

FATHER SYLVESTER TAN, SJ, has already found a unique way to improve life for parishioners: see the article, SUPPORTING PARISHIONER BUSINESSES, in the next column. He will be here for only a few months, before leaving for his next assignment in South Africa. He is here to help us build community in this time of social distancing.

Father Tan's last assignment was as director of programs at Villa Saint-Martin, Jesuit Spirituality Center, in Montreal. When Covid-19 hit Montreal, he and his Young Adult Team excelled at building community on-line using Zoom and other platforms. In mid-July he was quoted in an online article for JESUITS CANADA: "We have something small almost every single day, and we have had a major retreat or workshop online almost every weekend since March 28,"

The online meetings take different forms, including:

- ❖ Reflections on daily Mass readings,
- ❖ Praying with the rosary,
- ❖ Retreats,
- ❖ Formation, and
- ❖ Sharing in grief and solace.

One of the retreats hosted by Villa Saint-Martin was on: *Laudato Si! Serving God in Creation*. The retreat was structured with short discussions on Zoom to allow for more personal time. There were three occasions to share in small groups of 4 to 6 people.

Father Tan is from the U.S. (family in Georgia). He has been outside of this country for 14 of the last 20 years. That includes, since joining the Jesuits, that he has been in Canada for 8 years. When asked about his age, he said he was the same age as Emmanuel Macron, President of France. *

How long he will be with us is uncertain due to Covid-19 in South Africa. He might leave in mid-October or he might still be with us in January depending on when he gets his visa.

~ by Patrick O'Meara

By now you may ~ Our Pastor's Message ~ have gotten a letter

from the Jesuit Provincial announcing the departure of the Jesuits from Immaculate Conception Church beginning this December 2020. I will remain until June 30, 2021. Please see the following video for a message concerning our departure:

<https://youtu.be/B-hiCoLv0>

My prayers are with you all.

Warren J. Broussard SJ
Fr. Warren J. Broussard, SJ, Pastor



SUPPORTING PARISHIONER BUSINESSES

With restrictions in place to help combat the spread of COVID-19, some businesses are struggling and many people are seeking to help support local merchants. We would like to help members of this community to learn about some of the small businesses that our parishioners own and operate as one way in which we can try to support one another as a parish community.



If you are an active parishioner who operates a business that could be of interest to our parish community, please contact me, Fr. Sylvester Tan, SJ, at stan@iccabq.org. We will develop a *Parishioner Business Directory* which will include information about your business. This resource will be published in our on-line weekly bulletin during the health crisis.

~ by Fr. Sylvester Tan, SJ

The mission of the Society of Jesus today is the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement. For reconciliation with God demands the reconciliation of people with one another.

* Emmanuel Macron, President of France,
Born: December 21, 1977 (age 42 years)

Continued from last week's bulletin.

10 THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

By [Rebecca Ruiz](#) from IgnatianSpirituality.com

10. It helps us make the world a better place.

Email Joy Dinaro at jdinaro@iccabq.org if you are an active parishioner at Immaculate Conception and would like to be part of our virtual ICC artists' fair. Different parish artists will be featured weekly on the parish Facebook page.



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This will sign you up for ICC's FlockNote and will allow us to share important information

with you such as schedule changes.

[SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 9 ~

First Reading: *1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a*

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 85: 9-14*

The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading: *Romans 9: 1-5*

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14: 22-33*

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

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Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

[FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 9 ~

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14: 22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the [Morning Offering](#):

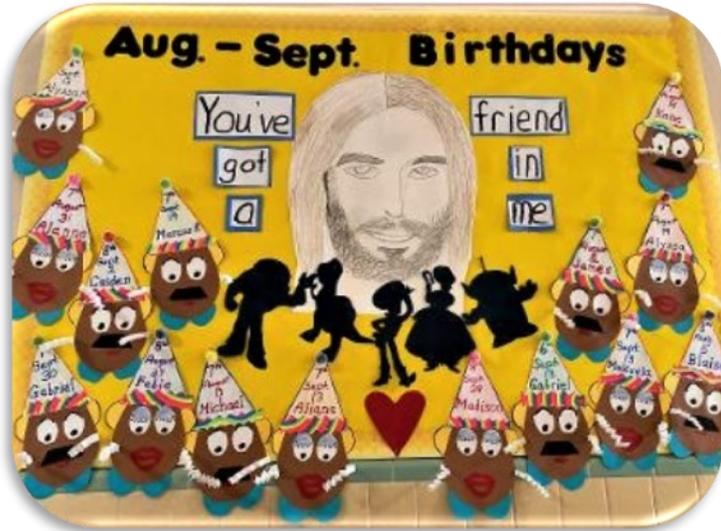
My God, I offer you my prayers,
works, joys and sufferings of this day
in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world.

I offer them for all the intentions
of your Son's Sacred Heart,
for the salvation of souls, reparation for sin,
and the reunion of Christians.

Amen.



We are ready....



Bulletin boards are popping up all over our campus as we plan for the start of our school year. St. Mary's School has worked hard over the summer to come up with a plan to reopen our school.



A task force made-up of parents, teachers, and staff was formed to review local government requirements, as well as recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Losing a school year hurts the ones who are already hurting.

Teachers often hear about how students wish school would "go away." Now, those same students are wanting desperately to return to school. St. Mary's offers students a family atmosphere to learn and play. This is critical to a child's social and emotional development. Please remember our school in your prayer: "Gracious God, we come to you at the beginning of this school year with our many feelings, expectations, fears, and hopes. Help us to remember that we always have the comforting assurance that YOU are always with us." Amen.

We are enrolling students for the 2020-21 school year.

Please call us at 242-6271 for more information.

Thank you!

~ by Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner



Online Liturgies and Information from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe:

For the latest information on [Reopening of Our Churches](#) in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, including the full protocols about covid-19.

The [Archdiocese's YouTube Channel](#)

Sign up for email ASF official [eBlasts](#). You will receive important news sent directly to your email address.

Like the official [Facebook](#) page (Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official), [Twitter](#) (@asfficial) and [Instagram](#).

PRAYER FOR CALM: My Lord and my God, I do not know what will happen to me today, but what I do know is that nothing will happen to me today that you and I together cannot handle. This thought is enough to bring me to face the day in peace. I adore You in Your wisdom and love. I commend myself into your hands with complete trust. Amen.

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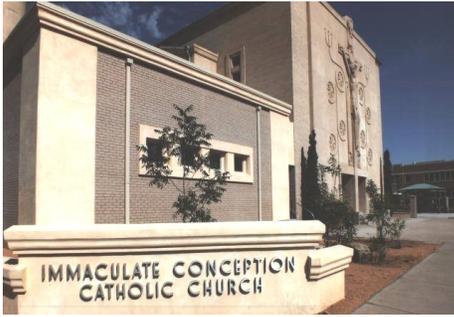
and on Instagram, find us at <https://www.instagram.com/immaculateconceptionabq/>



Online Resources:

[America Magazine](#) | [The Jesuit Review](#)

Here you can [live-stream Jesuit Masses](#) every day of the week.



THE PARISH
OFFICE HAS NOT
REOPENED
AT THIS TIME.

Immaculate Conception Masses & Confessions

Daily Mass:

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:10pm;
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7am; and
- ✧ Civil Holidays at 9am.

Saturday Vigil Mass:

- ✧ 4:00pm

Sunday Masses:

- ✧ 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am,
- ✧ 12:30pm [Spanish], and
- ✧ 5:00pm.

Confessions are heard in the Church vestibule: (Enter through the northeast door from the parking lot.)

Please Note: the days and location for Confession have changed. This is the new schedule.

- ✧ **WEDNESDAYS**— 11:00 to 11:45am,
- ✧ **FRIDAYS**—11:00 to 11:45am, and
- ✧ **Saturdays**— 3:00 to 3:45pm.

OUR PARISH GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, AND FINANCES

If you would like to know more about our parish's finances, now you can find that information on our website, ICCABQ.ORG. You can also make a one-time-only or recurring donations.

Once you are on the website. From a drop down menu, GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, FINANCES, you will have four options to check out:

1. [Online Giving](#);
2. [Planned Giving](#);
3. [Stewardship Report Weekly](#) (collection information); and
4. [Annual Report](#).

If you have questions, contact Comptroller Kimberly Jarnagin at KJarnagin@iccabq.org.

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Complete your form on-line at

ICCABQ.ORG



HERE IS HOW THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES IMPACT US AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- ✧ Anyone over 60 or who has a pre-existing condition should consider a live-streamed Mass and avoid gathering with us in person.
- ✧ If you are ill, stay at home.
- ✧ A mask worn correctly (over the nose and mouth) and social distancing are required. Parents, leave young children at home, if possible.
- ✧ We are limited in our building's capacity so – for now – only 119 people can attend each Mass. That's about 16% of our building's capacity.
- ✧ Only one door, the rear door on the parking lot side, is unlocked so that an usher or sacristan can count attendance to ensure that we do not exceed our capacity. Once that limit has been met, the door will be locked, and a sign will be posted on the door .
- ✧ The Baptismal font is empty during Mass and only filled for baptisms outside of Mass;
- ✧ Holy water fonts are empty. *Only* sealed bottles of holy water will be available;
- ✧ The **BATHROOMS** are locked until further notice as is the **CRY ROOM**.
- ✧ Bring your own hand-sanitizer or cleanser for personal needs. Please do not use cleansers with bleach or alcohol on our pews.
- ✧ The pews are cleaned between Masses.
- ✧ *All missals, Mission Statement cards, and daily Mass propers* have been removed;
- ✧ There are no processions; Mass begins with a sound on the gong;
- ✧ There is no music, except perhaps the Psalm on Sunday;
- ✧ Short versions of the readings are used, where the option exists;
- ✧ Our Mission Statement is not recited;
- ✧ There are no collections; envelopes, checks, and cash can be dropped off in a container as you leave Mass; any other donations can be made online;
- ✧ There is no handshake at the Sign of Peace;
- ✧ The final prayer and blessing are prayed *before* Communion is distributed;
- ✧ After we receive Communion *in the hand only*, (host only), step aside, remove your mask, consume the host, and leave the church.
- ✧ Do not congregate or visit after leaving Mass, maintain social distancing and keep your masks on.