



# 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

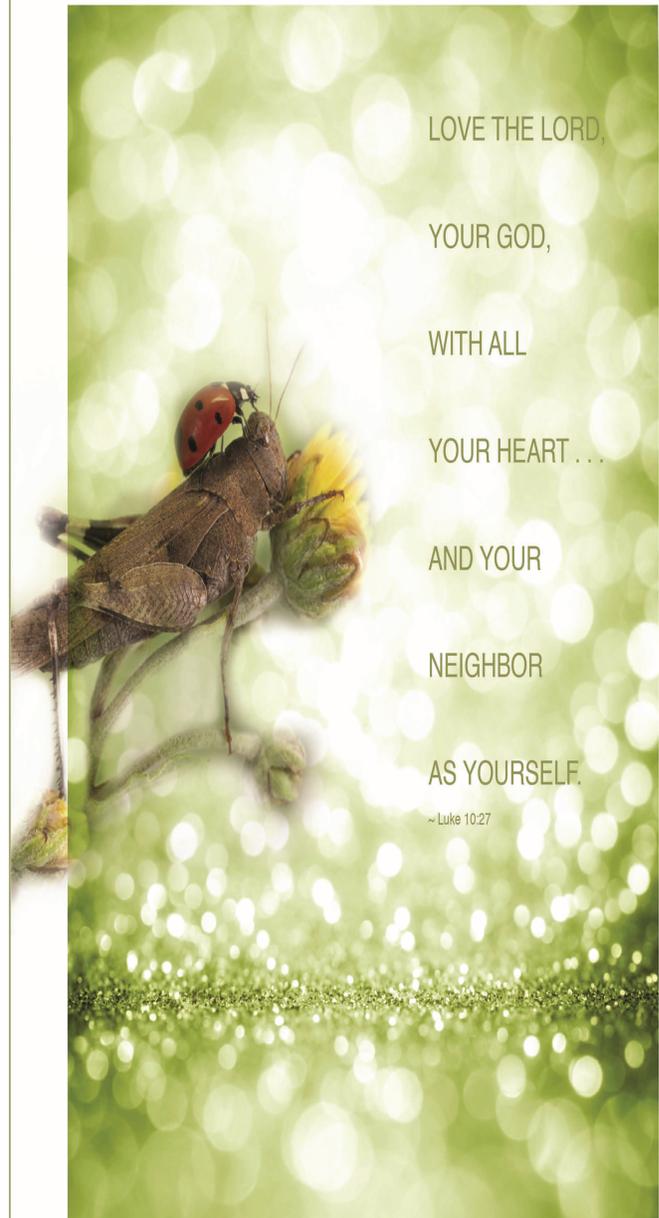
**Care of the Sick:** For emergencies please call immediately. Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**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.

July 14, 2019 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



LOVE THE LORD,

YOUR GOD,

WITH ALL

YOUR HEART...

AND YOUR

NEIGHBOR

AS YOURSELF.

~ Luke 10:27

## Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;  
Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:  
25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27;  
Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,  
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;  
Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28;  
Lk 10:38-42

## Welcome!

We welcome all new parishioners and anyone who is visiting Immaculate Conception Church for the first time. New parishioner registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Office at your convenience. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible with any contact information changes.

## Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 9,860.50  
Building Fund \$ 2,592.00

## Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguiard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Barbara Andre, Joyce Aucoin, Numa Aucoin, Herbert Brown, Inez Bueche, Kyle Cabalero, Sadie Collins, John David, Ronald Decuir, Landon Dickinson, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Veronica Fusulier, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Pam Melon, Gail Metz, David Mohr, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Sonny Trabeaux.

## God Bless Our Troops

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; Major Jordan Morris; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte; Sgt. Greg Silva, Army; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army.*

## This Week at I.C.C.

**07/15 KC 4th Degree Meeting**  
@ 6pm.

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome to our Parish Community:*

**Wyatt Kohl Patin**, child of Jake Keith Patin & Holley LaCour Patin.

## Sympathy

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

Family of *Marie Jarreau*.

## Vacation Bible School Thank You!

**We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following AMAZING women that helped the children of our parish “Join up with Jesus” at Sonsurf Beach Bash this summer:**

*Evelyn Bergeron, Crystal Antie, Lauren Clark, Brittini Dawson, Debbie Dunnaway, Cindy Guidroz, Janice Rogers, Lori Labry, Lisa Lorio, Annie Loup, Elisabeth Patin, Margaret Patin, Taylor Munson, & Teresa Dipuma.*

**We are also very blessed to have a super enthusiastic group of students grades 5-12 that volunteered each day to help make our week a success.**

*Allie Lemoine, Amber Guidroz, Anna Kate LaGrone, Ava Patin, Bailey Paul Lemoine, Blakeley Lurry, Cameron Chapman, Chloe Doiron, Christine Patin, Claylin Cooper, Clayton Cooper, Cohen Higginbothan, Elise Doucet, Ella Doucet, Emily LaGrone, Emma Doucet, Maxwell Maurer, Hannah Dugas, Harry Jones, Haylen Johnson, Isabella Hammack, Isabella Lemoine, Ja'kira Celestine, Jacob Brown, Jolie Dorgan, Kaitlyn Johnson, Kodie Collins, Lawson Olinde, Lilli St. Germain, Logan Brown, Madisen Breaud, McKenzie Lorio, Nicholas Wyble, Nico Maradiaga, Olivian LeBlanc, Philip Martin, Taylor Nelson, Taylor Patin, Tres'vin Patin, Ty Collins, & Zachary Nelson.*

**Also, we would like to thank our very own Knights of Columbus for their continued support and dedication and the delicious hamburger lunch they provided for us on Friday.**

Thank you all for making VBS 2019 a SUCCESS!

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

Anyone who has ever tried to go on a diet knows that it can be really difficult. It isn't just a matter of over-eating. Usually the problem is eating the wrong things too often. You almost have to relearn how to eat. Our taste, cravings, hunger, and appetite have to be untrained from the bad habits that have been made, so that new, good habits can be learned.

The most challenging of these is the taste. Hunger and appetite, while requiring a lot of discipline, can be tempered through things like portion control and scheduling meals and snacks. But we tend to think that taste is out of our control. We simply like the taste of some things, and not the taste of others. We think of ourselves as predisposed to eat certain things because those are the things we like to eat; and to eat those other things that we do not like to eat is too unpleasant to be possible. Someone might say, "Vegetables taste *so* bad to me that I cannot eat them."

There are two problems with this thinking. First, it rejects eating something that is objectively good for your health, based on a subjective taste. In other words, it allows the personal subjective experience of vegetables to control whether the objectively good vegetables will be eaten. Every human being must come to the mature understanding that their personal tastes cannot dictate what healthy living is, and whether they will live it. Even if one does not like the taste of any vegetable, and only likes unhealthy foods, he/she must still make the rational and mature decision to not only eat unhealthy food. The intellect that knows the truth of healthy eating must overrule the personal taste.

The second error is the notion that taste is inflexible. Taste *can* change. It can be trained and taught to like new things that are initially unfamiliar and unappealing. For example, many food connoisseurs have trained their palate to appreciate more delicate and subtle flavors that the less refined palate cannot grasp. People are not born connoisseurs.

If we are going to be healthy, we have to learn to (first) not allow our tastes to control what we consume, and (second) cultivate our tastes for good. This is a truth that applies to many things. For instance to one's appreciation of music and art. Initially fine art or classical music may not be appealing or interesting to someone. But someone's preference for comic strips or pop songs on the radio over a painting by Caravaggio or a song by Bach has no bearing on which is actually better. If they wish, they can cultivate themselves to appreciate the better art and music.

More important is this in regards to the moral life. We have to reject the idea that because we enjoy something evil or dislike doing something good, that that has

any say in how we will live. We must discipline ourselves to do good even if we would like the evil more; and ultimately we must train ourselves to enjoy doing the good and avoiding evil.

This is also true of our life of worship and prayer. At Mass we may prefer that the music, preaching, vestments, language, etc. conform to our tastes. This is as immature as thinking it is good to eat nothing but chocolate, because "that is what tastes good to *me*."

What we like has little bearing on what is actually good. In most areas the more attractive thing initially is that which appeals to our basest passions and sentiments; whereas the more challenging thing seems at first unappealing. The complexity of lengthy classical music is more challenging than the brief, repetitive and amorous pop song. Astringent vegetables are less appealing than sweet cake. Moral good requires more effort and self-denial than the self-serving pleasures of moral evil. And authentically good worship demands more intellectual effort and attention compared to the overt sentimentality of "feel good" worship.

Our culture is addicted to the equivalent of moral, intellectual, and artistic junk food which appeals to the basest passions and sentiments. Whether we know it or not, our own tastes have been formed by and for that culture. We should *not* want our morality or worship to conform to these tastes. We should instead want to offer to God the best life and worship possible. To do this we cannot settle for what is least challenging and at first most appealing to us. We need to go on a diet in order to discipline our taste, maturely acknowledging that what initially appeals to our taste is not necessarily what is best. We need to become connoisseurs who learn to love the challenging but rewarding life of Christian moral living and fine divine worship – based not on uncultivated preferences, but based on the refined example of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## 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:** September 6-8, 2019.

**Where:** Bishop Tracy Center, Baton Rouge.

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

**Visit The Website:** [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org).