



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

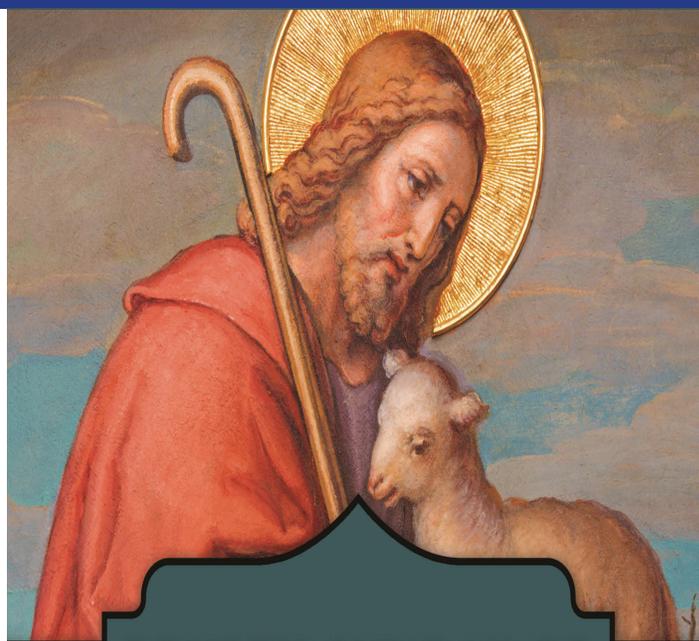
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

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

Reconciliation: Tues. 5:00 PM & Sat. 3:00 PM

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14,
16; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

The Glory of God

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.
—St. Irenaeus

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 7,340.00

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; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Tim Amond, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, J.C. Bueche, III, Kyle Cabalero, Robin Casiano, Linda Cheek, Brittany Collins, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, John Debetaz, Marie Debetaz, Betty Decou, Ronald Decuir, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Deculus, Malachi Engen, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Pamela Vicknair Harrington, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Laura Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Debra Landry, Maria Lawrence, Kevin LeBlanc, Presleigh LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janey Lively, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Rob Melacon, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Myra Moniotte, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Christine Patin, Corey Patin, David Patin, Ellen Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Cody Reed, Michael Roche, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Anna Graves Smith, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

04/25 **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
@ 1pm.

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

See what love
the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
— 1 John 3:1

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Everett Reed Andre, child of Christopher Luke Andre & Ashley Marie Hauch.

Everly Ann Andre, child of Christopher Luke Andre & Ashley Marie Hauch.

Fill A Prescription

The St. Vincent de Paul 2021 “Fill a Prescription Drive” is currently accepting donations. Your donations help to provide medication to the needy. The container will be on the table in the back of church until the end of May. Thanks, in advance, for your help.



From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

Perhaps some of you have had a similar issue that I've been experiencing. I suspect many people are having this problem. I find it more and more difficult to enjoy any newly produced television programs, sports, or movies. The reason is because it seems that everything is now saturated with political and/or social narratives that I'd like to take a break from. I do not watch a lot of TV or movies these days. When I do make an attempt to watch something that I think might interest me, it is usually out of a desire to retreat from political and social commentary. But recently, more often than not, when I sit down to watch a series (usually on a streaming service) or a sport or a new movie (also usually on a streaming service) I find it to be overtly or at least implicitly communicating some political or social narrative.

Whether I agree with the agenda being promoted or not is irrelevant. Sometimes I agree with the social commentary points being made, and often times I do not. This is not important. The point is I do not want to be lectured to about a current political or social issue at that moment. I just want to imagine a world where there are super powered people and an alien invasion. I'd like to watch a man hit a homerun and another make an impossible catch. I guess that is too much to ask for these days. That's why I find myself, when I do watch anything, watching older stuff. The quintessential good versus evil stories of movies and shows made sometime well before the "woke" movement.

But this has got me thinking about something in relation to our lives as Christians. Do we have the same commitment to our beliefs that these virtue signaling "woke" entertainers do? They can't even make a TV show or play football anymore without professing their distorted and moronic opinions. Can we say the same in how we live in regards to the gospel of Jesus Christ? They do not care if they are ruining movies, shows, and sports for everyone else; and yet how often do we Catholics bite our tongue because we do not want to offend someone? Now, to be sure, I am not suggesting that the so-called social justice warriors of major movie productions and sports today should be imitated in their obnoxiousness, vileness, or inability to be professional. If you are paid to go to work and do a job that does not morally compromise you, the mature and Christian

thing to do is to do your job right; and reading the bible or handing out novena cards or lamenting moral evil does not excuse you from doing what you are paid to do in the work day. But while we work, or anything else, our faith in Christ and commitment to him should permeate everything we do. There should never be any doubt about whether we are disciples of Jesus Christ in the way we do our work or socialize or run errands or any other activity.

While I do not like the profuse political and social points that entertainment professionals cleverly (in their own mind) try to infuse into their work and public lives, I do think that we should consider this: what if every Catholic took their Catholicism as serious? That is what the martyrs of the Church did. They took their Catholicism so seriously, they lived out their Catholicism so radically, that they were not willing to temper it even if it meant death. I do not believe most of our self-styled "prophets" of the modern era are quite that committed. But they are at least committed enough to annoy the rest of us. Are we even that committed to Catholicism? Are we willing to make the Sign of the Cross and pray before lunch with co-workers? Are we prepared to say what needs to be said when someone says something wrong? Are we willing to sacrifice time for prayer and charitable works? Are we willing to praise our Lord Jesus Christ and glorify God when something good happens, or call on his assistance when there is a challenge, no matter who is present? Can we honestly say that we look for prudent and charitable ways to tell people the truth about sin and salvation with the same brazenness that celebrities tell us their inane opinions? If not, then we should change that. The saints who spread the faith around the world, sometimes to the point of death, were not shy or ashamed of being boldly Catholic Christians. Pray God may give us the same faith and courage to witness to Christ in everything we do. And pray that we might have decent TV series, sports, and movies to watch again.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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