



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: Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

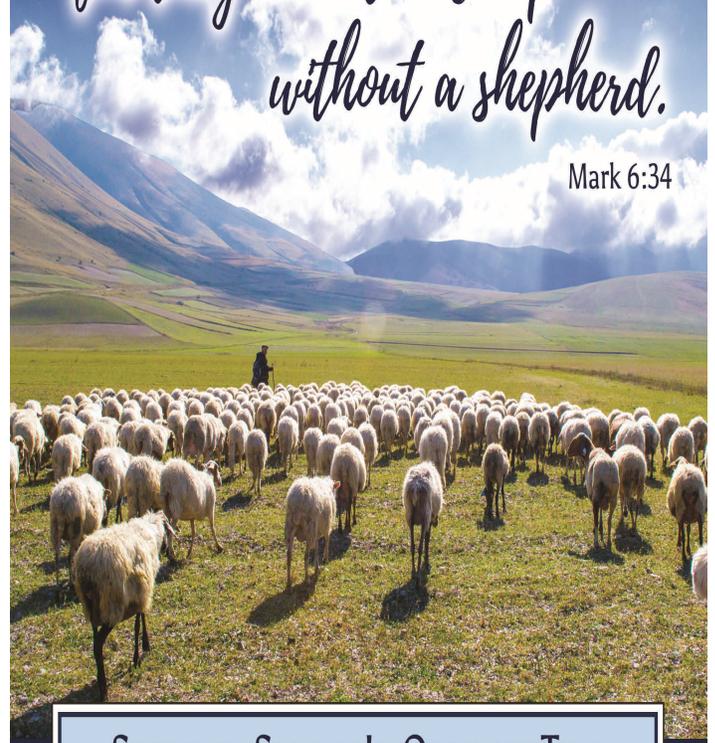
Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Care of the Sick: For emergencies, please contact the priest immediately. Communion is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
*for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Kynsley Jean Grace Cavalier, child of Samuel Maurice Cavalier, II & Amy Elizabeth Cavalier.

Louella Claire Taylor, child of Joel David Taylor & Sara Moreau Taylor.

Nora James Taylor, child of Joel David Taylor & Sara Moreau Taylor.

Everett Kye Weathers, child of Corey Joseph Weathers & Tori Elizabeth Weathers.

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

Leslie Aguillard, Daniel Allemond, Tim Amond, Roy Ancona, Evelyn Babin, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Kynlee Bueche, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Brilynn Davis, John Debetaz, Marie Debetaz, Betty Decou, Ronald Decuir, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Deculus, Alcide Delapasse, Carroll Devillier, Malachi Engen, Anna Grace Fremin, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Jackie Jones, James Joseph, Judy Joseph, Barbara Landry, Debra Landry, Maria Lawrence, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ramie LeBlanc, Kevin LeBlanc, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Anna Marie Silvio, Anna Graves Smith, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at ICC

07/19 KC 4th Degree Meeting
@ 6:30pm.

07/20 PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm#2.

07/21 Choir Practice
@ 6pm.

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 12,928.00

Religious Education News

The Office of Christian Formation has a few vacancies to fill in the teaching department for 4th grade and 10th grade religious education. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who may want to volunteer their time to help teach God's word. The material/lesson plans are already prepared for you, so don't feel unqualified. If the spirit is calling you to volunteer, please call **Mrs. Dina Tunstall** at **627-5819**.

2021-2022

Religious Education Registration

August 15, 2021

**Held after 9am & 11am masses
(Room 1 in the Activity Center)**

Includes:

- *Religious Education for 1st-11th Grades
- *Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for 2nd Grade
- *Sacrament of Confirmation for 11th Grade (11th Grade Catholic School students must register and attend classes weekly)
- *Classes for baptized/unbaptized adults/children interested in becoming Catholic.

Forms are available outside the Office of Christian Formation for anyone wishing to register early.

Please practice social distancing and wear a mask on registration day. We will have in person classes this year.

For more information
Call: **Mrs. Dina Tunstall** at **627-5819**.

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 overeating. Usually the problem is eating the wrong things too often. You almost have to re-learn 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

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