



# 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.

Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive  
are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you  
retain are retained.

*John 20:22-23*

*Pentecost*  
SUNDAY

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## Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34  
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; 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: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;  
Jn 16:12-15

## Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 10,351.50
Building Fund	\$ 2,381.00
Special Collection	\$ 315.00

## 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, Debbie Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Manner, Doug Matte, Pam Melon, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, 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.

**06/10—06/14 Vacation Bible School.**

**06/11 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
@ 6:30 pm.

**06/12 Fall Fair Meeting**  
@ 6pm.

## Congratulations

To Joseph Langlois, Jr. & Addie Armato who were married here on May 31, 2019.

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome to our Parish Community:*

Olivia Marie Guedry, child of Jeremy Phillip Guedry & Katie LeJeune Guedry.

## I.C.C. Fall Fair Is Back!!!

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 12th at 6pm in the church hall. Anyone interested in participating, chairing a booth or just helping out, please try to attend. Hope to see you there.

## Come and See On

**Saturday, June 15, 2019**

The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady invite single women aged 15 and over to visit us. We are eager to answer questions you may have about the Franciscan Sisters, help you explore your vocation as a person who is single, married or considering a closer relationship with us through our Lay Associate Program or Consecrated Life.

**9:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Corcoran Conference Center • 4200 Essen Lane,  
Baton Rouge, La.**

Mass • Encounters with Our Vocation Team  
Adoration • Lunch • Convent Tour • Other Activities

There is no cost for the day, but anyone interested is asked to contact **Sr. Margarida Vasques** in advance. Deadline is **June 10**.

**margarida.vasques@fmlhs.org • (225) 922-7443 or  
(225) 765-8068**

## From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

This past week marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. On June 6, 1944 the Allied Forces of World War II began the invasion of Normandy. Codenamed Operation Neptune, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of German-occupied France (and later Europe) from Nazi control, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory. Over 100,000 Allied and German troops were killed during the whole of the Battle of Normandy, as well as around 20,000 French civilians.

Events like this are good examples of man's virtue in hard situations. The virtue of prudence is exemplified by the astute planning and execution. The virtue of fortitude is shown by having the resolve to act, despite knowing it will lead to losses and suffering. And the virtue of obedience is presented by the men who followed their orders and successfully took control of the beaches and all the rest.

This last virtue, obedience, is not admired enough. We often speak of the courage of all involved, and the cleverness of the plan, and their perseverance. But we do not consider that the men who fought in these battles followed orders. They did not know the whole plan. They were told to attack or hold and they did. They were not asked and did not give their opinion on the strategy or the objectives. They knew what they needed to know – the objective is to go and take this beach, that bridge, this field, that hill, etc. They were obedient, and the war was won.

We do not live in an age where obedience to rightful authority is well regarded. There is a temptation to base respect for authority on credentials or perceived abilities. For example a worker might say "I am smarter than the boss and therefore refuse to listen to him." In this case, respectful obedience to the office is being determined by a judgment about the person in the office compared to ourselves or others. This is an erroneous approach to authority and obedience. Some people have authority, not based on ability, but based on their office/position. That is to say, based on *who* and *what* they are, not how well they do it. Hopefully and ideally the ability is congruent to the position, but that is not a fundamental prerequisite of obedience.

The best example of an authority being given to someone of lesser merit over someone with greater merit is Jesus and His parents. The gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus was obedient to Joseph and Mary. Jesus was and is God. Joseph and Mary are not. Yet, He was obedient to their position as His parents on earth. He was also obedient to civil authorities (e.g. paying taxes in Mt. 17:27)

It is likely that out of the thousands of men who fought on D-Day that at least some of them were more naturally suited for higher positions than those in author-

ity. Some were probably smarter, more organized, or better leaders than those ranked above them. Nonetheless, they were obedient to their superiors in rank and that obedience helped to achieve victory.

It is absolutely true that we should only respect authority to the extent that the authority extends. That is to say, if one in authority acts outside of their authority or does not follow the legal parameters of their office, including being incapable of fulfilling the minimal requirements, then we can and should rightfully, but still respectfully, call into question and if necessary challenge their authority (e.g. no authority can require moral evil, because God's authority is higher). In extreme cases the Church condones removing men from office, first through legal means, and only by other means if necessary (e.g. Pope Pius XII secretly supported German resistance's attempts to remove Hitler, including through assassination). But as long as one acts within the parameters of their position of rightful authority, even if we do not consider them to be as capable as ourselves or others for that position, we should still be obedient. Parents deserve respect and obedience from their children not because of how well they parent, but because of who and what they are; parents. The same is true of teachers, law enforcement, employers, coaches, military officers, government officials, and Church leaders; all according to proper roles. We respect and obey rightful authority in the Church not because they are all necessarily better Christians or smarter or more gifted. We respect and obey because they have rightful authority and position.

Like Jesus, and those many brave men who helped liberate Europe, let us dedicate ourselves to humble obedience to right and lawful authority according to proper roles. Let us trust that the virtue of obedience to rightful authority will help us achieve victory in life, earthly and eternal.

*Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God. – Romans 13*

*Obey your leaders and defer to them, for they keep watch over you and will have to give an account, that they may fulfill their task with joy and not with sorrow, for that would be of no advantage to you. – Hebrews 13*

*Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king as supreme or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the approval of those who do good... Give honor to all, love the community, fear God, honor the king. Slaves, be subject to your masters with all reverence, not only to those who are good and equitable but also to those who are perverse. – 1 Peter 2*

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd