



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS TIMES

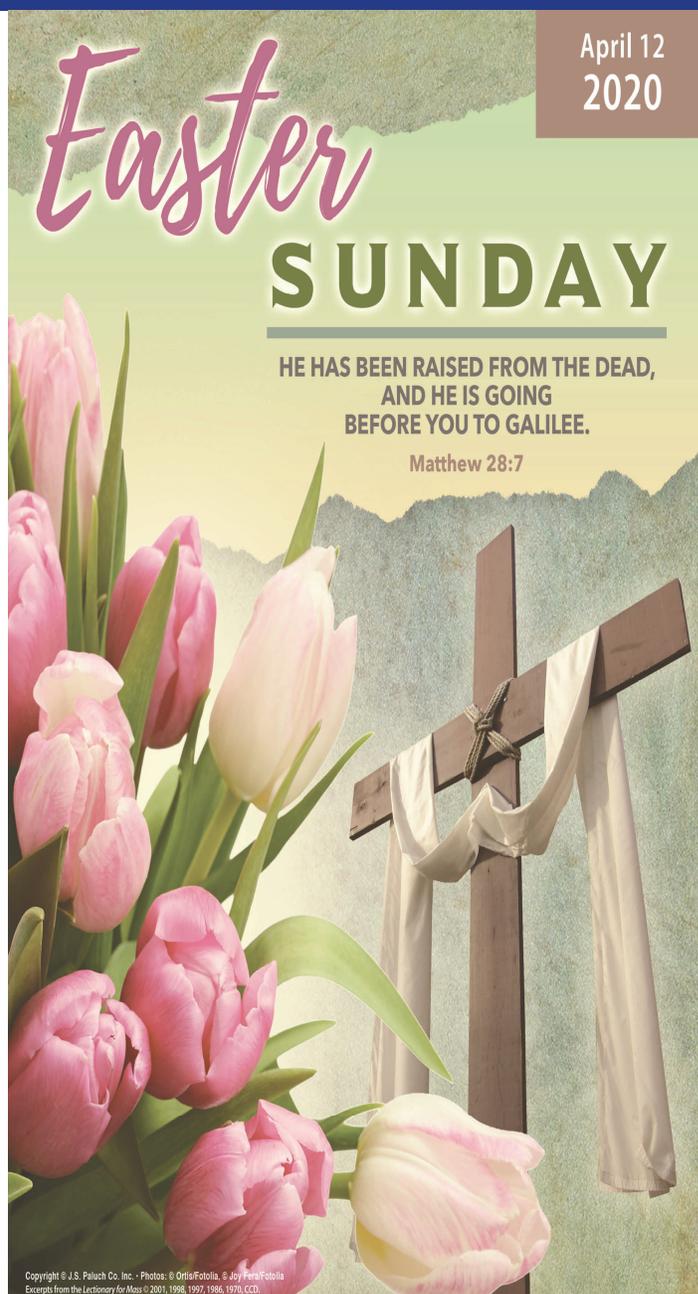
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday Masses:** 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM  
**Daily Masses:** Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

**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.



## Scriptures for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;

Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

I Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## This Week at I.C.C.

**As of March 17, 2020**

**All masses and parish events will be suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak.**

## Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 5,979.82

## Fair Raffle Tickets

Please continue to send in your raffle tickets to the office via mail, drop off at the Parish Office or place in our drop box. The drawing **will continue** as planned on **May 2, 2020**. Thanks for your support during this very difficult time.

## Happiest Easter Blessings

*From  
Fr. Todd  
&  
Staff at I.C.C.*



## God Bless Our Troops

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

*Jordan Todd Aguiard, 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, Numa Aucoin, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert Brown, Kyle Cabalero, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, 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, Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

## Celebrate I.C.C. Sunday Mass Online

Please join Fr. Todd as he celebrates the Holy Mass, every **Sunday at 10am, via live stream** on our **Parish Facebook page**.

Please go to [www.immaculateconceptionlakeland.com](http://www.immaculateconceptionlakeland.com) for more information.

Let us stay connected through prayer to God, and each other, during this COVID-19 pandemic.

## SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, saving, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit, <https://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshareonline.org>.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, call our parish office at 627-5124.

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

Happy Easter! This has been an extraordinary Lent. Please know that I am praying for you. I hope that you are well, without too much worry, and have stayed safe. I have been offering Mass daily in our church for you and your intentions, and will continue to do so. I miss having you there with me at the altar. I miss seeing you, hearing about what is happening in your lives, and sharing in your joy or even grief. The time when we are able to gather again will be a relief.

None the less, I whole heartily believe that our Lord is doing something with the world in this time. We must all believe this, for nothing is outside of his divine providence. Nothing happens without God allowing it, and he can make good from evil. The Resurrection of our Lord reveals this truth of our faith most profoundly. The cross leads to new life, free of sin and the consequences of sin.

In the gospel of John our Lord explains that when he, the Son of Man, is lifted up on the cross, all the world will be drawn to him. Why is this? I think it is because it is there, on the cross, where he is most like us all – because all of humanity suffers. And when we all suffer, like in this unique time, we are drawn closer to the Lord on the cross. I believe that this is a part of God's providence in this time. He is inviting the world to move closer to his crucified Son in suffering, so that we will find in our suffering meaning and redemption. Though we are not able to be together physically, Jesus is close to all of us in our suffering, and by being close to him, we are brought close to one another in him by our shared suffering. Hopefully we are also joined together with rejoicing in Easter.

In his important work, *City of God*, St. Augustine reminds us that good and bad men both suffer in this world. What distinguishes a faithful and virtuous soul is not being spared of tragedy, but that “the good man is neither uplifted with the good things of time, nor broken by its ills; but the wicked man, because he is corrupted by this world's happiness, feels himself punished by its unhappiness.” In other words, if we are faithful, our joy should not rely on the world – and so either to gain or lose pleasures of this world is inconsequential to us. Instead we find our joy in God. As Augustine said, “Real and lasting happiness is the distinct possession of those who worship that God by whom it alone can be conferred.”

As we celebrate this Easter, we rejoice, not because all is well in the world around us, but because no matter how much suffering and death there is, suffering and death has already been conquered by Christ. We can say with St. Paul, “When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O

death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’” (1 Cor. 15: 54-55). Or as St. John Paul put it, “We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. ‘We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!’”

Again, happy Easter. I look forward to seeing you at church again. Until then, know my love and prayers for you. *Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!*

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## Prayers During a Time of Pestilence

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. From those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

-Pedro de la Cruz

