



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 15, 2020



*Jesus said,
"Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life."*

John 4:14

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5 1b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Way Of The Cross

(Friday Evenings During Lent)

6pm

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 9,058.00
Building Fund	\$ 718.00
Special Collection	\$ 570.00

God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

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, Audrey Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Helen Olinde, 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.

- 03/16** **KC 4th Degree Meeting.**
03/17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day.
Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd**
@ 5:30pm.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm #2.
Divine Mercy Novena
@ 6:30pm.
03/18 **Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th**
@ 5:30pm.
KC Officer's Meeting.
03/20 **Way of the Cross**
@ 6pm.

Weekend Reflection

God does not ask for our ability or our inability,
but our availability.
—Anonymous

Gifts From The Holy Land

Volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem will be visiting our parish this weekend, **March 14th & 15th**, and selling their religious olive wood gifts.

Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayers and the purchases of these special religious art pieces.

The proceeds from the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community.

Adoremus!

The Eucharist: Source and Summit of our Christian Life

St. Agnes Church will host **Six Wednesday Lenten Reflections** on the Eucharist: **Adoremus! The Eucharist - Source and Summit of the Christian Life.** By renewing our focus on the Eucharist, we pray that we will gain a deeper love and reverence for this Sacrament.

Reflections will be presented each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Confession will be offered at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:30 pm, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung immediately following Mass.

Saint Agnes Catholic Church
749 East Boulevard Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

In Mass, before we pray the "Our Father", the priest says "at the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say". The first part does not need much explanation. Jesus, who is the savior and is divine, gave us this prayer. But the second part, "we dare to say", is worth reflecting on. Why do we *dare* to say this prayer taught to us by Jesus? What is daring about it?

It is a matter of knowing our humble nature before the greatness of God. It requires courage, given only through God's grace and invitation, to look up to Him and speak. In the Old Testament when someone entered into the presence of God, it was with fear and trembling. They would keep their eyes down, never looking up at God. Remember what God told Moses at the burning bush: "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." But now, in the age of the new covenant of Jesus Christ, we are invited to be more daring. Not that we are to do so without humility; forgetting our place, or His. Yet, in that humility we know that He has come down to us, so that we can go up to Him. The God who is infinitely beyond us has invited us to be more than servants. He now invites us, through His Son, to become His children! The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes St. Peter Chrysologus as saying, "Our awareness of our status as slaves would make us sink into the ground and our earthly condition would dissolve into dust, if the authority of our Father himself and the Spirit of his Son had not impelled us to this cry... 'Abba, Father!'... When would a mortal dare call God 'Father,' if man's innermost being were not animated by power from on high?"

Indeed, it is only through the Spirit which Jesus shares with us that we can call God "Father". This is daring because we are still very aware of how absurd this would be in nature, to claim God as our Father. Only through a supernatural gift can we claim sonship of God. For one to do this, if they understand what they are doing, requires courage. It is Jesus' claim to be the Son of God that caused Him to be crucified – He was accused of blasphemy for it (cf. Mark 14:61-64). And still to this day, to call God "Father" in the presence of Muslims is considered a great blasphemy which will not be tolerated.

When we say "*dare* to say", we are acknowledging that we have no right to do so, but have been

bestowed an unearned title. It is a gift which we must not take for granted. If we were to think there is nothing daring about it, we might become forgetful of our place in relation to God, who has only made us His children through the death of His only begotten Son for the forgiveness of our sins. St. Ambrose instructed, "O man, you did not dare to raise your face to heaven, you lowered your eyes to the earth, and suddenly you have received the grace of Christ all your sins have been forgiven. From being a wicked servant you have become a good son... Then raise your eyes to the Father who has begotten you through Baptism, to the Father who has redeemed you through his Son, and say: 'Our Father...' But do not claim any privilege. He is the Father in a special way only of Christ, but he is the common Father of us all, because while he has begotten only Christ, he has created us. Then also say by his grace, 'Our Father,' so that you may merit being his son."

At every Mass, and really any time we pray to God as our Father, we should consider the great gift this is. We must maintain the humility that realizes that it is His goodness, and not our own, that makes this filial relationship possible. And consider that it is only through the power of supernatural grace that anyone can really claim to be children of God, in likeness to His beloved Son. Thanks be to God who has bestowed on us the love of a father, despite our being unworthy of this love. With full awareness of this unwarranted love, and God's desire to bestow on us the gifts we ask for in prayer, we do not merely have the ability to call out to Him as our God, but we can even dare to say to Him, "Our Father."

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

5th Annual I.C.C Taste Fair *A Taste of Heaven*

When: Saturday, May 2nd

Time: 5:30pm - 10pm

Where: Parish Hall

Tickets: \$25

Come Join The Fun!!!