



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

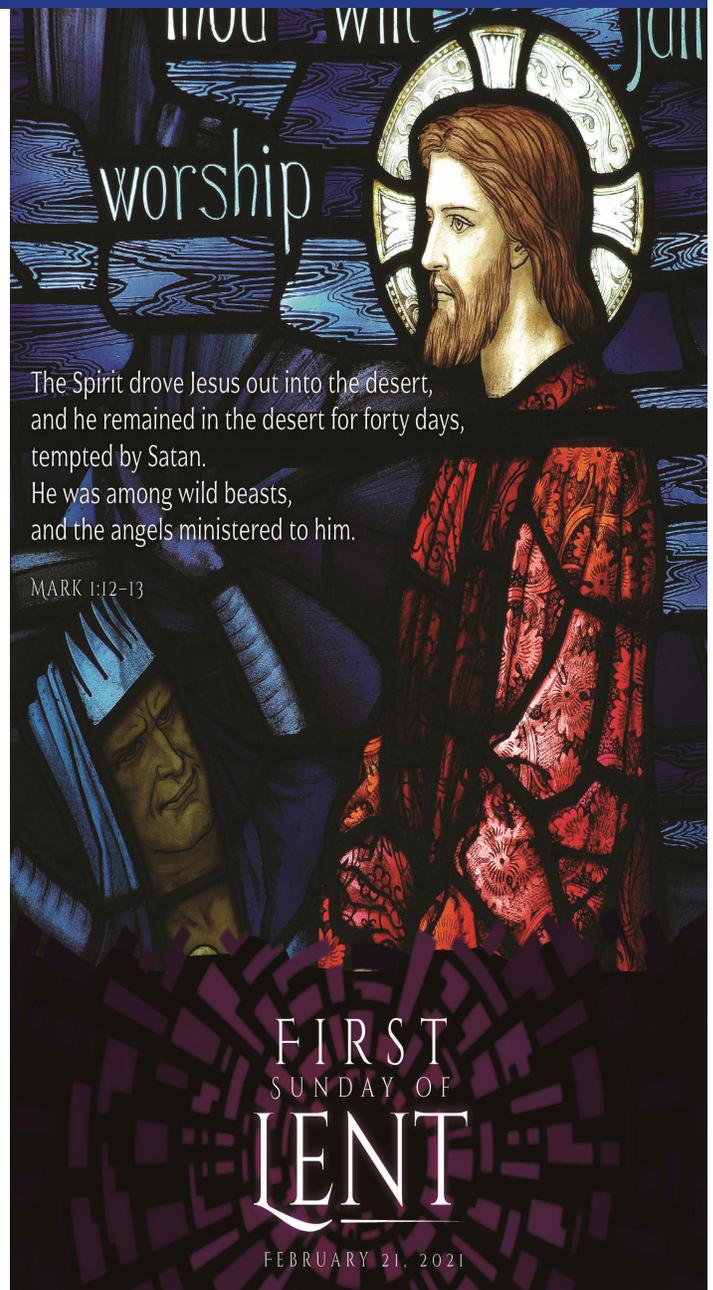
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

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. 5:00 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: I Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.
— Psalm 25:4

End Of Year Statements

If you require an end of the year Contribution Statement, for 2020, please call the Parish Office at 627-5124.

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; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Tim Amond, Gary Bello, Blaine Benoit, Lisa Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette,, Shirley Blauvelt, Kyle Cabalero, Robin Casiano, Doris Castillo, Linda Cheek, Brittany Collins, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, Ronald Decuir, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Deculus, Malachi Engen, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Pamela Vicknair Harrington, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Roger Hollier, Laura Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janey Lively, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Rob Melacon, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Christine Patin, Corey Patin, David Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Cody Reed, Michael Roche, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Anna Graves Smith, Timmy Smith, Sr., James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

02/23 Divine Mercy Novena
@ 6pm.

02/26 Way of the Cross
@ 6pm.

Catholic Sisters Week

Nationally, we are celebrating **Catholic Sisters Week** during the week of **March 8 - 14, 2021**. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to remember in prayer the women who have devoted their lives to Christ and served our community. In the **Diocese of Baton Rouge** we are blessed to have thirteen (13) religious congregations serving our community.

On **Monday, March 8, 2021**, Bishop Duca will dedicate his **8 a.m.** mass from St. Joseph Chapel at the Tracy Center to these women. The mass will be streamed on **Catholic Life TV, Baton Rouge**. Please join us in prayer Monday morning.

Join us for a Lenten Reflection

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary of False River Church

Presenter: Deacon Danny Roussel

Topic: "What would Jesus really do?"

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple - no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow".

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

Last week's bulletin was about the Church's constant work of identifying error in matters of faith and morals, so that the true apostolic faith of sacred tradition is always preserved in the Church, and shared with the world. As I mentioned, there are different ways by which an error can be named, and one of those ways is by identifying it with both the subject and people among whom it has developed.

One example of this is an error identified and named by Pope Leo XIII. In 1899 he wrote an apostolic letter entitled *Testem Benevolentiae* ("In Witness to Good Will") in which he warned of an error he called "Americanism". Pope Leo's idea of Americanism is complex and multifaceted. It has been debated what all it entails and whether it is a fair charge against the Church in the U.S.A. Despite the confusion, Pope Leo plainly explained what, in his view, is at the heart of the error he calls Americanism. He wrote: "The underlying principle of these new opinions is that, in order to more easily attract those who differ from her, the Church should shape her teachings more in accord with the spirit of the age and relax some of her ancient severity and make some concessions to new opinions. Many think that these concessions should be made not only in regard to ways of living, but even in regard to doctrines which belong to the deposit of the faith. They contend that it would be opportune, in order to gain those who differ from us, to omit certain points of her teaching which are of lesser importance, and to tone down the meaning which the Church has always attached to them."

In an attempt to engage the culture and evangelize from the inside out, Leo saw a danger that it would not be the Church effecting change in the culture, but the culture effecting change in the Church. The Holy Father was concerned that as Catholics grew in their American identity, that certain Catholic principles were eroding under the pressure of American ideas. For instance, if the idea of American exceptionalism was too strongly embraced, this might tempt some Catholics to harbor an anti-Rome sentiment, and prefer an American (vs. Roman) Catholic Church with its own traditions and ideals more in keeping with American ideas of liberty and self-governance. As another example, the idea of absolute separation of Church and state goes too far when it fails to recognize the Church's divinely instituted authority in matters of faith and morals in the world, and if embraced too strongly by Catholics may lead to their disregarding that authority when considering secular issues.

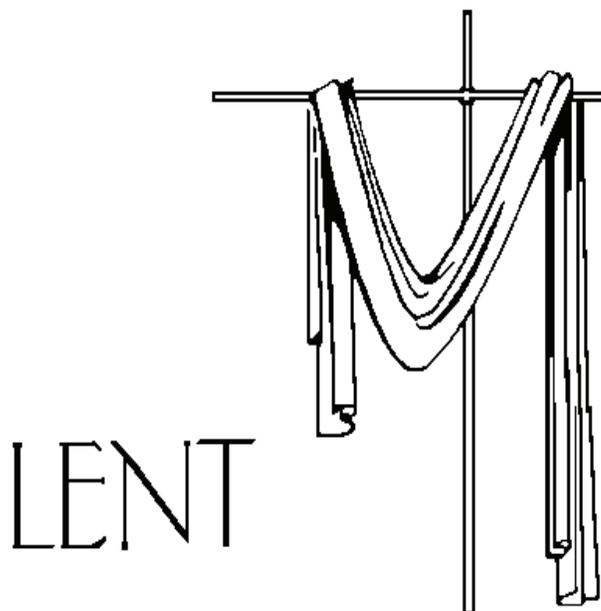
Pope Leo explicitly denounced the idea spawned from Americanism that sought "liberty" for the faithful to determine their own method for the practice of the faith, "each one to follow out more freely the leading of his

own mind and the trend of his own proper activity." He continued, "They are of opinion that such liberty has its counterpart in the newly given civil freedom which is now the right and the foundation of almost every secular state." While self-determination and religious liberty are goods which the state should respect, this idea must not be conflated with *how* true religion is practiced, which requires an acknowledgement of the Church's authority in the lives of the faithful.

Now over a hundred years after the publication of *Testem Benevolentiae*, it seems that Leo XIII was able to see with foresight what many of his contemporaries could not. We live in a time when Catholics, public and private, clerical and secular alike, claim there is no discontinuity between being Catholic while downplaying certain Catholic beliefs and practices in the public sphere. This, along with all error, must continue to be identified and combated by the Church. As members of the One Body, all of us have a role to play in both receiving and transmitting (i.e. evangelizing) the truth of Jesus Christ, taught since the apostles, through the ages of the church in the Holy Catholic Church. Strict and obedient adherence to the everlasting teaching of the Church of Christ does not inhibit our liberty, because it is that truth that will set us free (c.f. Jn. 8:31-32).

Let it be far from anyone's mind to suppress for any reason any doctrine that has been handed down. Such a policy would tend rather to separate Catholics from the Church than to bring in those who differ. There is nothing closer to our heart than to have those who are separated from the fold of Christ return to it, but in no other way than the way pointed out by Christ. – Testem Benevolentiae, Pope Leo XIII.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



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