



# 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.

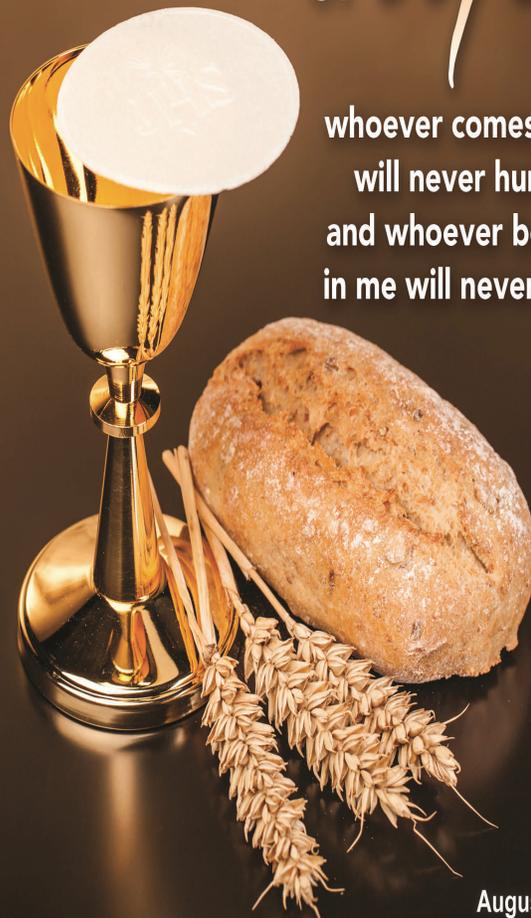
**Care of the Sick:** For emergencies, please contact the priest immediately. Communion is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**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.

I am the  
*bread of life;*  
of *life;*

whoever comes to me  
will never hunger,  
and whoever believes  
in me will never thirst.

John 6:35



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August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Scriptures for the Week

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;

Jn 6:41-51

## Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 9,008.72

## Baptisms

*We welcome to our Parish Community:*

Aiden Luke Pennington, child of Mason Luke Pennington & Lauren Michelle Venable.

## Sympathy

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

Family of **Judy Guidroz**.

## 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, Ronald Decuir, 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, Debra Landry, Maria Lawrence, Antoinette LeBlanc, 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

**08/03 PAL Meeting**

@ 6pm Rm.#2.

**KC 3rd Degree Meeting**

@ 7pm.

**08/04 Choir Practice**

@ 6pm.

**08/07 KC Summer Social**

@ 5pm Parish Hall.

**KC Summer Social  
Saturday, August 7th @ 5pm  
Parish Hall**

## Religious Education News

The Office of Christian Formation has a vacancy to fill in the teaching department for 10th grade religious education. We are looking for a caring person 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 help volunteer, please call **Mrs. Dina Tunstall** at **627-5819**.

**2021-2022  
Religious Education  
Registration  
August 15, 2021**

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

Includes:

- \*Religious Education for 1st-11th Grades
- \*Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for 2nd Grade
- \*Sacrament of Confirmation for 11th Grade (11th Grade Catholic School students must register and attend classes weekly)
- \*Classes for baptized/unbaptized adults/children interested in becoming Catholic.

Forms are available outside the Office of Christian Formation for anyone wishing to register early.

**Please practice social distancing and wear a mask on registration day. We will have in person classes this year.**

For more information  
Call: **Mrs. Dina Tunstall** at **627-5819**.

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

From the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Year B lectionary cycle of Sunday Masses we hear from John chapter 6. This is known as the Bread of Life discourse. This year one of those Sunday Masses will fall on August 15<sup>th</sup>, which is Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This means that we will not get to hear the ordinary Sunday readings that day because the solemnity will take precedence. None the less, for the next few weeks the bulletin are going to focus on the Eucharist by giving us texts from various documents of the Church on the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass. The following text is paragraphs 1, 2, and 6 from Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* (Sacrament of Charity).

"The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman. This wondrous sacrament makes manifest that "greater" love which led him to "lay down his life for his friends" (*Jn* 15:13). Jesus did indeed love them "to the end" (*Jn* 13:1). In those words the Evangelist introduces Christ's act of immense humility: before dying for us on the Cross, he tied a towel around himself and washed the feet of his disciples. In the same way, Jesus continues, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, to love us "to the end," even to offering us his body and his blood. What amazement must the Apostles have felt in witnessing what the Lord did and said during that Supper! What wonder must the eucharistic mystery also awaken in our own hearts!

"In the sacrament of the altar, the Lord meets us, men and women created in God's image and likeness (cf. *Gen* 1:27), and becomes our companion along the way. In this sacrament, the Lord truly becomes food for us, to satisfy our hunger for truth and freedom. Since only the truth can make us free (cf. *Jn* 8:32), Christ becomes for us the food of truth. With deep human insight, Saint Augustine clearly showed how we are moved spontaneously, and not by constraint, whenever we encounter something attractive and desirable. Asking himself what it is that can move us most deeply, the saintly Bishop went on to say: "What does our soul desire more passionately than truth?" Each of us has an innate and irrepressible desire for ultimate and definitive truth. The Lord Jesus, "the way, and the truth, and the life" (*Jn* 14:6), speaks to our thirsting, pilgrim hearts, our hearts yearning for the source of life, our hearts longing for truth. Jesus Christ is the Truth in person, drawing the world to himself. "Jesus is the lodestar of human freedom: without him, freedom loses its focus, for without the knowledge of truth, freedom becomes debased, alienated and reduced to empty caprice. With him, freedom finds itself." In the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus shows us in particular the *truth about the*

*love* which is the very essence of God. It is this evangelical truth which challenges each of us and our whole being. For this reason, the Church, which finds in the Eucharist the very centre of her life, is constantly concerned to proclaim to all, *opportune importune* (cf. *2 Tim* 4:2), that God is love. Precisely because Christ has become for us the food of truth, the Church turns to every man and woman, inviting them freely to accept God's gift.

[Skipping to paragraph 6] "The mystery of faith!" With these words, spoken immediately after the words of consecration, the priest proclaims the mystery being celebrated and expresses his wonder before the substantial change of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, a reality which surpasses all human understanding. The Eucharist is a "mystery of faith" par excellence: "the sum and summary of our faith." The Church's faith is essentially a eucharistic faith, and it is especially nourished at the table of the Eucharist. Faith and the sacraments are two complementary aspects of ecclesial life. Awakened by the preaching of God's word, faith is nourished and grows in the grace-filled encounter with the Risen Lord which takes place in the sacraments: "faith is expressed in the rite, while the rite reinforces and strengthens faith." For this reason, the Sacrament of the Altar is always at the heart of the Church's life: "thanks to the Eucharist, the Church is reborn ever anew!" The more lively the eucharistic faith of the People of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples. The Church's very history bears witness to this. Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people."

With this final point on our minds, let us pray for a renewed sense of faith and appreciation for the mystery of the Eucharist, the "food of truth", so that we may truly see the badly needed renewal of the Church in our time.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## 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](mailto:retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com) or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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