



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 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. 5:30 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.

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Advent

The desert and the
parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with
abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2

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December 15, 2019

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 10,314.00
Building Fund	\$ 523.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 838.00

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Numa Aucoin, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert Brown, Kyle Cabalero, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Ronald Decuir, Landon Dickinson, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Judy Gremillion, Susie Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Audrey Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Gail Metz, David Mohr, Sheldon Moses, Phyllis Naquin, Helen Olinde, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Lance Corporal Metoyer, Marines; P.F.C.; SPC; Timothy J. Loucks, Corporal U.S. Marine; Lance Corporal Gary R. Major, Jr., Corporal; Private First Class; Major Jordan Morris; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte; Sgt. Greg Silva, Army; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army.

This Week at I.C.C.

- 12/15** Peer Bereavement Gathering
@ 3pm.
- 12/16** No Rel. Ed Class.
- 12/17** No Rel. Ed Class.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm #2.
- 12/18** No Rel. Ed Class.
Advent Penance Service
@ 6pm.
KC Officers Meeting.
- 12/19** Advent Seminar
@ 6pm.

Sympathy

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

Family of **Lyndsey Langlois.**

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Grady Beaux Gradney, child of Martin Ricard Gradney
& Anna Lewis Gradney.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Concert 3:30pm

Vigil Mass 4pm & 6pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

Mass 8am & 10am

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass 4pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 8am

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

One of the traditions of this season is the "O Antiphons." From December 17th to the 23rd in vespers (official evening prayer of the Church) and the alleluia verse before the gospel at weekday Mass there is a proper antiphon which invokes titles for the Messiah from the Old Testament. They are *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Each one goes on to refer to Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, expressing the desire for the Christ to come. In fact every one of them prays for the Lord to come with a certain blessing.

These O Antiphons were first referenced in Christian writing as early as the 6th century, and were in regular use in Roman liturgies by at least the 8th century. They have also been put into use in the popular Advent hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, which dates back as far as the 9th century. It is believed by some that the early monks who composed these verses intentionally created an acrostic. If you take the first letter of each title, moving from the last to the first, it spells out *Ero Cras*, which in Latin means "Tomorrow, I will come."

Since these antiphons are a part of Christian history and are beautiful prayers expressing the anticipation for the coming Christ, I'd like to invite everyone to join me, and the whole Church, in praying them this week. With the addition of two more verses on the 16th and the 24th these make for a good novena – nine days of prayer for a certain intention. The first novena was prayed by the disciples and the Blessed Mother between the Ascension and Pentecost, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. We can join this Christian custom with the ancient Jewish longing for the Messiah to prepare for Christmas by praying for nine days before Christmas, invoking our Lord by his many titles, and asking him to come with the many blessings of his incarnation.

Please find at the doors of the church cards with the novena on it. Each day from the 16th to Christmas Eve pray the opening prayer, then pray and meditate on the O Antiphon of that day, follow that up with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be; and conclude with the prayers for our intentions. Remember as you pray these that they are not only a prayer from us to Jesus, but also a promise from Jesus to us that he has come and will come again. "Ero Cras!"

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm

Just A Reminder

The Parish Office will be closed beginning on **Tuesday, December 24th** through **Wednesday, January 1st** for the Christmas holidays. The office re-opens on **Thursday, January 2nd**.

2020/2021 Preschool Registration

Immaculate Conception Preschool Learning Center will be taking applications for the upcoming **2020/2021** pre-school year. The program offers a "hands-on", age appropriate pre-k curriculum for children ages 3, 4 & 5. (**children must turn 3 by Dec. 31, 2020**)

Preschool hours: 8:30-2:00 M/W/F

Application forms can be found near side door of **Office of Christian Formation** and must be received by **Feb. 4, 2:00pm**. For more information contact **Skye Johnston** in the Office of Christian Formation at **225-627-5819**.

2020/2021 Deadline: Feb 4, 2020

A Vocation View

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019

As John was called by God to be a messenger of His Son, so Jesus still calls men and women today to be the messengers of His Good News. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Andrew Merrick** at

