

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Jody Doucet

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

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

Daily Masses:

Wed-Fri. Eucharist 8:00 AM & **Tues.** 6:00pm

Care of the Sick: Emergency calls immediately. The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

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**Parish Office 627-5124
Religious Education Office 627-5819
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Reconciliation: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM. Saturday 3:00 PM and Tuesday 5:30pm

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 except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135;
Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18;
Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Lynn Amond, LaDawnia Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Roland Armstrong, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Elouise Aucoin, Gary Aucoin, Paul Baker, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Mel Bueche, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Debra Fountain, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Brandon Holden, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Nadia Jarreau, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, Randy Jarreau, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Jo Ann McGowan, Margie Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, Joe Mitchell, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Jay O Porche, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Jckson Richard, Sharron Ristroph, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Lydia Vancal, Tracy Viola, Joyce York.

Prayer Request

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; Captain Jordan Morirs;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

This Week at I.C.

6/13 Ladies Aux @ 6:30pm.
6/15 Bible Study @ 6pm Rm 2.

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cline, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Purpera, Sr.

Sympathy

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

Family of Eugene Bonaventure.

Family of Ronnie Lorio, Jr.

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

The church was in need of a flag. Brother Knight Greg Melancon donated this American flag in memory of his father Clifford J. Melancon who was an Army Veteran in the Korean arena. Thank you Greg for your patriotism and donation and to Action Flags who supplied this flag.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Date: July 10-14

Time: 9:00am –Noon

Ages 3 years (by December 31)

Through entering 4th grade

Registration fee \$25.00

Registration forms are available outside of the Office of Christian Formation. For more information or to volunteer call Skye Johnston @ 627-5819.

In Christ,

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; aka *Corpus Christi*. While Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper with an emphasis on the humble and serving nature of our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross; Corpus Christi is a more joyful celebration focused on the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This solemnity is a good time to reflect on our belief in the True Presence and how we respect the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

As Catholics we hold to the ancient belief of the first Christians that the bread and wine brought to Mass are transformed completely into Jesus Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. While the appearance of bread and wine remains, mystically and miraculously, the bread and wine does not remain at all – only the Lord. We believe in *Transubstantiation*; that is, we believe the substance of the bread and wine are wholly changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, while the accidents, or appearance, remains bread and wine. A substantial change is when a thing ceases to be what it was and becomes something else. For example when I burn a piece of paper, it ceases to be paper. An accidental change is when characteristics of a thing are changed, but not its substance. For instance when I color the paper and tear it, and crumple it up; but it remains paper. In nature most substantial changes are accompanied by accidental changes (e.g. the burnt paper changes color, shape, density, etc.). The Eucharist is *not* a natural phenomenon.

There are some other things we might consider where the substance is not obvious based on the accidents (what is vs. what appears to be). First, consider the incarnation of our Lord. The mystery of Jesus Christ is a mystery where a Man does not appear to be all that He is. Though He appears to be nothing but man, and though He is fully man, He is also substantially fully divine. Another example might relate to angels. We believe that angels exist and are even capable of appearing to us under any guise they wish, even going as far as forming physical matter to look human (though not living human bodies). Yet, no matter what form they appear to take, they are still substantially and only spiritual, non-corporeal, beings. One natural example might be in dead bodies. When a human person dies, the matter, at least momentarily, remains the same, but the substance has drastically changed – what was once a living human being has become a dead body, though the material has not changed.

When an ordained priest says the words of our Lord, “This is My Body... This is My Blood,” miraculously and mysteriously the substance changes, though the appearance does not. I for one am glad for this substantial but non-accidental change because eating and drinking the substance of our Lord would be challenging otherwise

If then we believe that the Most Blessed Sacrament is truly the Body and Blood of God Himself, then we might examine whether we observe the proper behavior toward It. Put simply, do we treat the Blessed Sacrament with as much respect as we ought? A way to reflect on this is to compare how we treat the Eucharist to how we treat other, lesser, things of worth – family heirlooms, fine china, precious jewelry, priceless art, historical documents, etc. I think, unfortunately, if we are honest with ourselves we probably treat some things with greater respect than the Body and Blood of our Lord. Are you as concerned with not dropping Holy Communion on the floor as you are your smart phone? Would you be content to touch your irreplaceable family photos with dirty hands? Will the Louvre let me inspect the strokes of the Mona Lisa with my finger tips? When people go to Washington, D.C., do they let anyone pick up the Declaration of Independence with their bare hands? Is the living Body of the God of the Universe less precious than these things?

Last week Cardinal Sarah, head liturgist of the Catholic Church in the Vatican, gave a talk in which he said: St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta “surely touched daily the body of Christ present in the ruined bodies of the most poor. However, with wonder and respectful veneration, she decided not to touch the Body of the transubstantiated Christ. Instead, she adored. She contemplated it silently. She knelt and she prostrated herself before Jesus in the Eucharist. And she received it like a little child humbly being fed by her God. Seeing Christians who receive Holy Communion in their hands filled her with sadness and pain. She herself said: ‘when I enter into the world, the thing that saddens me the most is to see people receive communion in their hands.’”

The Cardinal also noted that he is aware of the fact that the “present legislation contains the indult [permission to do something outside of the norm] to receive the Eucharist standing and in the hand but that of receiving It kneeling and on the tongue is the norm for Catholics of the Latin Rite”.

If we want young Catholics and the world to believe in the True Presence of the Eucharist, then perhaps the first step is to start acting like we believe it ourselves.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

ICC CARNIVAL JUNE 25TH

ICC Country Carnival will be on June 25th . New activities include laser tag, hamster ball and gaming trailer. Mass schedule for June 25th is as follows: 7am mass in church and 10am mass at fairgrounds. There won't be a 9am or 11am mass. Regular Saturday 4pm Mass.