



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 1, 2020

*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1



Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 7,947.00
Building Fund	\$ 163.00
Special Collection	\$ 36.00

Congratulations

To **Gary Paul LeCoq & Pamela Jean Marie Stevens**
who were married here on February 15, 2020.

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, Deb-
orah 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, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug
Matte, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Helen Olinde, Linda
Olinde, Corey Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Shelby Porche,
Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou
Sherman, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

- 03/03 Altar Society Meeting**
@ 10am.
Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd
@ 5:30pm.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm #2.
KC Meeting.
Divine Mercy Novena
@ 6:30pm.
- 03/04 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th**
@ 5:30pm.
- 03/06 KC Shrimp Stew Dinner Fundraiser**
11am - 1pm in Parish Hall.
Way of the Cross
@ 6pm.

A Vocation View

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 1, 2020

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Re-
flect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. If
God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Andrew
Merrick** at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Way Of The Cross

(Friday Evenings During Lent)

6pm

KC Shrimp Stew Fundraiser

Friday, March 6th

11am - 1pm

Activity Center

\$8 per plate

Retrouvaille Weekend

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in
marriage. Retrouvaille, a Christian-based program, is a
peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn
the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and
heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.
Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

When: **March 6-8, 2020**

Contact: **Bill & Missie Curth** at (985) 232-5963

Visit The Website: **HelpOurMarriage.com**

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

The season of Lent has started. The liturgy during Lent has a more austere nature to it than the rest of the year. Some of the austerity is a little challenging to our senses, as we have to focus harder because of the quiet nature, with less use of the organ, absence of floral arrangements, and the use of the Church's official liturgical language, Latin. Our parish practice this year of omitting the individual "Sign of Peace" might be particularly jarring, and this is something worth reflecting on.

Admittedly, because we are so used to it, it will feel odd not doing it over the next several weeks. This perceived oddity can be an opportunity to reflect on what the sign of peace actually is. For the Rite of Peace, the Roman Missal says, "the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament." According to the Church's teaching, the sign of peace is not a liturgical form of "good morning" or even a sharing of personal affection between loved ones which can be a distraction from Our Lord on the altar; but a witness to the Christian belief that true peace is a gift of Christ's death and resurrection, which we are participating in during Mass. A document produced by a Vatican study on the sign of peace states, "Christ is our peace, the divine peace, announced by the prophets and by the angels, and which he brought to the world by means of his paschal mystery."

This affirmation and sharing of the peace of Christ is achieved first and foremost through the exchange of peace between the priest offering Mass at the altar and the community. In union together the faithful receive and return a sign of peace to the priest who stands in for the whole Church and for Christ. In order to emphasize this sign of unity with Christ and his Church, the individuals *may* be invited to offer the sign of peace to one another. Despite the common place of it today, it is not obligatory. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (which gives the details of how Mass is offered) says that after the priest says "The peace of the Lord be with you always" and the people respond, then "...if appropriate, the Priest adds, *Let us offer each other the sign of peace.*" I am aware of some people who prefer not to exchange this sign of peace because it has become, at least for them, a distraction from the offering of Mass. If someone near you does not participate, do not take it personal. This is not a sign of personal affection anyway.

It is appropriate during Lent to not invite the congregation to share the sign of peace for a few reasons. First, its omission helps us better reflect on what the sign of peace is supposed to actually communicate. Secondly, it *can* be a distraction and moment of irreverence in the midst of the holiest of moments. Omitting it during Lent

(a time of preparation for the Passion of Christ) can be a way to remind us to stay focused on the Cross, made present on the altar at Mass. Finally, abstaining from the individual sign of peace can call to mind the betrayal of our Lord by Judas: the traitorous kiss.

We all know that the worst harm is done, not by those who are our enemies, but by those who we thought loved us, when they have taken advantage of that trust and love. This is what Judas did – he took advantage of the Lord's love for him. Our communal abstinence from the individual sign of peace can remind us of the damage done by insincere signs of love. During this season of self examination and penance we should reflect on how our own insincerity and presumption has been harmful to our relationship with Christ and his Church. Those closest to Christ, and the strongest avowed Catholic, can potentially do the worst harm when they are not loyal. Abstaining from this sign is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the unity of the Body of Christ, not merely in a superficial way, but through authentic faithfulness and charity.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Holy Family Catholic Church St. Joseph Altar

Saturday, March 14th, 2020
2:30pm

Regina Caeli Academy High School Information Session and Spring Touring Event

March 26th, 1pm — High School
Information Session

March 30th, 1pm — Spring Touring Event

RSVP

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