



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.

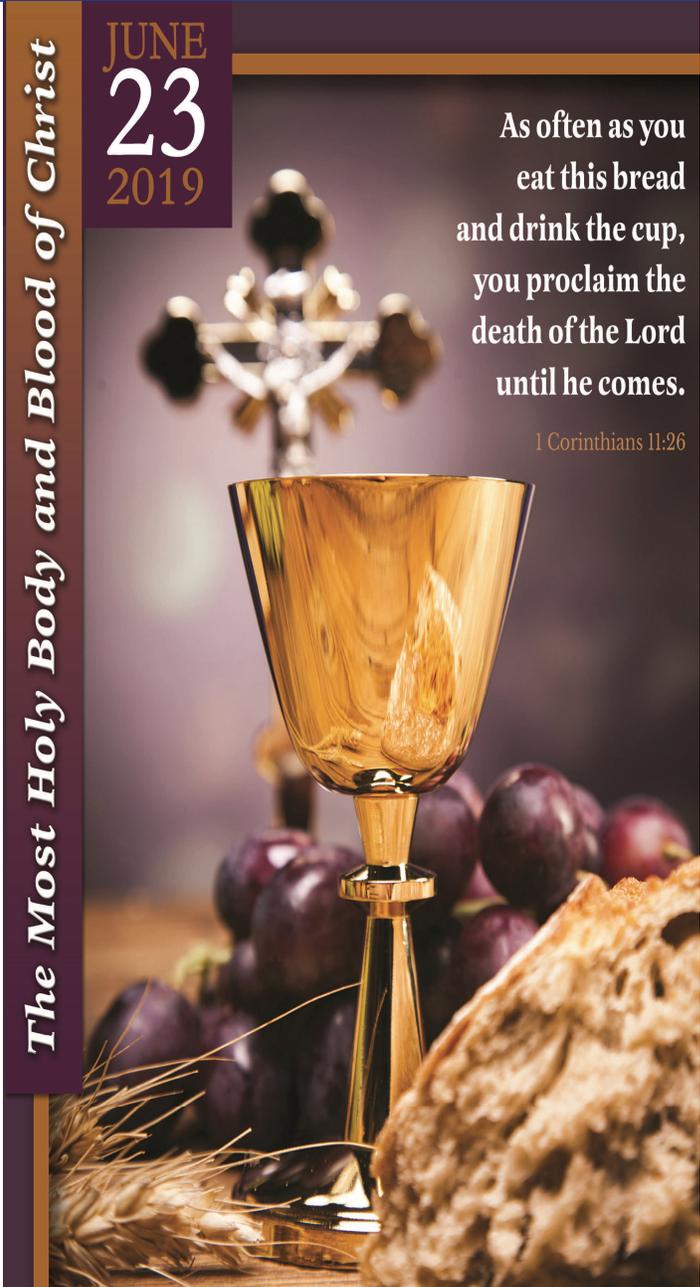
Reconciliation: Tues. 5:30 PM & Sat. 3:00 PM

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

JUNE
23
2019



As often as you
eat this bread
and drink the cup,
you proclaim the
death of the Lord
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6,
12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];
Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11;
Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:
11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11;
Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt
16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 8,706.50
Building Fund	\$ 429.00

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.

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.

06/23 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

06/27 KC Installation of Officers.

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection.

—St. Irenaeus

SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, saving, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit, <https://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshareonline.org>. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account call our parish office at 627-5124.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide.

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

From The Pastor's Desk

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. Most substantial changes in nature are accompanied by accidental changes (e.g. the burnt paper changes color, shape, density, etc.). The Eucharist is *not* a natural phenomenon.

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 our-

selves 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 Jesus Christ, Man and God, less precious than these things?

St. Thomas Aquinas, arguably the greatest theological mind of the Catholic Church's history, wrote, "Out of reverence towards this Sacrament, nothing touches it, but what is consecrated; hence the corporal and the chalice are consecrated, and likewise the priest's hands, for touching this Sacrament. Hence, it is not lawful for anyone else to touch it except from necessity, for instance, if it were to fall upon the ground, or else in some other case of urgency" (*Summa Theologiae*, III). And Pope St. John Paul II pointed out in the 1980 Apostolic Letter *Dominicae Cenaе*, "To touch the sacred species and to distribute them with their own hands is a privilege of the ordained, one which indicates an active participation in the ministry of the Eucharist." Of course, as Cardinal Sarah, head liturgist of the Church in the Vatican, has pointed out, 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

