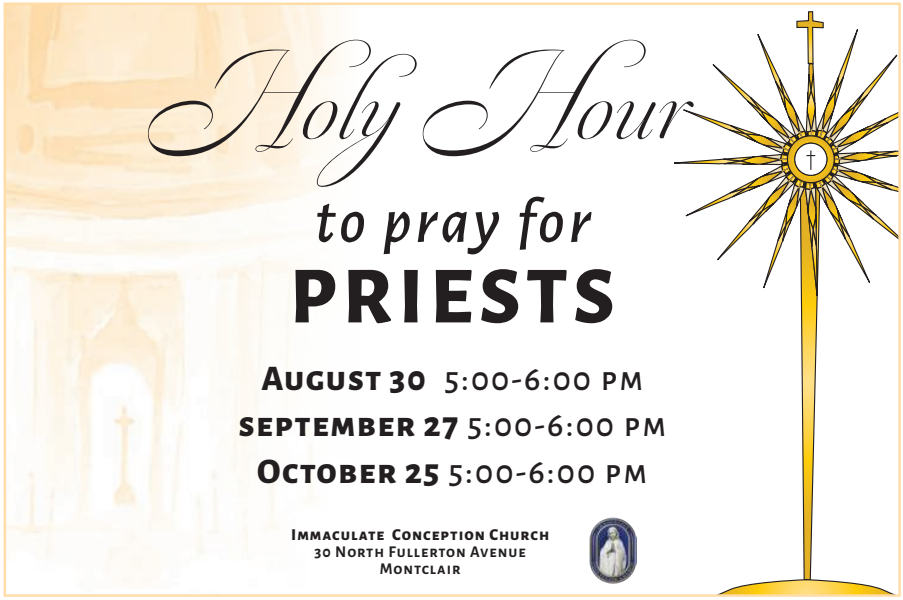
Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm *(or by appointment)*

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:00 am | 6:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Monday - Friday at 12:00 pm



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
5:00 pm † Josephine Dwarika

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am † Anica Milcetic
† Sabine Abramowski
6:00pm † Kathleen Gill

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
12:00pm Robert Fabriano Jr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
12:00pm † All Sisters of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary deceased in August

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
12:00pm † Dan Reser

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
12:00pm † Roberto Fernandez

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
12:00pm Andrew Cotto

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
5:00 pm † Jean Murphy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
8:00am †Bob D.
10:00am †Leonard M. Luciano, Jr.
6:00pm People of the Parish
† Mark Stanisci

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."
- Ecclesiastes 3:11

"... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Jacob Rivera, Clara Rojas, Lindsay Trembulak, Don Peters, Stefano Rum, Ayan Kapoor, John Nicastro, Paolo Rum, Michael Munoz, Janice Rusnak, Kathie Cocca, Edwin Olsen, Brittany S., Alex P., Robert Hildebrandt

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to add someone to the sick list.

"...A TIME TO DIE..."
Recently Deceased

May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends

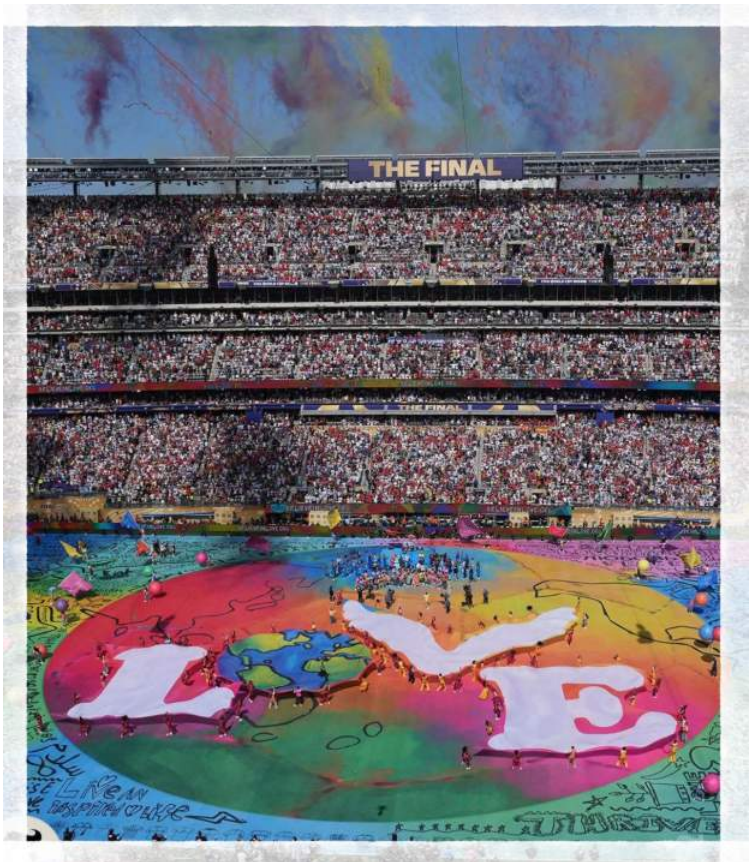
I'VE RECENTLY FOUND MYSELF FASCINATED BY THE SCENES UNFOLDING AROUND US. Thousands upon thousands of people flooded the streets after the Knicks' victory. Fans climbed onto shoulders, waved flags, sang songs, and celebrated deep into the night. The excitement was contagious. Not long afterward, the World Cup arrived, and once again stadiums filled, watch parties overflowed, and entire cities seemed to stop as people gathered to cheer for their teams.

As I watched the crowds, I found myself smiling. There is something beautiful about people coming together. We were made for community. We were made to celebrate. We were made to belong to something larger than ourselves.

But then a question quietly entered my heart.

What if Jesus walked through our city today?

What if the One who multiplied the loaves, calmed the seas, healed the sick, forgave sins, conquered death, and promised eternal life were coming down our street? Would the crowds be as large? Would the enthusiasm be as great? Would people rearrange their schedules, take off from work, travel long distances, and wait patiently just for a glimpse of Him?



The truth is that Jesus does come among us.

Every Sunday, the Bread of Life is placed upon our altar. The same Lord who fed the five thousand feeds us with His very Body and Blood. The same Christ who drew crowds along the roads of Galilee waits for us in the Eucharist. Yet sometimes the stadium is full while the church pew remains empty. The championship parade draws thousands while the procession of Corpus Christi draws only a few.

I do not say this to criticize sports or celebrations. In fact, they reveal something important about the human heart. They show our capacity for passion, loyalty, sacrifice, and joy. They reveal that people are willing to invest time, energy, and emotion in what they believe matters.

The challenge is this: Have we allowed our excitement for temporary victories to overshadow the eternal victory already won for us by Christ?

A championship banner will eventually fade. A World Cup trophy will pass to another team. Today's heroes will one day retire. But Jesus Christ remains. His victory over sin and death is not for a season but for eternity.

When the crowds followed Jesus in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, He told them something surprising. They were seeking more bread, more miracles, more excitement. Instead, He said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger." He was inviting them beyond the temporary to the eternal.

Perhaps the next time we see a stadium filled to capacity or streets packed with celebrating fans, we should not become discouraged. Instead, we should pray:

"Lord, if people can gather so enthusiastically for a game, help me gather with even greater enthusiasm for You. If people can celebrate a championship with such joy, help me celebrate Your presence in the Eucharist with even greater gratitude. If people can seek a trophy that lasts a season, help me seek the Bread of Life that lasts forever."

The **crowds in New York** and the **crowds at the World Cup** remind us that the human heart longs for something worth celebrating.

The **Gospel** reminds us that the **greatest reason for celebration is already here**, waiting for us at every Mass: **Jesus Christ**, the Bread of Eternal Life.

Blessings
Fr Benny

MISSION TRIP 2026: MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A few highlights from the first few days of our Mission Trip... more to come!

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