



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.

AMEN I SAY TO YOU,
UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY,
NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER
OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER
WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.

MATTHEW 5:18



SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

A Vocation View

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 16, 2020

Anyone who will not take up his cross is not worthy to follow Jesus. Therefore, pray that many more generous men and women will be willing to embrace the cross and follow Jesus as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call **Fr. Andrew Merrick** at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 10,763.17
Building Fund	\$ 486.00

God Bless Our Troops

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

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, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, 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.

This Week at I.C.C.

- 02/16 Altar Server Meeting**
@ 12pm.
- 02/17 KC 4th Degree Meeting**
- 02/18 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd**
@ 5:30pm.
No PAL Meeting
Divine Mercy Novena
- 02/19 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th**
@ 5:30pm.
KC Officer's Meeting

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Caroline Marie Bergeron, child of Dylan Andrew Bergeron & Baylee Cifreo Bergeron.

Congratulations

To **Reese Alan Tircuit & Jeanna Lynn Macera** who were married here on January 31, 2020.

Special Collection

A special collection be taken up **this weekend** for the **Church in Eastern Europe**. We ask that you consider being generous with your donation.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times February 26th

8am, 12pm & 6pm

Divine Mercy Novena February 18th —April 14th

Immaculate Conception's 2020 **Divine Mercy Novena** begins on **Tuesday, February 18th**, and continues for nine consecutive Tuesday nights, until **April 14th**.

The theme of this year's novena will be the *Witnesses of Divine Mercy*. On each of the nine weeks we will reflect on the life of someone who experienced God's mercy through conversion. Our devotion of Divine Mercy will culminate with a special Mass on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th** at 11am mass.

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

This Tuesday, February 18th, begins our Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena which will continue through Lent. Along with the stations of the Cross, our parish's praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is going to be an important form of prayer where we beg for God's Mercy on us and on the whole world. This is appropriate especially in Lent because it is the season where we are preparing to celebrate the very act by which Christ offers that mercy: His passion, death and resurrection.

While hanging on the cross, blood and water flowed from His side. When Jesus appeared to St. Maria Faustina starting in 1931 two large rays came forth from the area of His heart, one red and other pale. Our Lord told her: *The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.*

Our Lord asked Faustina to have an image painted: *Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I Trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world.*

It was to St. Faustina that Jesus gave not only this important image for prayer, but the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which we will pray. It may be said any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (The first Sunday after Easter). He said: *I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially, at the hour of death.*

Why a novena, or nine days of prayer? The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. During that time they waited and prayed for "the promise of the Father," the Holy Spirit, as Jesus instructed them (cf. Acts 1: 4-5). Now there are several novena's which incorporate the same idea; nine days of prayer in waiting for special gifts from God.

All of us have needs for which there is no ready answer or apparent human solution, everything from the need for the conversion of a soul dead in sin, to healing of physical illness or of a seriously wounded relationship, to deliverance from death-dealing habits and addictions. And while it may seem at times as though there is no answer or hope for our problems, the truth is there is always

an answer, there is always hope, but the answer may exceed human wisdom, ability, or understanding. Jesus said to the synagogue official who had just learned of his young daughter's death, "Fear is useless; what is needed is trust" (Mark 5:36). In the case of that little girl, Jesus literally raised her from the dead. Raising the dead to life is what faith in Christ is all about; trust in Jesus Christ is always life-giving, and the message of Divine Mercy is precisely that: *Jesus, I trust in you!*

As a parish we will venerate the holy image of Divine Mercy, we will pray the chaplet given to St. Faustina, and we will offer to Him in the novena our own souls and those of the whole world. Join us and invite others to make this a part of their Lenten practice. Every **Tuesday evening from February 18th until April 14rd we will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the chaplet, and benediction. This year in my homilies we will reflect on "Witnesses of Divine Mercy"; saints who experienced God's mercy in a unique way through conversion from a life of sin.** Come for yourself and come for your loved ones. Invite everyone you know. Hope in Christ will not leave you disappointed.

Totus Tuus
Fr. Todd Lloyd

CONFIRMATION 2020

We would like to congratulate the following students who were confirmed by Bishop Michael Gerard Duca, February 6. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they join us as fully initiated members of the Church.

A special thanks goes to our Confirmation Retreat Team: **Phil Fontenot, Lisa Honore, Posie Jarreau, Christie Monroe** and **Kristian Steib**. A special thanks also goes to the **Knights of Columbus** who cooked for our Confirmation Retreats throughout the year. You all made Confirmation 2020 quite a success!

STUDENTS

**McKenzie Boudreaux
Bryson Butler
Macy Fountain
Lawson Heidingsfelder
Shelby Hill
Blakeley Lurry
Emma Patin
James Robert III**

**Tre' Brooks
Emma Doucet
Anna Grace Gentile
Linden Heidingsfelder
Ian Lamkin
Olivia Medine
Garrett Patin
Jonah Stagg**