



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
Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

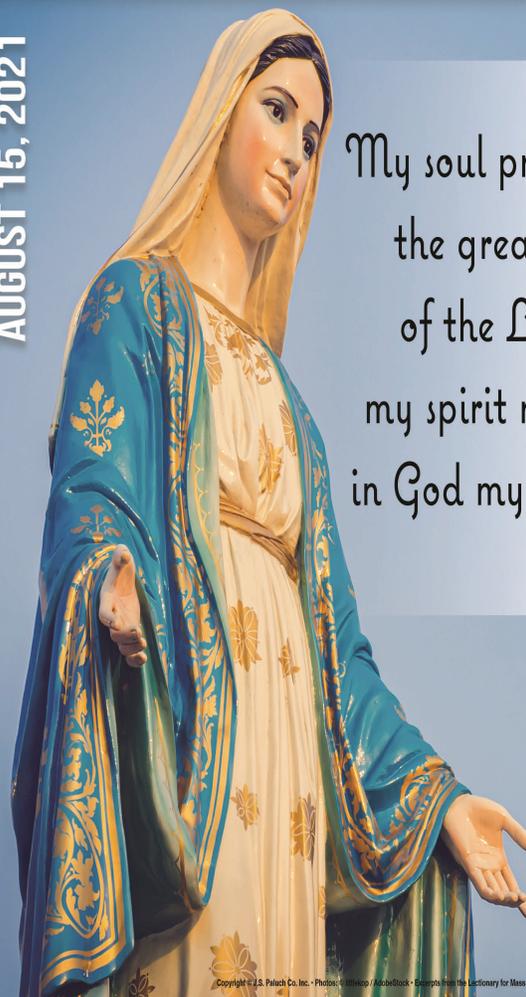
Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



My soul proclaims
the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Sympathy

The Sympathy of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:

Family of **Joseph Clarence Ballard, Sr.**

Family of **Debra Ann Blanchard Landry.**

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 9,011.64

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.

Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Daniel Allemond, Tim Amond, Roy Ancona, Evelyn Babin, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Kynlee Bueche, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Brilynn Davis, John Debetaz, Marie Debetaz, Betty Decou, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Deculus, Alcide Delapasse, Carroll Devillier, Malachi Engen, Deborah Fountain, Anna Grace Fremin, Elizabeth Gosserand, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Jackie Jones, James Joseph, Judy Joseph, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Kevin LeBlanc, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Anna Marie Silvio, Anna Graves Smith, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

08/15 Religious Education Registration

Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program on **October 8-10**, call **985-232-5963** or email: retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

2021-2022

**Religious Education
Registration**

August 15, 2021

***Held after 9am & 11am masses
(Room 1 in the Activity Center)***

ICC

**Knights of Columbus
Blood Drive**

Our annual KC Blood Drive will be held **Sunday, August 29th**, from **7:00am** till **1:00pm** in the Church Hall. All donors must be 17 or older (16 with parental consent) and should eat first before arriving. Coffee, donuts and juice will also be provided. Donors will also be given a free t-shirt and be entered into a drawing for the following prizes:

1st Place : 32" Flat Screen HD Roku Smart TV.

2nd Place: 8" Tablet with Android.

3rd Place: 5 Free Car Washes at local car wash.

Be A Life Saver...Donate Blood

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

This weekend our ordinary liturgical cycle is interrupted by the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have been reading from the "Bread of Life Discourse" where Jesus teaches that "my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." While we will not hear from the Bread of Life discourse today because of the readings for the Assumption, we can still reflect on the Eucharist, as the Body and Blood of Christ, which is uniquely related to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Everything that Jesus received in his human nature he received from Mary. Consider that he likely shared some physical features with Mary. The flesh that he took for himself, he received from Mary, and now he gives it to us to consume sacramentally in the Holy Communion. As we have been doing the past couple of weeks, we'll read about the Eucharist from a document of the Church. The following text is from Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (The Church from the Eucharist).

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Mysterium fidei! If the Eucharist is a mystery of faith which so greatly transcends our understanding as to call for sheer abandonment to the word of God, then there can be no one like Mary to act as our support and guide in acquiring this disposition. In repeating what Christ did at the Last Supper in obedience to his command: "Do this in memory of me!", we also accept Mary's invitation to obey him without hesitation: "Do whatever he tells you" (*Jn* 2:5). With the same maternal concern which she showed at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary seems to say to us: "Do not waver; trust in the words of my Son. If he was able to change water into wine, he can also turn bread and wine into his body and blood, and through this mystery bestow on believers the living memorial of his pass-over, thus becoming the 'bread of life'".

In a certain sense Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word*. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood.

As a result, there is a profound analogy between the *Fiat* which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the *Amen* which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived "through the Holy Spirit" was "the Son of God" (*Lk* 1:30-35). In continuity with the Virgin's faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine.

"Blessed is she who believed" (*Lk* 1:45). Mary also anticipated, in the mystery of the incarnation, the Church's Eucharistic faith. When, at the Visitation, she bore in her womb the Word made flesh, she became in some way a "tabernacle" – the first "tabernacle" in history – in which the Son of God, still invisible to our human gaze, allowed himself to be adored by Elizabeth, radiating his light as it were through the eyes and the voice of Mary. And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him

in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?

Mary, throughout her life at Christ's side and not only on Calvary, made her own *the sacrificial dimension of the Eucharist*. When she brought the child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem "to present him to the Lord" (*Lk* 2:22), she heard the aged Simeon announce that the child would be a "sign of contradiction" and that a sword would also pierce her own heart (cf. *Lk* 2:34-35). The tragedy of her Son's crucifixion was thus foretold, and in some sense Mary's *Stabat Mater* at the foot of the Cross was foreshadowed. In her daily preparation for Calvary, Mary experienced a kind of "anticipated Eucharist" – one might say a "spiritual communion" – of desire and of oblation, which would culminate in her union with her Son in his passion, and then find expression after Easter by her partaking in the Eucharist which the Apostles celebrated as the memorial of that passion.

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Experiencing the memorial of Christ's death in the Eucharist also means continually receiving this gift. It means accepting – like John – the one who is given to us anew as our Mother. It also means taking on a commitment to be conformed to Christ, putting ourselves at the school of his Mother and allowing her to accompany us. Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist. This is one reason why, since ancient times, the commemoration of Mary has always been part of the Eucharistic celebrations of the Churches of East and West.

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Every Sunday in our parish we conclude the Sunday Masses with a sung anthem to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider that we do this as a way of honoring she who has closer communion with Christ than any other human. He dwelled in her, Body and Soul, during pregnancy. She received his Body and Soul in Holy Communion at the first Eucharistic celebrations. And now she, Assumed body and soul, dwells with him in heaven. When we receive the Holy Communion of Christ's Body and Blood, we are also brought close to Mary.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



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