



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.

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.
— Luke 6:27



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; I Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 6,703.88
Building Fund	\$ 175.00
Special	\$ 470.00

Sick List

Barbara Andre, Gary Aucoin, Joyce Aucoin, Edward Babin, Jr., Herbert Brown, Inez Bueche, Mable Collette, John David, Veronica Fusulier, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Susie Gremillion, Deborah Fountain, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Kaci McCamy, Gail Metz, Linda Olinde, Landon Pickinson, Dottie Purpera, Horace Ransome, Lou Sherman, Sonny Trabeaux.

Prayer Request

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; Captain Jordan Morirs; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte; Sgt. Greg Silva, Army; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy.

This Week at I.C.C.

02/26 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd
@ 5:30pm.

02/27 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd-5th
@ 5:30pm.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Weston John Trahan, child of Dexton B. Trahan & Paige N. Trahan.

Sympathy

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

Family of Eddy Rae David

Family of Dickie Juge

HIRING!!!

Full-Time Maintenance Worker

Immaculate Conception is currently accepting applications for a full-time maintenance worker. Applications may be picked up at the parish office along with a list of required duties and responsibilities. Benefits package includes: Health and Dental insurance, Life insurance, 401k as well as paid vacation and sick leave.

For more information, call the Business Manager, Patti Aguiard, at 225-627-5124.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

In Christ,

This Tuesday, February 26th, 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.

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 26th until April 23rd we will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the chaplet, and benediction. This year we will have visiting priests who will lead our reflection on the Power of Divine Mercy.** 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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

8am, 12pm & 6pm.

OLIVE WOOD GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will be visiting our parish the weekend of **March 2nd & 3rd**, and selling their religious olive wood gifts.

Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayers and the purchases of these special religious art pieces.

The proceeds from the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community.