



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Rev. C. Todd Lloyd  
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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 living bread  
that came down  
from heaven;  
whoever eats  
this bread will  
live forever.*

*John 6:51*

AUGUST

8 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Scriptures for the Week

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Mt 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;  
Mt 18:15-20  
**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;  
Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;  
Mt 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;  
Mt 19:13-15  
**Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,  
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

## 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. If the spirit is calling you to help volunteer, please call Mrs. Dina Tunstall at 627-5819.

## Your Stewardship

Collections / Building Fund \$ 12,718.00

## 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, 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, 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

- 08/10 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
@ 6:30pm.
- 08/11 Peer Bereavement Meeting**  
@ 5:30pm.  
**Choir Practice**  
@ 6pm.

## Immaculate Conception Church 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*

## 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,

This weekend the gospel is again from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John, i.e. the Bread of Life Discourse. Jesus teaches his disciples the profound mystery that he is “the bread that came down from heaven,” the “Bread of Life,” and this bread “is my flesh for the life of the world.” Again we reflect on this mystery with words from a document of the Church. The following text is from Pope St. John Paul II’s apostolic letter *Dominicae Cena*.

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Since therefore the Eucharist is the source of charity, it has always been at the center of the life of Christ’s disciples. It has the appearance of bread and wine, that is to say of food and drink; it is therefore as familiar to people, as closely linked to their life, as food and drink. The veneration of God, who is love, springs, in eucharistic worship, from that kind of intimacy in which He Himself, by analogy with food and drink, fills our spiritual being, ensuring its life, as food and drink do. This “Eucharistic” veneration of God therefore strictly corresponds to His saving plan. He Himself, the Father, wants the “true worshipers” to worship Him precisely in this way, and it is Christ who expresses this desire, both with His words and likewise with this sacrament in which He makes possible worship of the Father in the way most in conformity with the Father’s will.

From this concept of eucharistic worship there then stems the whole sacramental style of the Christian’s life. In fact, leading a life based on the sacraments and animated by the common priesthood means in the first place that Christians desire God to act in them in order to enable them to attain, in the Spirit, “the fullness of Christ himself.” God, on His part, does not touch them only through events and by this inner grace; He also acts in them with greater certainty and power through the sacraments. The sacraments give the lives of Christians sacramental style.

Now, of all the sacraments it is the Holy Eucharist that brings to fullness their initiation as Christians and confers upon the exercise of the common priesthood that sacramental and ecclesial form that links it – as we mentioned before – to the exercise of the ministerial priesthood. In this way eucharistic worship is the center and goal of all sacramental life. In the depths of eucharistic worship we find a continual echo of the sacraments a Christian initiation: baptism and confirmation. Where better is there expressed the truth that we are not only “called God’s children” but “that is what we are” by virtue of the sacrament of Baptism, if not precisely in the fact that in the Eucharist we become partakers of the body and blood of God’s only Son? And what predisposes us more to be “true witnesses of Christ” before the world –

as we are enabled to be by the sacrament of Confirmation – than Eucharistic Communion, in which Christ bears witness to us, and we to Him?

It is impossible to analyze here in greater detail the links between the Eucharist and the other sacraments, in particular with the sacrament of family life and the sacrament of the sick. In the encyclical *Redemptor hominis* I have already drawn attention to the close link between the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is not only that Penance leads to the Eucharist, but that the Eucharist also leads to Penance. For when we realize who it is that we receive in Eucharistic Communion, there springs up in us almost spontaneously a sense of unworthiness, together with sorrow for our sins and an interior need for purification.

But we must always take care that this great meeting with Christ in the Eucharist does not become a mere habit, and that we do not receive Him unworthily, that is to say, in a state of mortal sin. The practice of the virtue of penance and the sacrament of Penance are essential for sustaining in us and continually deepening that spirit of veneration which man owes to God Himself and to His love so marvelously revealed. The purpose of these words is to put forward some general reflections on worship of the Eucharistic Mystery, and they could be developed at greater length and more fully. In particular, it would be possible to link what has been said about the effects of the Eucharist on love for others with what we have just noted about commitments undertaken towards humanity and the Church in Eucharistic Communion, and then outline the picture of that “new earth” that springs from the Eucharist through every “new self.” In this sacrament of bread and wine, of food and drink, everything that is human really undergoes a singular transformation and elevation. Eucharistic worship is not so much worship of the inaccessible transcendence as worship of the divine condescension, and it is also the merciful and redeeming transformation of the world in the human heart.

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Heeding Pope St. John Paul II’s invitation let us be careful to not allow Holy Communion to become a mere habit of our lives. This Bread of Life is the central mystery of our religious life. As food and drink it sustains and nourishes everything we do in the life of grace. By it we are transformed into a new creation that cannot die. It is Christ, come down to us in order that we might be raised up with him.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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