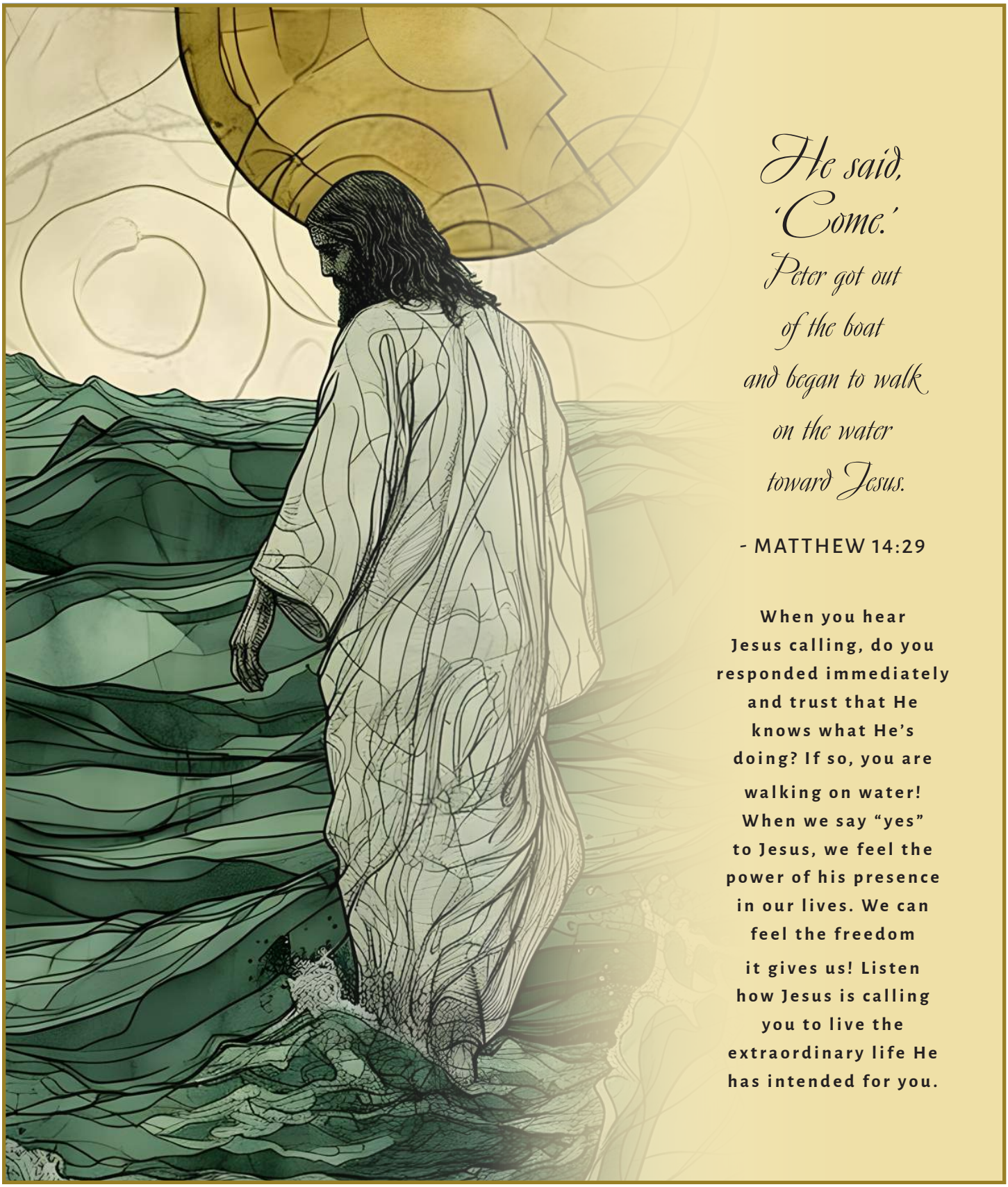
# Immaculate Conception Church

## St Teresa of Calcutta Parish

August 9, 2026 | nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.*

- MATTHEW 14:29

**When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.**

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# Parish Info

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## Summer Mass Schedule

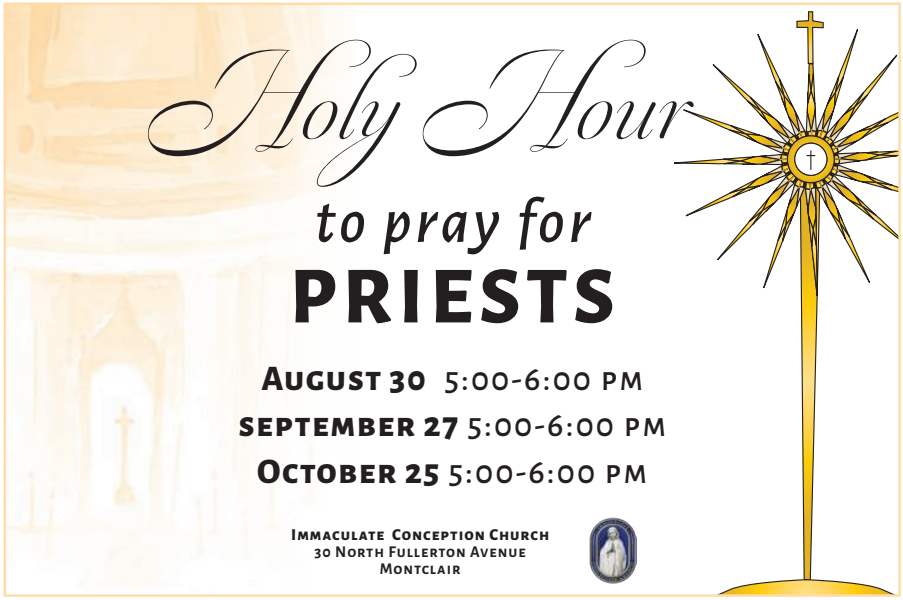
**Immaculate Conception Church**
30 North Fullerton Avenue
Montclair NJ 07042

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 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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10**
**12:00pm** † Kimberly Castelli

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**
**12:00pm** † Marlene Augustin

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**
**12:00pm** † Gregorio A. Prado
† Mario Corado Garcia
† Zbigniew Bukala

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**
**12:00pm** † Thomas Cox

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**
**12:00pm** † Miguel Fong

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**
**5:00 pm** † Manuel Wong

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**
**8:00am** People of the Parish
**10:00am** †David Owen
**6:00pm** † Mario Corado Avila

*"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.*

# A Eucharistic Reflection

EVERY SUNDAY WE GATHER TOGETHER to receive the greatest gift Jesus gave to us...The Eucharist. At every Mass, we hear words that are so familiar to us:

*"This is my Body."*
*"This is my Blood."*

For Catholics, these are not simply symbols or beautiful reminders. We believe what Jesus Himself taught: that in the Eucharist, Christ becomes truly present — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Under the appearance of bread and wine, Jesus gives us His real presence.

This teaching can be difficult for many in the modern world to understand. Even in Jesus' own time, many struggled with it. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, after Jesus said, "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink," many disciples walked away because the teaching seemed too hard. But Jesus did not soften His words. He did not say, "Wait, you misunderstood me." Instead, He asked the Twelve if they too would leave. And Peter responded with faith:

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The Eucharist is ultimately not something we fully explain; it is Someone we receive with faith.

At the Last Supper, Jesus took ordinary bread and wine and transformed them into the means of salvation. And He commanded His disciples:

*"Do this in memory of me."*

For two thousand years, the Church has obeyed that command. Every altar becomes connected to Calvary. Every Mass makes present the sacrifice of Christ. Every tabernacle reminds us that God remains with His people.

But Corpus Christi is not only about what we believe about the Eucharist. It is also about what the Eucharist does to us. Jesus feeds us so that we can feed others.

The Eucharist is never meant to end with ourselves. We do not come to Mass, even daily Mass, simply for private comfort or personal devotion. We come so that Christ can transform us into His presence for the world.

Notice the pattern throughout the Gospels:

Jesus feeds people physically and spiritually — and then sends His disciples out to serve.

In the multiplication of the loaves, the disciples see only scarcity:

"Five loaves and two fish are not enough."

But Jesus takes what little they have, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it away — and there is abundance.

**That same pattern happens at every Mass:**

Jesus takes,
blesses,
breaks,
and gives.

And then He does the same with us.

THE EUCHARIST TEACHES US THAT LOVE MULTIPLIES WHEN IT IS SHARED. Christ nourishes us with mercy so that we become merciful. He feeds us with compassion so that we may feed the hungry, welcome the lonely, comfort the suffering, and care for those the world forgets.

**Saint Augustine once told Christians:**

*"Become what you receive."*

If we receive the Body of Christ, then we are called to become the Body of Christ in the world.

**That means:**

the Eucharist must shape the way we speak,
the way we forgive,
the way we treat the poor,
the way we care for immigrants and strangers,
the way we protect the vulnerable,
the way we love within our families,
and the way we carry hope into a wounded world.

**The world hungers for many things:**

for dignity,
for meaning,
for compassion,
for peace,
for hope.

And Christ sends nourished disciples to feed that hunger.

Every time we come forward for Holy Communion, we are saying "Amen" not only to Christ's presence on the altar, but also to Christ's mission in the world.

**We are saying:**

Yes, Lord, nourish me.
Yes, Lord, transform me.
Yes, Lord, send me.

THE EUCHARIST that our God does not remain distant. He comes close. He feeds His people. He stays with us. And through the Eucharist, He makes us capable of becoming bread broken and shared for others.

I pray that we never take this gift for granted.

May we approach the altar with reverence and gratitude.

And may the Body of Christ we receive today strengthen us to become the living presence of Christ for a hungry and hurting here in our community and in our world.

**Amen.**

*Fr Bob*

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### Online Giving:

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### By Post:

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