



# 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.

RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFINED  
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:  
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS  
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

## Scriptures for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5  
**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;  
Mk 7:31-37

## Congratulations

To **Richard Justin Mougeot & Ashley Marie Braud**  
who were married here on August 13, 2021.

## Your Stewardship

**Collections**        \$ 8,221.00  
**Mission Appeal**    \$ 2,008.00

## 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; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army;  
Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.*

## Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Daniel Allemond, Tim Amond, Roy  
Ancona, Evelyn Babin, Linda Beauvis, Blaine Benoit,  
Joseph Leroy Bizette, Kynlee Bueche, Robin Casiano,  
Daryl Cazes, Brilynn Davis, John Debetaz, Marie De-  
betaz, Betty Decou, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Decu-  
lus, 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, Nancy Racca, Cody Reed, Hank  
Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Anna Marie Silvio, Anna  
Graves Smith, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams.

## This Week at ICC

**08/29 Blood Drive.**

## ICC Blood Drive Sunday, August 29th

Our annual KC Blood Drive will be held this **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.

## Religious Education News

The Office of Christian Formation has a vacancy to fill in the teaching department for 4th grade religious education. We are looking for a caring person who may want to volunteer their time to help teach God's word. If the spirit is calling you to help volunteer, please call **Dina Tunstall** at **627-5819**.

## Request For Help

Each year there are a few of our families, who, for one reason or another, we ask for help with paying their religious education fees. Registration fees are \$25.00 per child, but of course any amount you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please drop donations off at the Office of Christian Formation, in the front door mail slot. You may also mail donations to:

**Office of Christian Formation**  
**Attn. Mrs. Dina Tunstall.**  
**P.O. Box 158, Lakeland, LA 70752.**

**Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.**

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

This will be a two part bulletin article, with part one printed this week, and part two printed next week.

In the early centuries of Christianity there developed a heresy called Pelagianism. It is named for its primary protagonist, Pelagius, who died around 420AD. The erroneous idea of Pelagianism is that the Original Sin of

humanity's first parents is not passed down by nature. Instead their sin merely set a bad example for their descendants. Each human person, according to this idea, is born in a natural state of innocence and, even if rare, capable of living a sinless life. Jesus' primary mission was to be an example and teacher of the perfectly holy life. The salvation of each soul is achieved through merit; by doing good and avoiding evil and sincere repentance when sin is committed.

This is contrary to our faith because we believe that Original Sin is passed down, that each person is a recipient of a deformed human nature, that it is not possible to live a sinless life due to this corruption, and that we cannot merit salvation. God's generous free gift of grace, merited for us by Jesus Christ, is necessary to be cleansed of Original Sin, to be reconciled to God, to avoid sin and do good, to repent, and to be saved from eternal damnation. We do, however, have to cooperate with this grace, attained for us only by Jesus, with our free will through Christian faith and living. It is our cooperation, or failure to do so, with grace that will determine our eternal destination. Pelagianism was condemned at the Council of Carthage in 418AD and is still regarded as heretical. Nonetheless, Pelagianism is a perennial heresy which never seems to go away, and often resurfaces under the guise of new ideas.

In the last few centuries, at least since the so called Enlightenment period of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, there has been a rise of a new atheistic Pelagianism under many different titles. One idea, for example, is called the "noble savage". This is a romanticized idea of the primitive man before civilization could affect him. The general idea here is that human beings are naturally virtuous and good, and that it was the onset of growing population and then ordering of civilization that causes man to lose this natural virtue as he must become more competitive with other humans.

An example of this idea in our culture is the erroneous depiction of the Native American as altogether good before the arrival of European civilization. When we see this depiction we should understand, as Christians, that this is not only historically false, but it is also explicitly anti-Christian. It is a historical myth taught in order to suggest that people are better before Christianity comes to them. This is why Christopher Columbus, a man of unique virtue and worthy of admiration by everyone, is repudiated instead of celebrated today.

Another atheistic neo-Pelagian narrative of our day was developed by sociologists in Frankfurt, Germany during the decades prior to World War II. The lead thinkers of the Frankfurt School, inspired by the philosophy of Hegel and Marxist Communism, formed a sociological theory which they called "Critical Theory". One of the lead thinkers of this theory, Max Horkheimer, described Critical Theory as a theory meant "to liberate human beings from the circumstances that enslave them." The cir-

cumstances referred to here are societal structures and cultural norms. In other words, they sought to identify and then place the blame of perceived injustice on the structures of the society rather than on the imperfect human nature (i.e. sin). Therefore, in order to correct this perceived injustice; society must be changed. According to Marxist tenets a potentially violent rupture must occur to finally set society free of the injustice that exists at its core and which affects every aspect of the society. The problem is not Original Sin, deformation of individuals' human nature, or personal sin; but societal structure. And the remedy is not grace, repentance, conversion, individual edification, or uplifting human freedom and dignity, but reforming the societal structure of civilization. The end goal is a reformed or new society that is capable of fulfilling its natural ability to become an egalitarian community, liberated from its oppressive foundation.

These lies are rejected by the Church whose mission it is to sanctify the world through the revelation and grace of Jesus Christ. The Church is the civilization capable of raising humanity to its highest potential. It would benefit any and all people of every racial, ethnic, cultural, economic, and sexual background to integrate and assimilate into the Church, adopting its culture for themselves, and abandoning anything that is not congruent with it. The less Christian people become, failing to know and live according to divine revelation and law, the less disposed they are to grace, which is the only real means of liberating man from what enslaves him: sin.

*If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ... For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. – Romans 5:17, 19*

*Pursuing the saving purpose which is proper to her, the Church does not only communicate divine life to men but in some way casts the reflected light of that life over the entire earth, most of all by its healing and elevating impact on the dignity of the person, by the way in which it strengthens the seams of human society and imbues the everyday activity of men with a deeper meaning and importance. Thus through her individual members and her whole community, the Church believes she can contribute greatly toward making the family of man and its history more human. – Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et spes, 40*

Next week's bulletin will continue on this topic with a closer look at Critical Theory.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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