



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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019



The harvest
is abundant
but the
laborers
are few;
so ask the
master of the
harvest to
send out
laborers for
the harvest.

Luke 10:2

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b,15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Prayer Requests

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 Manier, Doug Matte, Pam Melon, Gail Metz, 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.

07/09 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
@ 6:30pm.
07/10 Peer Bereavement Meeting
@ 5:30pm.

Flowers

Flowers on the altar for the weekend of June 30th, were donated in loving memory of Urbin & Lillie Olinde and Gloria LeCoq.

Flowers on the altar this weekend have been donated in loving memory of Eddy Rae David and her father, Edgar Saizan, Jr.

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

As we began the month of July this past week we celebrated our nation's Independence Day. There is a connection one can make of this national holiday to the Catholic calendar. In the Catholic Church the month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of our Lord. Just as we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, won by the shedding of patriots' blood; we also must remember the freedom from sin and death we hope to enjoy thanks to the shedding of the Precious Blood. In 1960 Pope St. John XXIII wrote an apostolic letter on the topic of the devotion to the Precious Blood. I'd like to share some of it with you.

First, the Holy Father shared how he wants to urge the faithful to have a strong devotional life to the Precious Blood which is the source of Divine Mercy. He explains that devotion to the Precious Blood is one he has known since childhood, when his parents prayed the Litany of the Most Precious Blood daily during July. Then he says that bishops and pastors have a duty, after being vigilant about sound doctrine among the people, to promote piety, "in both its liturgical and private expressions." And he calls on them to promote this devotion for the good of souls. After he reviews the history of this devotion through writings of popes and saints, he states his own approval of the devotion and related prayers.

Then he says, “As we now approach the feast and month devoted to honoring Christ’s Blood – the price of our redemption, the pledge of salvation and life eternal – may Christians meditate on it more fervently, may they savor its fruits more frequently in sacramental communion. Let their meditations on the boundless power of the Blood be bathed in the light of sound biblical teaching and the doctrine of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church.”

The pope continues, “Unlimited is the effectiveness of the God-Man’s Blood – just as unlimited as the love that impelled him to pour it out for us, first at his circumcision eight days after birth, and more profusely later on in his agony in the garden, in his scourging and crowning with thorns, in his climb to Calvary and crucifixion, and finally from out that great wide wound in his side which symbolizes the divine Blood cascading down into all the Church’s sacraments. Such sure passing love suggests, nay demands, that everyone reborn in the torrents of that Blood adore it with grateful love.”

He goes on to explain how the Precious Blood is properly worshiped, “The Blood of the new and eternal covenant especially deserves this worship of latria [adoration of the divine] when it is elevated during the sacrifice of the Mass. But such worship achieves its normal fulfillment in sacramental communion with the same Blood, indissolubly united with Christ’s eucharistic Body.” This means that when we receive Holy Communion under only one species, the Body (that was once bread), that we already receive the Precious Blood. We do not *have* to receive from the cup to receive the Precious Blood. He continues, “Nourished by his Body and Blood, sharing the divine strength that has sustained countless martyrs, they will stand up to the slings and arrows of each day’s fortunes – even if need be to martyrdom itself for the sake of Christian virtue and the kingdom of God.” Quoting St. John Chrysostom, he says, “This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels...This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean...This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church.”

Pope John then turns to Sts. Peter and Paul in scripture to express that if we contemplated the cost of our salvation we would live holier lives: “If only Christians would reflect more frequently on the fatherly warning of the first pope: *Look anxiously, then, to the ordering of your lives while your stay on*

earth lasts. You know well enough that your ransom was not paid in earthly currency, silver or gold; it was paid in the precious blood of Christ; no lamb was ever so pure, so spotless a victim. If only they would lend a more eager ear to the apostle of the Gentiles: *A great price was paid to ransom you; glorify God by making your bodies the shrines of his presence.* Their upright lives would then be the shining example they ought to be; Christ’s Church would far more effectively fulfill its mission to men. God wants all men to be saved, for he has willed that they should all be ransomed by the Blood of his only-begotten Son; he calls them all to be members of the one Mystical Body whose head is Christ. If only men would be more responsive to these promptings of his grace, how much the bonds of brotherly love among individuals and peoples and nations would be strengthened. Life in society would be so much more peaceable, so much worthier of God and the human nature created in his image and likeness.”

He closes the letter with another invitation to promote this devotion, and states his confidence that if done, it will bear good fruit among the faithful. Let us do our part this month to prayerfully contemplate the great cost at which our salvation was won, and honor that Precious Blood of the Lord by living in a way worthy of that sacrifice.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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