



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

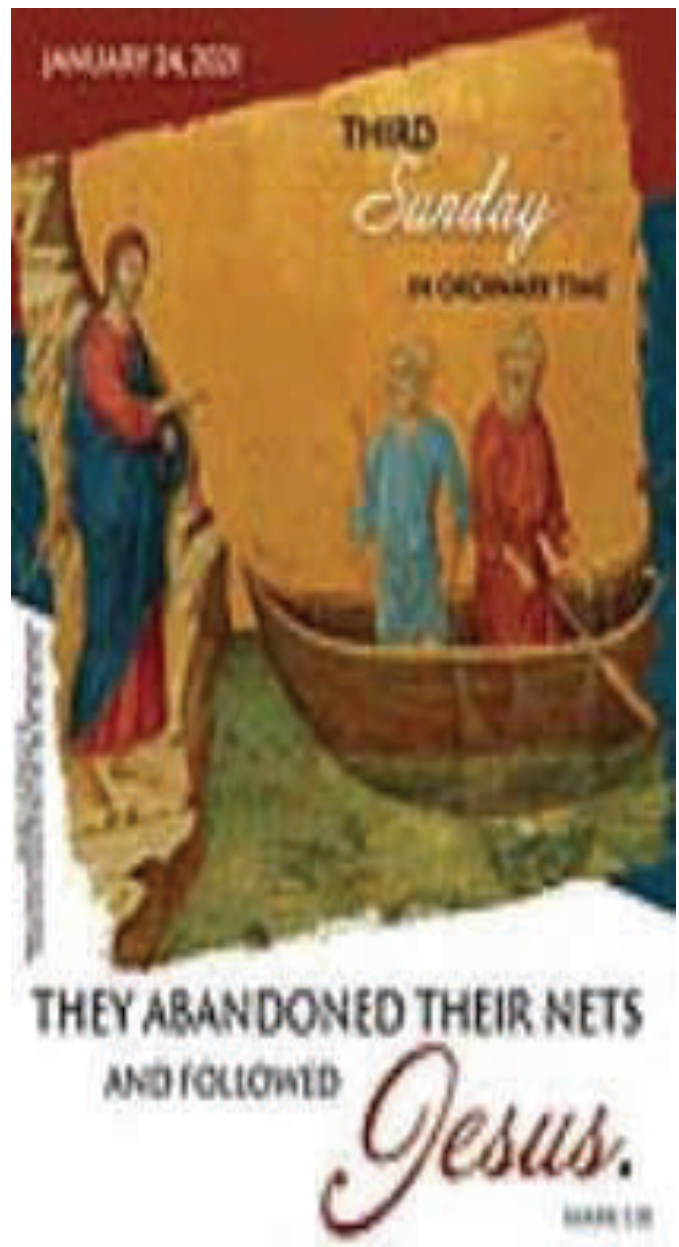
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

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: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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,

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Tim Amond, Gary Bello, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Theresa 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,

This Week at I.C.C.

01/26 Rel Ed 2nd Last Day @5:30pm.

01/30 Confirmation Practice –After 4pm Mass.

End Of Year Statements

If you require an end of the year **Contribution Statement** for **2020**, please call the Parish Office at 627-5124. All requested statements will be mailed out by **January 31, 2021**.

2021/2022 Pre-School Registration

Immaculate Conception Preschool Learning Center will be taking applications for the upcoming **2021/2022** preschool year. The program offers a “hands-on”, age appropriate pre-k curriculum for children ages 3, 4 & 5. (**children must turn 3 by Dec. 31, 2021.**)

Preschool hours: 8:30-2:00 M/W/F

Application forms can be found near side door of **Office of Christian Formation** and must be received by **Feb. 2, 2:00pm**. For more information contact **Skye Johnston** in the Office of Christian Formation at **225-627-5819**.

START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

The start of Lent is two 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 eight 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 9th**. 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 11th**. 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!

Last year our novena was cut short by the "stay at home order". Because of this I will repeat/continue the theme from last year for the homilies: "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 9th through April 6th** 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

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