

# Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

## St. Columcille, Sullivan

### April 5, 2020



#### Why Cover Crucifixes and Statues During Lent?

The Roman Missal (our prescribed book for liturgical instruction) states: “ in the diocese of the United States the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the 5th Sunday of Lent may be observed.” Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice at home. Why? Veils alert us to the distinct time that we are in. When we walk into church we immediately notice something is different. The last two weeks of Lent (formerly known as Passiontide) are meant to be an immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday).

The veils help us to focus on the words being said at mass and more fully enter into the striking words of the Passion narrative. Especially if you see them each day at church, the veils help to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. Their unveiling before the Easter vigil is a metaphor of our earthly lives. We now live in a veiled world in exile from our true heavenly home. It is only through our own dying and rising with Christ that the veil is lifted and we see the beauty of eternal life.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

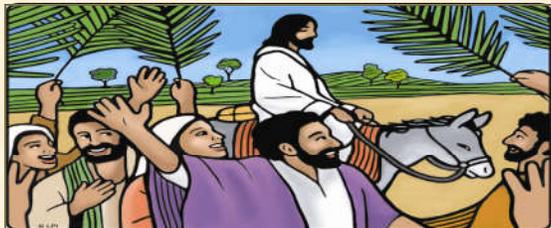
Mattoon, Illinois

# ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH

Sullivan, Illinois

APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY



“Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.”

Matthew 26:14-27:66

### Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

*In next Sunday’s Gospel, (April 12), Easter Sunday, today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ’s Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples’ discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus’ body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.*

*Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary’s report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus’ body had not been stolen.*

*The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-7: *The Lord’s Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.*

Philippians 2:6-11: *Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.*

Matthew 26:14-27:66: *Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.*



When there is a Funeral Mass (M-F)– there is No Morning Mass

APRIL 6-12

MONDAY

Benefactors & Deceased of Calvary Cemetery

TUESDAY

“Increase In Vocations”

WEDNESDAY

Tony Sheehan

HOLY THURSDAY

Oren Gooden

GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

“Sanctity of Life”

EASTER SUNDAY

People of Our Parish

Frank & Lucy Kovack



Your Parish & Faith Stewardship

Giving at a Glance

523 Registered Families

Fiscal Year– July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

<b>Total Weekly Budget</b>	<b>10,500.00</b>
03/22/20– Parish	7,679.00
03/29/20– Parish	5,661.00
<b>Deficit/Surplus for Weeks</b>	<b>- 8,185.00</b>
Year-To-Date Budget	399,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	375,635.14
<b>Deficit/Surplus for Year</b>	<b>- 23,364.86</b>

### IC CHURCH LOWER LEVEL FLOOR

### CFC SOFFITS, GUTTERS, PAINTING

### CHURCH, RECTORY PLUMBING & PARKING LOT

<b>Amount Owed:</b>	<b>\$93,635.00</b>
<b>Major Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 1,764.00</b>
<b>Unpaid Balance:</b>	<b>\$48,146.25</b>

A Pilgrim's Progress....

As we enter the holiest days of the year it is good to reflect that to be holy literally means to be set apart. It implies to be set apart from the world and to be set apart for God.

While we have not chosen the degree to which we have all been set apart these past few weeks (and for some period yet to come), I am reminded of Dr. Viktor Frankl's (the Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor) observation in his classic little work Man's Search for Meaning, that the last of the human freedoms is "to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances." Amidst the challenging circumstances Dr. Frankl lived through and countless others in various situations throughout history, we are inspired to a renewed consideration of what is most important. Our daily mass readings have continued to remind us this Lent of God's presence with us in all the challenges of life and Christ's promise to remain with us always.

However we got to where we are today, God has certainly given us many opportunities to respond. Few of us would have imagined on Ash Wednesday the unknown sacrifices we would be called to make. Least of all that we would be "fasting" from the Holy Eucharist. As I write on Tuesday evening there is no indication that we will be able to depart from the present norm of our priests offering mass with only the possibility of a deacon or 1 server present until further notice. If any of us ever took the availability of being able to share in the Holy Eucharist for granted, I don't think we ever can again.

It has been an inspiration to witness so many coming to pray throughout the day in our parish churches and to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many have responded to our efforts to make the mass and Deacon Gene leading the Holy Rosary available on line. We have had almost daily "glitches" in this process and it could not be happening without the expertise and cooperation of many individuals. Thank you. But just as our veiled statuary and crucifixes represent our longing for the Resurrection and the promise of Easter so I know we all want to be together to worship with our parish families and share physically as well as spiritually as the sacrifice of the mass is made present on the altar. Keep praying that that will be realized soon and very soon.

I am also grateful for the unbelievable material generosity that both parishes continue to share. You are going the "extra mile" to mail in or drop off you donations as well as the many who have signed up for our "on-line giving" available for both parishes. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

As we unite our lives with Our Lord's passion and death this week may we stay focused on the reality of His Resurrection. May we continue to choose Faith, and Hope, and Love for God and for one another in this season set apart to grow in holiness.

Pax et Bonum, fr john

**A Spiritual Communion**

**For those unable to share in the Holy Eucharist the Church recommends praying:**

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You  
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
And I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen**

**Father John has created a youtube channel!**

**You can view his videos from either Immaculate Conception's or St. Columcille's websites ([mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://mattoonimmaculateconception.org) or [stcolumcillesullivan.org](http://stcolumcillesullivan.org)) by clicking "watch online" Additionally, search youtube for John Titus. Find him online and subscribe, no account needed!**

+++++

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion scheduled for this fall for St. Columcille and Immaculate Conception will be rescheduled for 2021. Families will be notified when we have a new date.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 320 N. 21ST STREET - MATTOON, IL  
[www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org)

Welcome new parishioners! Please call the office & make an appointment to register!

**PARISH STAFF:**

Fr. John M. Titus – Pastor: 217-235-0539, E-Mail: [jtitus@dio.org](mailto:jtitus@dio.org)  
Deacon Gene Uptmor: 217-235-2189, Tuesday Office Hours 9 AM - 3 PM, E-Mail: [euptmor@dio.org](mailto:euptmor@dio.org)  
Carla Will – Christian Formation Director: 217-235-0431, E-Mail: [carlajanewill@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajanewill@yahoo.com)  
Julie Robinson – Senior Ministry Coordinator: 217-235-0539,  
E-Mail: [st.columcille.sullivan@gmail.com](mailto:st.columcille.sullivan@gmail.com)  
Kim Coffey – Parish Administrative Assistant, Safe Environment Coordinator, E-Mail:  
[icchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:icchurchsec@gmail.com)  
Phone: 217-235-0539 Fax- 217-235-0593

**IC Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4 PM  
Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM  
Weekday 8 AM (M & F)  
5:30 PM (T & Th), 7 AM (Wed)

Sacrament of Reconciliation –30 minutes before Daily Mass & Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM

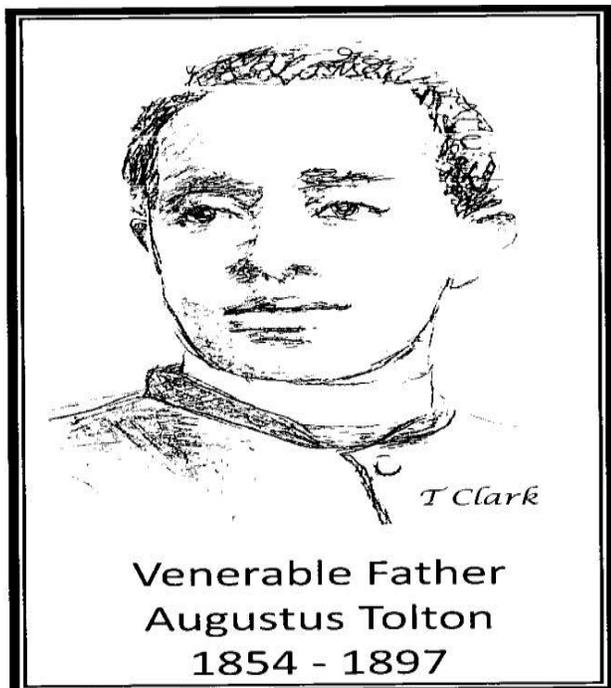
ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH—SULLIVAN, IL, MAILING ADDRESS: 320 N. 21ST STREET– MATTOON, IL 61938  
[www.stcolumcillesullivan.org](http://www.stcolumcillesullivan.org)

**PARISH STAFF:**

Fr. John M. Titus – Pastor: 217-235-0539, E-Mail: [jtitus@dio.org](mailto:jtitus@dio.org)  
Julie Robinson – Parish Secretary: 217-235-0539, E-Mail: [st.columcille.sullivan@gmail.com](mailto:st.columcille.sullivan@gmail.com)  
Rev. John E. Sohm – Pastor Emeritus: 217-728-4040, E-Mail: [fr.sohm@gmail.com](mailto:fr.sohm@gmail.com)

**St. Columcille Mass Schedule**

Saturday 6 PM,  
Weekday 5:30 PM (Wednesdays) Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 PM on Wednesdays with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at 6:30 pm



Heavenly Father,

Through your son, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, you have given us an example of heroic faith, hope and love. Fr. "Gus" overcame poverty and prejudice to become our first African-American Catholic priest and a humble servant of your people. Through his intercession continue to bless all our priests, living and deceased, and to inspire all those you are calling to your priesthood today to respond with generosity and courage. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Immaculate Conception Church  
Mattoon, Illinois

*Thank You to those who continue to mail in their contribution envelopes. During these trying times, perhaps you might be interested in our On-Line Giving program. It's easy! Just go to our parish website [mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://mattoonimmaculateconception.org), click on the Give link (upper right) and then click on the Create New Account link. Simply follow the prompts to set up your account. Now you can relax in knowing that you've fulfilled your stewardship commitments, even when you are unable to attend church.*



**What about the Holy Triduum? Father will be offering these privately, streaming Live on Facebook, then uploading them to our websites and his youtube channel approximately 2 hours after he completes them. (Please be patient with us as we work to embrace technology)**

Holy Thursday: Father will celebrate LIVE on FB at 5:00 pm, look for it after 7:00 pm on Youtube  
Good Friday: Father will celebrate LIVE on FB at 3:00 pm, look for it after 5:00 pm on Youtube  
Easter Vigil: Father will celebrate LIVE on FB at 8:00 pm, look for it after 10:00 pm on Youtube  
Easter Sunday: Father will celebrate LIVE on FB at 8:00 am, look for it after 10:00 am on Youtube

**Please note, during these Liturgies the Church will remain locked. Please Pray along at home!**



### **“WOMAN OF DISTINCTION”**

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will, again, host an event to honor good and holy women in our Diocese. One “Woman of Distinction” from each parish will be honored at Holy Mass on June 13, 2020, in Springfield. In previous years, Marguerite Bennett, Jan Wetzal, Maggie Kirts, Linda Wentz, Betty Brandvold, Judy Rawlings, Denise Cooling and Julie Robinson were chosen as our “Woman of Distinction”.

Criteria for selection are that the woman must actively live her Catholic faith, display her spirituality and share her time and talents with a cheerful attitude by doing acts of service and leadership toward her parish and community. She should demonstrate the mission of the DCCW to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

If you wish to nominate someone who meets this criteria, please write her name in the box below and drop it in the mail, phone it in at 235-0539 or email it to [icchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:icchurchsec@gmail.com) to the attention of our parish secretary, Kim Coffey.

The deadline to submit names is  
**April 17th.** Thank You!

**Woman of Distinction Nominee**



**With Immaculate Conception:**

Fr. John Sohm, Max Rose, Mark Welton, Molly Grady, Michael Grady, Jacob Kirts, Joyce McCoy, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, Wesco Family, Sara Clayhorn, Mark Buran, Pat Hutchings, Don Clark, Susie Huckstead, Louise Farrell, Wendy Carter, Virginia Kastl, Edna Probst, Rich Fafara, Lyn Henning, Arlet Hertel, Karl Rabe, Sheila Rosine, Betty Bailey, Max Ohm, Zale Vincent Walk, Mary Magnotta, Lois Neff, Gwen Johnson, Jim Pendell, Tammy Howard, Ralph Vanneste, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, Alice Farmer, Loretta Tucker, Teresa Miller, Kelly Sullivan, Margie Henning, Elisa Gonzalez, Rex Bill, Madonna Collinsworth, Liz Newton, Judy Smith, Dennis James, Don Clark, Jr., Joyce and Joe LaFleur

*If you have a loved one who should be added to our parish prayer list, please call the parish office.*

**Another Envelope?**

In the IC April packet of contribution envelopes is one labeled Holy Thursday Funeral Dinner Ministry. Whenever we have a death at IC, the parish extends the invitation to the family to have a meal in the Parish Center after the committal service at the cemetery. This is very much appreciated by the grieving families and one of the most important outreaches of our parish. Our Ladies Guild volunteers perform an invaluable corporal and spiritual work of mercy. There is no “charge” for this hospitality and families usually make a donation to the Ladies Guild for their expenses. This collection will be used to supplement the funds used by our Ladies Guild funeral dinner outreach. This way they will not have to worry about being able to cover expenses when they come “all at once.”

As there was no previous collection on Holy Thursday and this was Our Lord’s last meal on earth, the envelope will coincide with this first night of the Sacred Triduum. Thank you for your generosity.

**Readings for the Week of April 5, 2020**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22,31&33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

**Fr. Tolton Update:**

Teresa Clark, of Terre Haute, Indiana, who sculpted our statue of St. Mother Theodore Guerin in the sanctuary of IC, is working on an image of Ven. Father Augustus Tolton. Eventually I hope Fr. Tolton’s statue will be placed on the west side of the reredos (back altar). This would mean we have St. Mother Theodore on the Terre Haute side and Fr. Tolton on the Quincy side of the reredos as we face the altar.

The estimated completion date for the statue would be mid-summer 2020. Since only images of saints or blessed can be placed in the main body of the church, Fr Tolton’s statue will be placed in the IC Parish Center until such time as he would be beatified. An anonymous donor is paying for the cost of this project. The beautiful pedestals for both sculptures were constructed by IC parishioners.

+++++

**St. Columcille Mass Intentions:**

**Wednesday, April 8th:** Mother M. Ingegorg Rohner, FSGM

**Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 12th: Rita Ackrill**

Please keep Tom Howen in your prayers. Funeral services will be held at a later date.

**Thank you to those that have continued to mail in your contribution envelopes. For those that are interested, we also have an online giving option at St. Columcille!**

**Just go to our parish website at [www.stcolumcillesullivan.org](http://www.stcolumcillesullivan.org), once there click the “Give” button for options including credit and debit card giving! Please be assured that the “Give Now” option really does go straight to St. Columcille!**

**Sullivan Prayer List:** Michelle Keller, Carole Blasche, Fr. Sohm, Hal Walker, Donna Walker, David Walker, Art Welsh, Gary Smith, Ron and Marylyn Crnich, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan, Jack Creek, Steve Loveall, Fritz New, Sheila Littleton, Phil Littleton and Rebecca.

## Fr. Tolton Statue Artistic Rendition



Reflection below was sent out by  
Bishop Paprocki

### A family in lockdown

40 days, 40 nights in the Ark,  
Noah's family was confined in a boat.  
There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces,  
no internet, no phone, no Youtube, Facebook or Netflix.  
They only heard the rain. They spent their time praying,  
loving each other and caring for animals.  
God the Father took care of them as Noah was a man of  
faith and obeyed His word.  
Remember even though there is out there an ocean of  
viruses and life seems like a stormy ride,  
our God is watching over us! Don't be afraid!  
Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop  
one day. A rainbow will shine and all will be well again.