



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

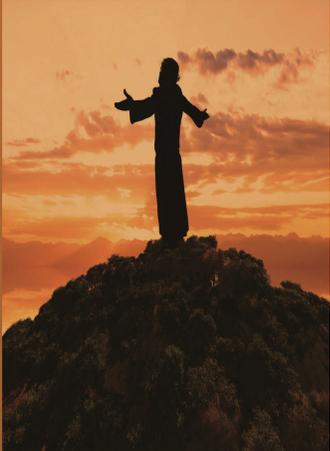
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

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

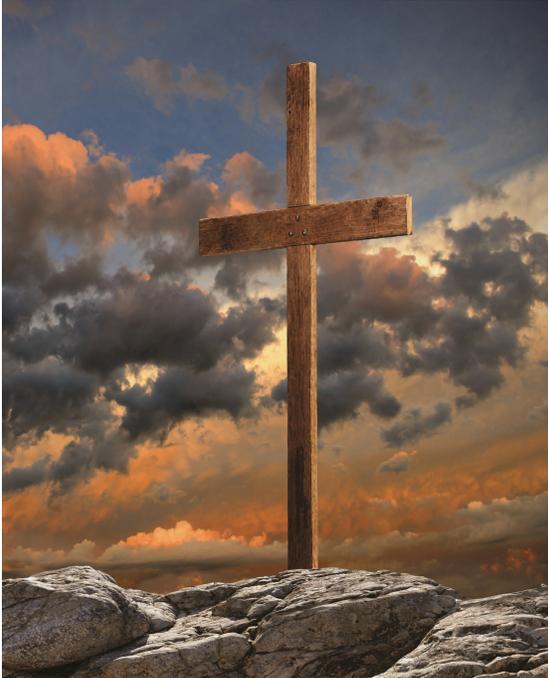
Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

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



Jesus said,
"I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST
23
2020

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2020

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
— Matthew 16:19

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 6,573.66

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.

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Tim Amond, Shirley Blauvelt, Kyle Cabalero, Linda Cheek, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, Ronald Decuir, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Danny Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, David Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Michael Roche, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Timmy Smith, Sr., James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

08/23 KC Annual Blood Drive
@ 7am - 1pm in Church Hall.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Matthew Thomas Glen Mounger, child of Clayton Lamar Mounger & Laura Darling Mounger.

Ainsley Mae Serio, child of Matthew Jude Serio & Daphne Bizette Serio.

Sympathy

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

Family of **Danny Alpough**.

Immaculate Conception Church Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

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

1st Place : 32” Flat Screen TV.

2nd Place: DVD Player.

3rd Place: 5 Free Car Washes.

Be A Life Saver...Donate Blood

Retrouvaille Weekend

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille, a Christian-based program, is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

When: **September 11-13, 2020**

Contact: **Bill & Missie Curth** at **(985) 232-5963**

Visit The Website: **HelpOurMarriage.org**

*****All COVID-19 precautions will be taken*****

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

The Third Commandment given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai, as recorded in Exodus 20, states: *Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.*

The Jewish Sabbath is Saturday – the 7th day. This is the significance of Jesus remaining dead in the tomb after his crucifixion for a whole Saturday. He observed and fulfilled the Sabbath in a radical way. “The Lord’s Day” for us as Christians has been transferred to Sunday, the first day of the week. The Catechism explains: *Sunday is expressly distinguished from the Sabbath which it follows chronologically every week; for Christians its ceremonial observance replaces that of the Sabbath. In Christ’s Passover, Sunday fulfills the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and announces man’s eternal rest in God. For worship under the law prepared for the mystery of Christ, and what was done there prefigured some aspects of Christ: those who lived according to the old order of things have come to a new hope, no longer keeping the Sabbath, but the Lord’s Day, in which our life is blessed by him and by his death (CCC 2175).* In other words, Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament religious law. Where the Sabbath marked the end of life with rest from labor, Sunday now marks the beginning of new life through Jesus’ resurrection, where sin and death are destroyed. The Sabbath commemorated the end of the work of creation, but now every Sunday commemorates the beginning of the New Creation that started on the first Easter Sunday. Thus, *By a tradition handed down from the apostles which took its origin from the very day of Christ’s Resurrection, the Church celebrates the Paschal mystery every seventh day, which day is appropriately called the Lord’s Day or Sunday. The day of Christ’s Resurrection is both the first day of the week, the memorial of the first day of creation, and the ‘eighth day,’ on which Christ after his ‘rest’ on the great Sabbath inaugurates the ‘day that the Lord has made,’ the ‘day that knows no evening’ (CCC 1166).*

The first and most fundamental obligation of Catholics to observe the Lord’s Day is to attend Holy Mass. Christians are also to do their best, according to their state in life, to rest from work or business. The *Code of Canon Law* states: *On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to assist at Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to*

the Lord’s Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body (canon 1247).

As of my writing this article there is a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in the Diocese of Baton Rouge due to COVID19. This means that the bishop has given the faithful a temporary extraordinary permission to not meet the ordinary obligation due to the extenuating circumstances. The reason for this dispensation is to alleviate the burden of conscience on those who have reasonable concerns about the dangers exposure to COVID19 would pose to their health. Properly understood, it is not an excuse to not go to Mass for any reason. Catholics should want to go to Mass, and those who are not avoiding other voluntary activities of similar risk but less importance than Mass should allow that pious and saintly desire to compel them to observe the Lord’s Day properly with Mass.

Despite this dispensation of the obligation of Mass we have not been dispensed from the obligation to keep the Lord’s Day holy. Even when it is not possible or safe to attend Mass, the nature of Sunday should remain the same. Sundays are a time each week to live out the joy of our Lord’s Resurrection – his victory over our sin and death. It is not just another day off. St. John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, wrote that Christians are *obliged in conscience to arrange their Sunday rest in a way which allows them to take part in the Eucharist, refraining from work and activities which are incompatible with the sanctification of the Lord’s Day, with its characteristic joy and necessary rest for spirit and body.*

For those who going to Mass is not a reasonably safe possibility right now, there is a greater need to sanctify the day through prayer, reading of scripture, and doing activities that are not burdensome, but edifying (i.e. makes you a better Christian person). The rest and relaxation of Sunday’s should not be empty or slothful, but should be of spiritual enrichment and affirm the absolute primacy of God. This unique time in our world’s history is a good time to reconsider how we observe the Lord’s Day, honoring his resurrection, and anchoring our week around the one day that, as Christians, gives the activities of all other days meaning.

Certainly, Christians are no different from other people in enjoying the weekly day of rest; but at the same time they are keenly aware of the uniqueness and originality of Sunday, the day on which they are called to celebrate their salvation and the salvation of all humanity. Sunday is the day of joy and the day of rest precisely because it is ‘the Lord’s Day’, the day of the Risen Lord. – St. John Paul II, Dies Domini, 82

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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