



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

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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.

*The kingdom  
of heaven*

is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells  
all he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



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July 26, 2020 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Scriptures for the Week

**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday:** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;  
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

## Sympathy

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

Family of **Lillian Bizette.**

Family of **Morris Davis.**

## Your Stewardship

**Collections**           \$ 6,344.43

## 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.*

## Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement,  
Janelle Amond, Tim Amond, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert  
Brown, Kyle Cabalero, Linda Cheek, Lee Joseph  
Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis,  
Ronald Decuir, Landon Dickinson, Shannan Everett, Deb-  
orah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred  
Gremillion, Judy Gremillion, Susie Gremillion, Lyndon  
Lynn Hernandez, Danny Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura  
Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb,  
Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janice Marks, Doug  
Matte, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda  
Olinde, Corey Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz,  
Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Michael Roche, Hank  
Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, James Thames,  
Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

## 2020-2021 Religious Education Registration August 9th, 2020

Held after **9am & 11am** Masses, **Room 1**  
in the **Activity Center** and 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 inter-  
ested in becoming Catholic.

**Forms are available outside the Office of Christian For-  
mation for anyone wishing to register early!**

**\*\*\*Please practice social distancing and wear a mask  
on registration day. Due to the COVID-19 virus, relig-  
ion classes will be different this year. Text/emails will  
go out soon with more information as to how the  
classes will look.\*\*\***

For any questions or concerns, please call  
**Mrs. Dina Tunstall at 627-5819.**

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

The 1980's cartoon "G.I. Joe" had a phrase at the  
end of its public service announcement segment: "Now I  
know! And knowing is half the battle!" This is essentially  
the same as saying the common phrase "knowledge is  
power." There is some important truth to this statement.  
Opposing forces in war never want their enemies to know  
too much that might give them an advantage in battle.  
Tyrannical and dictatorial leaders similarly often want to  
limit the amount of information people have so as not to  
give them reason or means to rebel. Anytime someone is  
trying to limit the knowledge of another or give them  
false information, it is a good sign that they are trying to  
manipulate, mislead, and even dominate the other.

We each have a responsibility to know certain  
things. This responsibility can change depending on our  
respective duties in life. For instance, there is information  
and expertise that doctors must have that lawyers do not  
require, and vice versa. To have the proper information  
empowers someone to do their duty well; whereas igno-  
rance could mean they are irresponsible and reckless with  
their duties.

Being a good practicing Catholic demands of us  
certain knowledge. For instance, we have to know spe-

cific articles of faith, the moral commandments, and precepts of the Church – to name a few. Catholics should *want* to know a lot about the faith, traditions, disciplines, and history of the Church.

One area of knowledge that most lay Catholics neglect is liturgical information. In some sense this is understandable, as the clerics are the ones most responsible for this. But considering the importance, the Mass is the most important thing we do as Christians, there should be greater interest. Knowledge about liturgical tradition and discipline helps us fulfill our responsibility to participate well in the worship of God.

One aspect of tradition and (still current) Church discipline that most people are ignorant of is their right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue while kneeling. Unfortunately since the Second Vatican Council there has been a campaign of misinformation and ignorance that has caused some to believe that this traditional posture was discarded. This is completely false, just as it is false that the council called for the eradication of altar rails which helps people practice this right. The widespread ignorance about this has allowed for abuses of the rights of the faithful. Some people in authority have erroneously refused to offer Holy Communion in this way. This is outside of the minister's authority. The only stipulation the Church offers in this regard is the right of the minister to deny someone Communion in the hand if he has legitimate concerns about profanation ("If there is a risk of profanation, then Holy Communion should not be given in the hand to the faithful." *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 92).

In 2002, upon complaints that some were being refused Holy Communion while kneeling, the Vatican office in charge of liturgy wrote that "any refusal of Holy Communion to a member of the faithful on the basis of his or her kneeling posture [was considered] to be a grave violation of one of the most basic rights of the Christian faithful..." It went on to say that "the practice of kneeling for Holy Communion has in its favor a centuries-old tradition, and it is a particularly expressive sign of adoration, completely appropriate in light of the true, real and substantial presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the consecrated species."

While ministers cannot demand a communicant either kneel or stand, most have their preferences. For instance, Cardinal Sarah, who serves Pope Francis as the authority on liturgical matters, wrote that receiving kneeling and on the tongue "is much more suited to the sacrament itself. I hope there can be a rediscovery and promotion of the beauty and pastoral value of this manner. In my opinion and judgment, this is an important question on which the church today must reflect. This is a further act of adoration and love that each of us can offer to Jesus Christ."

Whatever our preference is, it should be motivated by authentic faith in and reverence for the Real

Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. There is no such thing as being too reverent, respectful, or pious in regards to how we approach Holy Communion. But there is always the possibility of not being reverent enough. As Pope St. John Paul II put it, "There can be no danger of excess in our care for this mystery, for 'in this sacrament is recapitulated the whole mystery of our salvation'" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 61).

It may be helpful to know, also, that in this time of COVID-19, while opinions vary, that authoritative medical professionals have voiced opinions on best practices in regards to avoiding contamination while receiving Holy Communion. For instance, the President of the Association of Catholic Doctors of Italy, Dr. Filippo Maria Boscia, made a clear statement on this subject: "As a doctor, I am convinced that Communion in the hand is less hygienic and therefore less safe than Communion in the mouth" and he continued: "What is certain is that the hands are the parts of the body that are most exposed to pathogens." A group of 21 doctors in Austria sent a letter to the bishops of their nation supporting this same opinion. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, after some consideration and getting the input of medical professionals, had a similar statement when they said "... it is possible to distribute on the tongue without unreasonable risk."

This information is offered in order to help us all better live out our responsibly to receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion as reverently as possible, to say that those who wish to receive kneeling and/or on the tongue are free to do so, and that those who choose not to have no reason to take offense. Now you know, and knowing is half the battle!

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## **Catholic of Point Coupee Advisory Board Representative**

Catholic of Point Coupee Advisory Board is looking to appoint a new parish representative from Immaculate Conception Church . Those interested are asked to please contact Fr. Todd at the Parish Office or through email at [icclakeland@gmail.com](mailto:icclakeland@gmail.com).