

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

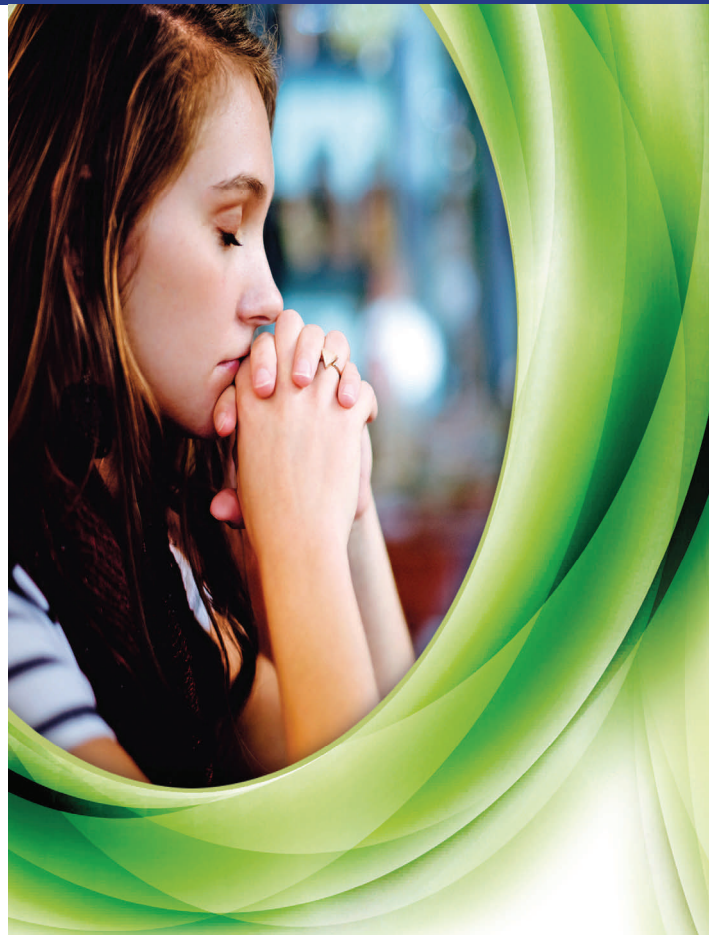
Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM Church
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM Chapel
First Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM Chapel

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM
(Or By Appointment)

Baptism: Please contact Deacon Bob (337) 278-7923 during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Care of the Sick: For emergencies, please contact the priest immediately. Communion is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.



14th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a; 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Jordan Todd Aguillard, Air Force; Jules Craig Cifreo, Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines; Analise Reed, Marines.

Prayer List

Tim Amond, Evelyn Babin, Linda Beauvis, Brittany Bello, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Tommy Boudreaux, Annie Bourque, Judah Burbank, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Pearl Christopher, Barry Comeaux, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Daniel Cormier, Lisa David, Michael David, Patsy David, Tammy David, Brilynn Davis, Betty Decou, Dana Decuir, Gabby Deslatte, Todd Dolce, Wallace Dorgan, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, John Ewing, Anna Grace Fremin, David Gauthier, Gloria H. Genusa, Shelby Gobert, Joe Guarino, Ylandra Hackett, Jace Hunt, Nadia Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Kiely Johnson, Judy & James Joseph, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Mike Marcello, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Julie Lee, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Theresa McKnight, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Barry Mendoza, Myra Moniotte, Brandon Oubre, Al Patin, Betty Patin, Christine Patin, Gary Patin, Jr., Gary Patin, Sr., Gregory Patin, Victor Patin, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Carol Pharr, Danny & Barbara Pickett, Elsie Pickett, Ronnie Porche, Father Amrit Raj, Mary Alice Robert, Julia Grace Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Whitney Simoneaux, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Shirley Sparks, Micah Theriot, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Sonya & Rome Tullier, Wayne Walton, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

07/11 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
@ 6:30pm.

07/12 Peer Bereavement Meeting
@ 5:30pm.

Your Stewardship

Totals not available at time of publication.

KC Summer Social

Saturday, August 5, 2023
5pm Parish Hall

ICC Ladies Auxiliary Fun Bingo

Sunday, July 16th
2pm Parish Hall



SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, saving, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit, <https://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshareonline.org>.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, call our parish office at 627-5124.

Religious Education News

The Office of Christian Formation has a few vacancies to fill in the teaching department of our religious education program. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who may want to volunteer their time to help teach God's word. The material/lesson plans are already prepared for you, so don't feel unqualified. If the Spirit is calling you to volunteer, please call **Mrs. Dina Tunstall** at **627-5819**.

Catholic Charities Become an Infant Care Family

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge needs volunteers to temporarily care for infants who are waiting to be placed with their adoptive parents. Infant Care Families make a lasting difference by opening their hearts and homes to babies until they are placed with their forever families. Visit adoptbatonrouge.com or call **(225) 336-8708** for more information.

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference Saturday, August 26, 2023 9:15am-5:45pm

Medical professionals, students, and interested laypeople are invited to the fourth annual **Converging Roads health care ethics conference** on **Saturday, August 26**, at the **Tracy Center in Baton Rouge!** This conference is a wonderful way to gain a comprehensive knowledge of practicing medicine under a Catholic ethos while earning up to 6 hours of CME/CNE credits. Join national and local experts either in person or online to discuss topics rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. For more information or to register, please visit:

convergingroads.com/batonrouge

A Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former calmness, you are still the Master of land and sea. During this hurricane season, we turn to You. O Loving Father, spare us from past tragedies and protect us from future storms. Amen.

Weekend Reflection

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he is "meek and humble of heart." Yet just a few lines before this, he says that he is equal to his Father, the almighty God. So how can the Son of God be both meek and mighty?

For Jesus, being meek does not mean letting people push him around. If he were meek in that sense, he could not have thrown the money-changers out of the temple. Jesus' meekness meant doing the will of God completely. The challenge for us comes in his words "learn from me." We must learn to do God's will as completely as Jesus did. First, it means that we do all that God wants of us. We cannot pick and choose what we want to do and what we want to ignore. If some things seem too difficult or painful for us, we may need more faith in Jesus' ability to make the burden easy. For example, sometimes we may hear Jesus' command to love one another and reserve the right to love whom we choose. Or we may reserve the right to decide which teachings of the Church we will follow. But doing God's will completely means doing it without reservation.

Second, we may try to do all that God asks, but give up if something becomes too difficult. We may say we forgive someone, for example, but when they reject that forgiveness, we become even angrier. Or we may tire of being patient with someone and be verbally hurtful. Or maybe we agree to help on a parish project but quit when someone disagrees with us. We can learn from Jesus how to do each part of God's will to completion, as Jesus did all the way to the cross.

So how is the Son of God humble? True humility means acknowledging who we are and what we can do. Jesus is simply being humble when he says that he is equal to the Father. So too, we are humble when we do not hide the fact that we are children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. Instead of a false modesty that claims "I'm not good enough to follow all of God's commands," it takes true humility to accept that we can do God's will because the Spirit is with us to help us.