

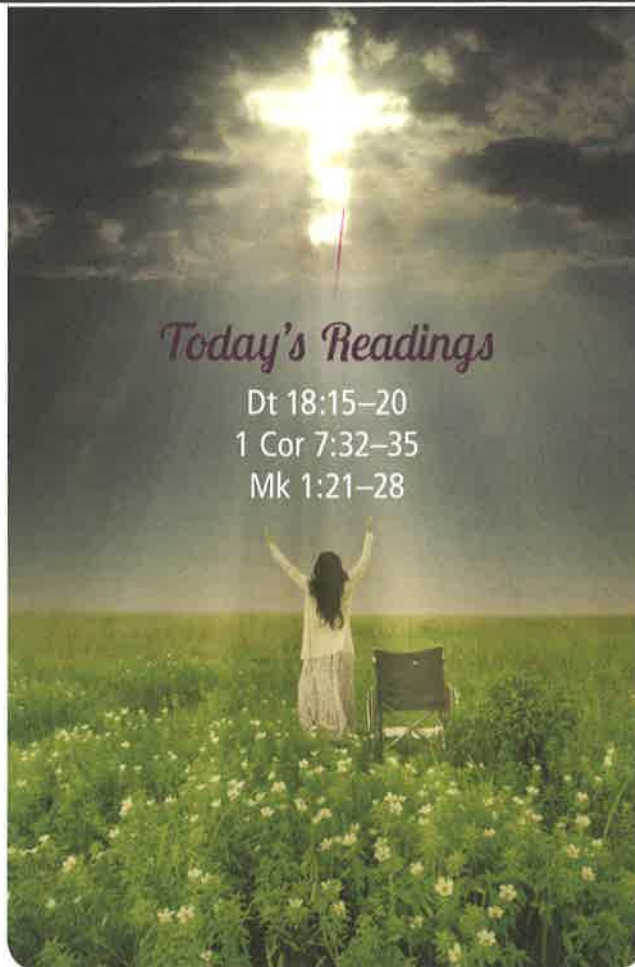
# Ordinary Time

February 1, 2015 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When my children were small, I had the power all mothers have to soothe little cuts, scrapes, and bruises with a single kiss. Mother kisses, and the hurt is lessened or disappears altogether.

It worked wonders until the day my daughter burned her hand when she touched a steam pot. With full confidence, she lifted her fingers to be kissed—and then realized they still hurt. Over and over she lifted them to my lips, and over and over I kissed them until I finally admitted we needed to try something else. Cold water and a wash cloth eventually soothed the pain, and the limits of my magic touch were suddenly apparent.

Jesus' power is of a different magnitude. It's evident when he reads and preaches with *authority* (from the Greek word *exousia*, which means "out of himself"—as opposed to studying or having a title



thrust on him). It's even more manifest when he simply rebukes a demon and the demon leaves his human host—not because he wants to, but because he knows true authority when he sees and hears it.

It's no wonder the people are astonished. They've never seen this kind of immediate response. This is no mother's kiss to heal the little hurts of life, no magician pretending to have power he doesn't. This is the Son of God come to cast out evil itself and open the Scriptures so the people can hear God's Word in a new and powerful way.

Today, let us turn to him to heal our wounds and make us whole.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 1, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM DOROTHY NEWMAN	THU 7:00 PM AUDREY MCWILLIAMS
SUN 7:30 AM HELEN SCHWENDT	FRI 7:30 AM THEONA KOZAK
9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT 5:15 PM MARY D'ACHILLE
11:00 AM JOHN R. STEIGERWALD	SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON <b><u>No MASS</u></b>	9:00 AM ELI IEZZI - 1 <sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY
TUE 7:00 PM REV. JOSEPH BARNES - 5 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY	11:00 AM KATHLEEN & BOB HOCKER - 54 <sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
WED 7:30 AM MARGARET D. KENNEDY	

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Thanksgiving - Barrie & Barbara Pease*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP: Porambo 5:15pm Costanzo 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am DeFalco**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mary Schwendt	Shirley Wheeler	Michael and Robert Beitz, Brent DeMarco
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Mason Cambria, Jen McNerney, Sam Reitnour
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Barrie Pease	Morgan DeCray, Meghan Grieco, Jessica Kritschil
	11:00am	Becky Shemanski	Betty Effinger	Ian Haynes, Beppe McGee, Cole Werley

### **The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection**

#### **Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education 2015-2016 Registrations**

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Open House and Academy Tours are available by contacting Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/15.

**ICA offers a full day Kindergarten**

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Reigel, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Patricia McDermott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Mary Pender, Geri Barth, Jo Ann Hofer, Paul Milshaw, Roger Villano, John Glacken Sr., Jacob Lovera, Ronald Readinger, Linda Ritchie, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kathy Patrick, William Strock, Sr., Helen McDonald, Lana Wentzel, Michael Kaucher, Samuel Nocero, Steve Mammarella and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Zachary Kaeser, Robert Muldowney, Rufus Geesaman and Kitty Lynch

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann and Deacon Paul Hiryak visit our hospitalized parishioners regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

## ***THIS WEEK AT ICC:***

<b>Sun</b>	<b>02/01</b>	<b>Women's Society Bake Sale</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>02/02</b>	<b>7:30pm RCIA</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>02/03</b>	<b>7pm Baptism Class</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>02/06</b>	<b>7pm Junior High Youth Group</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>02/07</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Monday, February 1, 2015. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.**

The next **Baptism Class** will be February 3rd at 7pm in the Office Building, lower level. Call 610-582-2411 to register.

On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 to 7:30pm the Youth Group will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner in the ICC Social Hall. The cost of the meal is \$8 (\$4 for children 4 to 10) which includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. Take out will be available. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on February 14/15 and at the door. Proceeds benefit the youth group's summer retreat and mission trip. Call Liz at 610-404-4425 with any questions.

**2014 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS-** If you requested a statement last year, you should receive it this week. If you didn't receive it or would like a 2014 Contribution Statement, please contact the church office at 610-582-2411.

**TRANSFER GRANTS:** Any public, private, or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second). Call Shannon Villa at 610-404-8645.

**Given that the incidence of influenza is becoming prevalent, the Sign of Peace offered during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be temporarily suspended. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.**

The Women's Society will meet February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the social hall of the church. All members who are able are asked to attend. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful faith-filled group of women, please feel free to attend our meeting to see what we are all about.

The Women's Society will sponsor a Soup Sale before and after all Masses February 21/22. We had a truly wonderful assortment of hearty, homemade soups last year. Anyone who would like to donate some homemade soup may pick up containers at the Bake Sale Table on January 31<sup>st</sup> /February 1<sup>st</sup>. You may also get containers at the meeting on February 11th.

**Attention ADULT musicians and singers:** We are looking for adult musicians and singers to assist with the music ministry at the 9am Sunday Mass. Musicians who are willing to be musically flexible and open to the Holy Spirit, please contact Mr. Kasperowicz at 215-499-1641.

### ***Junior High School Youth Group***

*will meet February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. All of the youth of our parish in grades 7&8 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer and praise! Bring a friend!*

### ***Building a Culture of Vocations***

IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN, have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

**Mark your calendars! The Holy Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015.**

**SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A** – Please join us on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30pm at Exeter Chick-fil-A. See next week's bulletin for flyer you must bring so Immaculate Conception Academy receives 15% of your bill.

The National 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil is February 18<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. A daily prayer vigil will be held in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4<sup>th</sup> and Franklin Sts, Reading, 7am-4pm, Mondays through Saturdays. Be a 30 minute witness for life. In those 30 minutes, you'll be seen by the occupants of 600-900 cars. Pray to end abortion. For info call 610-375-3395.

**Post Abortion Healing Retreat:** Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends, February 27-March 1 (Spanish) and March 20-22 (English) through Catholic Charities. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call 1-866-3 Rachel. For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**Valentine's Day Date Night at Saint Ignatius** – February 14<sup>th</sup>: The Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life Office invites couples to an evening of food, wine, and a presentation on "The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts." Immediately follows the 4pm Mass in the Parish activity hall at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring. Only \$20 per couple includes dinner and drinks. RSVP by calling the Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation at 610-289-8900 ext. 228 or emailMFLF@allentowndiocese.org by February 6<sup>th</sup>.

World Meeting of Families-Philadelphia 2015 — **Registration Open!** Mark your family calendar for the 8th World Meeting of Families! Philadelphia is proud to welcome families from around the world to this event on September 22-27, 2015. Registration is now open. Families can look forward to speakers, celebrations, activities for kids, and prayer, all of which will bring renewal and transformation for you, your loved ones, and the world. Visit the official World Meeting of Families website at: [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org) to learn more.

**If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help.** The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, please contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, [jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-289-8900 x 245.



February 1, 2015

# dear Padre

## Monday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation  
of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22-32

## Tuesday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

## Wednesday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7,

11-15

Mk 6:1-6

## Thursday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:18-19,

21-24

Mk 6:7-13

## Friday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and

Companions,

Martyrs

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

## Saturday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17,

20-21

Mk 6:30-34

## Sunday

FEBRUARY 8

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19,

22-23

Mk 1:29-39

## Why can't we all celebrate Mass in Latin?

**Q** You said we should offer Mass in several languages so everyone can participate. There is an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of vernacular. There is one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

**I'm writing this** in the rectory of the Redemptorist parish in New Orleans. Across the street is St. Alphonsus Church, which was built for Irish- and English-speaking immigrants in 1847. Behind the rectory is St. Mary's Assumption, which was built for German-speaking immigrants in 1849. Two blocks from here is Notre Dame de Bon Secours, which was built in 1843 for French-speaking immigrants.

Until the 1960s, Mass was celebrated in Latin, but the preaching and music weren't necessarily done in Latin.

Latin has been an important part of the Catholic Church since the fourth century, but it's important to remember that language and ethnicity don't bind us—Jesus does.

I think we should do whatever we can to help people know Jesus. If celebrating Mass in Spanish, German, English, and French is going to bring people closer to Jesus, that's what we should do.

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