



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Your
light
must
shine

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: I Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: I Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: I Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: I Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: I Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: I Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
I Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37]

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 12,215.22
Building Fund \$ 1,922.00

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.

- 02/11 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd**
@ 5:30pm.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm #2.
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
@ 6:30pm.
- 02/12 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th**
@ 5:30pm.
Peer Bereavement Meeting
@ 5:30pm Rm #2.
- 02/14 Happy Valentine's Day**

Special Collection

A special collection be taken up next weekend, February 15-16, for the Church in Eastern Europe. We ask that you consider being generous with your donation.

Altar Servers Meeting, Lunch and Training Sunday, February 16th 12pm

All altar servers, or those interested in learning how to become an altar server, are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, February 16th, at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Mrs. Deidre Roberts to RSVP at (225) 270-2591 or ddrlaw@bellsouth.net.

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 *Witness 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,

The start of Lent is three weeks away and I am happy to announce our parish's plans to pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** together again this year. I always look forward to Lent because it is a time when our Lord pours out his gifts on the whole Church in extraordinary ways. For seven years now we have had the practice of praying the nine-week *Novena of Divine Mercy*. We will begin again on the Tuesday before Mardi Gras, **February 18th**. The starting date is pre-Lenten because we have to begin the Novena before Lent in order to complete it in time for the **Feast of Divine Mercy on April 19th**. The Divine Mercy novena will begin **each Tuesday evening** at approximately 6:30PM, at the conclusion of the 6:00PM Mass. It will include Eucharistic exposition, the chanting of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, novena prayers and intentions, and finally, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding at around 7:00PM.

This devotion stems from a series of private revelations made by the risen Christ to a young Polish nun, Faustina Kowalska, now revered as St. Faustina, over a period of seven years, beginning in 1931 and extending until her death in 1938. Each time He appeared to her, the Lord showed Faustina the rays of His infinite Mercy, which flowed from the wounds in His heart. He explained to her that: *The rays represent the Blood and Water which gushed forth from the depths of my Mercy when my agonizing Heart was pierced on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water; which purifies and cleanses the soul; the red rays represent the blood, which gives new life to the soul. These rays will shield the soul before the justice of My Father. Fortunate are those who live in this shelter, for the justice of God will not reach them there...The greater the sinner, the greater the Mercy. I desire to save all, for the well of my Mercy was opened wide with a lance on the cross, for all souls. No one do I exclude...Let the very sinful fear not to approach Me, for even if their sins be as numerous as all the sands of the earth, all will be forgiven in the fathomless pit of my Mercy.*

What consolation that we can bring our petitions for Mercy to so loving a Savior!

As in years past, the homilies during Mass will have an ongoing theme throughout the nine weeks. This year's theme is "Witnesses of Divine

Mercy". We will reflect on amazing stories of men and women who were notorious sinners that experienced Divine Mercy through conversion, and even became saints. We will be edified as we hear about some of the people who are now venerated as saints, despite their living surprisingly wicked lifestyles before their conversion. This theme is helpful for anyone who is concerned either about their own ability to become a saint, or for someone they care for. This will help us all to see just how incomprehensible God's Divine Mercy is, and why we should never lose hope, but always say *Jesus, I trust in you!*

I invite you to join us for the novena. Please **invite everyone you know** to join us on these Tuesdays. It would be especially good for those who fear for the salvation of themselves or others because of a life of sin. Also invite those who have fallen away from the Church or become lukewarm. It is often helpful for some people to hear how "real" the saints were, and that not all of them were born with extraordinary holiness.

Mark your calendars on the **Tuesday evenings from February 18th until April 14rd** as a time of prayer. Bring with you all your needs for God's Mercy. Come for yourself and come for your loved ones, for hope in Christ will not leave you disappointed. Even if you are far from God, especially if you are far from God, please come.

Totus Tuus
Fr. Todd Lloyd

A Vocation View

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2020

How blest are parents who support their children who embrace the vocation of marriage or religious life, knowing that it is God who calls them to such a commitment. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, Call **Fr. Andrew Merrick** at **(225) 336-8778**, amerrick@diobr.org.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille, a Christian-based program, is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

When: **March 6-8, 2020**

Contact: **Bill & Missie Curth** at **(985) 232-5963**

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