

Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026

Lord, your hand is full of justice!



Masses For The Week

Sun 05 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Eusebio & Herlinda Rodriguez (Mancha Family)
+Eusebio Rodriguez Jr. (Mancha Family)
+Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

Thr 09 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus declares, “All things have been handed over to me by my Father.” The pinnacle of this is the handing over of “the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.” Christ assures us that what the Father has handed over to him is the ability to console those “who labor and are burdened.” These things of heaven are “revealed to little ones” because they refuse to rely on themselves, and thus they remain best disposed to receive all that God is eager to give. They “rejoice heartily” and “shout for joy” at the coming of our meek King, who by his very presence “proclaims peace to the nations.”

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for

+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zechariah 9:9–10 / Romans 8:9, 11–13 /
Matthew 11:25–30

ANN M. GARRIDO

The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26–27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept *his* yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own? •

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church #104
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2026

	Jun 30, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
11 · ASSETS	277,599.39
Total Checking/Savings	277,599.39
Total Current Assets	277,599.39
Fixed Assets	
13 · FIXED ASSETS	182,126.48
Total Fixed Assets	182,126.48
TOTAL ASSETS	459,725.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
22-1&2 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES	162.18
22-3 · FUNDS HELD IN TRUST	3,591.46
25 · NON-PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS	-100.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,653.64
Total Current Liabilities	3,653.64
Total Liabilities	3,653.64
Equity	
29 · FUND BALANCE	16,448.11
3900 · Retained Earnings	381,077.98
Net Income	58,546.14
Total Equity	456,072.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	459,725.87



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Let your prayers
rise like incense
to the LORD

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Last Sunday’s Collection

Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Loose: \$ 00.00

Children’s Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 00.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 3,906.16

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church #104
YTD Statement of Revenue & Expenditure Budget Vs. Actual
July 2025 through June 2026

	Jul '25 - Ju...	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41 · CONTRIBUTIONS	162,896.09	136,240.00	119.6%
43 · OTHER REVENUE	2,003.98	2,000.00	100.2%
44 · SUBSIDIES AND TRANSFERS	8,069.00	10,000.00	80.7%
45 · NONREVENUE RECEIPTS	0.33	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	172,969.40	148,240.00	116.7%
Gross Profit	172,969.40	148,240.00	116.7%
Expense			
51 · PASTORAL SERVICES EXPENSES	45,435.99	39,675.00	114.5%
52 · RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPENS...	216.05	300.00	72.0%
56 · PLANT OPER & MAINT EXPENSES	26,409.27	31,000.00	85.2%
57 · PARISH ADMINISTRATION EXPEN...	19,166.74	21,415.00	89.5%
58 · FIXED EXPENSES	16,541.55	19,796.00	83.6%
59 · CAPITAL EXPENSES	5,699.96	35,000.00	16.3%
60 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	953.70	1,054.00	90.5%
Total Expense	114,423.26	148,240.00	77.2%
Net Ordinary Income	58,546.14	0.00	100.0%
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Dear Padre

July 5, 2026

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). •

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