



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS TIMES

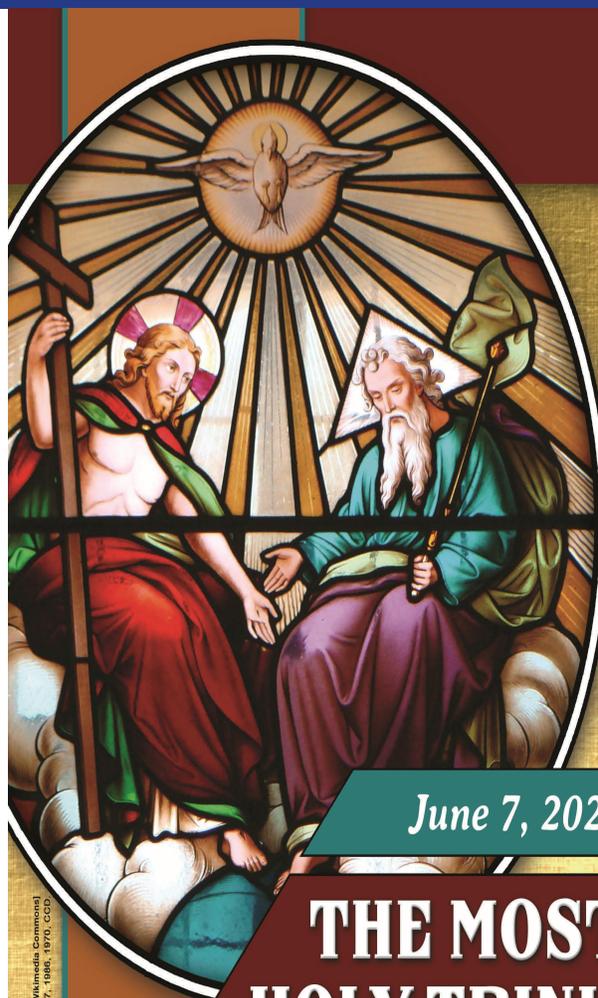
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday Masses:** 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM  
**Daily Masses:** Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

**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.



June 7, 2020

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mend your ways, encourage one another,  
agree with one another, live in peace,  
and the God of love and peace  
will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

## Scriptures for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; 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

## HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge,  
the Holy Spirit is my protection.  
O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns,  
sixth century

## Your Stewardship

<b>Collections</b>	\$ 10,055.98
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 688.00

## 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, Numa Aucoin, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert Brown, Kyle Cabalero, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, Ronald Decuir, Landon Dickinson, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Judy Gremillion, Susie Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, 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, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

## This Week at I.C.C.

Please be aware that everyone attending mass is **required** to wear a facemask and seating **will be limited to 100** people per mass.

## 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Register now for our exciting family friendly  
“**SPLASH CANYON HOMESCHOOL VBS**”

Where kids confidently celebrate that God is with us on life’s wild ride. You’ll teach them that God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day and forever.

**Date:** July 13-17

Packets will be prepared and include all materials needed to bring your at home worship to a whole new level... with singing, dancing, crafting and storytelling.

**Packet Pickup:** July 10th  
8am-12 or 5:30-7:30pm

**Registration Fee:** \$10

Ages: children must be 3 years old by Dec. 31 through entering 4th grade  
*\*Must be pre-registered before June 30, 2020*

**Registration forms available outside  
Office of Christian Formation.  
For more information please contact  
Skye Johnston @ 627-5819.**

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

The divinely revealed religion given to the Chosen People of Israel was the precedent to Christianity, which is the fulfilled successor. This is not only true about matters of beliefs and morality, but also ritual worship. Last week's bulletin gave some examples of how several Jewish rituals and holy days foreshadowed the Holy Mass. The Mass has some similar elements that we have received from the ritual worship of the older covenant. There is a lot to be gained by looking to our forebearers of faith, both in Judaism and earlier Christians, to better understand how we practice our faith today.

One thing that was clearly inherited from Judaism by the Church was unique care for the sacred objects, places, and even people set apart for worship of God. Extreme care was always taken not to mingle the sacred with the profane (i.e. the things for worship of God with the things of ordinary life). In Judaism meticulous attention was given to the design of everything related to Temple worship so that it was totally unique from anything outside of it. The utensils used for rituals would never be used for anything else. The clothing of the priests during rituals was rare and never worn for anything else. There were sacred days on which certain rituals must be done, and profane activities avoided (e.g. the Sabbath). The language used in prayer was different than the common spoken language. And there were strict restrictions on who could touch sacred objects and enter holy places.

The most extreme example of this was the Holy of Holies, which was only entered once a year by the High Priest. But other parts of the Temple were also restricted to only the priests when they were performing their duties of making offerings to God on behalf of the people. An example of this is when Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist and a priest, was selected to go into the "Holy Place" or outer sanctuary of the Temple to offer the incense sacrifice: *Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense* (Lk. 1: 8-11)

The Church has traditionally made a similar effort of distinguishing the sacred from the profane. For instance, the vessels used for Holy Mass (e.g. chalices and ciboriums) must be made of precious material and never used for anything other than Mass. Priest's vestments are to be designed uniquely from any other garments and worn only during sacred duties. We have holy days set apart for worship of God (e.g. Sunday). There is the custom of using a language distinct from the common vernacular during worship and even a unique sounding mu-

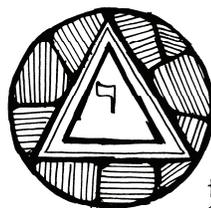
sic. And, like in Judaism, traditionally Christianity has unique places set apart for the ritual worship of God. Though in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ we can worship God anywhere, it is still customary and right to set aside places where the most important rituals of our religion occur. Such a place is called a "church," which means the place of "assembly." It is the physical place where we, the community of disciples, assemble together for worship. Yet, like the Temple of old, our churches too have specific and distinguishable areas.

In the Temple complex there was an outer court where all Jews could gather to offer prayer as the priests offered sacrifices on their behalf. Then inside the "tabernacle" (tent or house) there was a sanctuary, or "Holy Place", where the Bread of Presence and other sacred offerings were, and this was reserved only to the priests. And finally beyond the Holy Place there was the Holy of Holies, which only the High Priest entered.

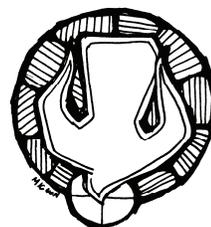
Similarly, in early Christian Church architecture there was a three tiered division. There is a place within the church where the people gather called the nave. Then a separate elevated area called a chancel (or sometimes "choir") where the sacred ministers who assist at Mass would gather (servers, deacons, assisting priests, etc.). And finally there is the sanctuary, which is where the altar of sacrifice would be which the priest ascends to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass – not dissimilar to how the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement for forgiveness of sins. Jesus is our one real High Priest who has ascended the altar of the Cross, but according to Church teaching including the Second Vatican Council, he has shared his high priesthood with some men, and during Holy Mass they act *in persona Christi Capitis* – "in the person of Christ the Head".

The third installment of this bulletin series next week will reflect on how the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist fulfills Old Testament promises of God dwelling on earth, and how setting the church sanctuary apart helps us worship him in heaven.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd



Glory  
to the Father



the  
Son



and  
the Holy Spirit