



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

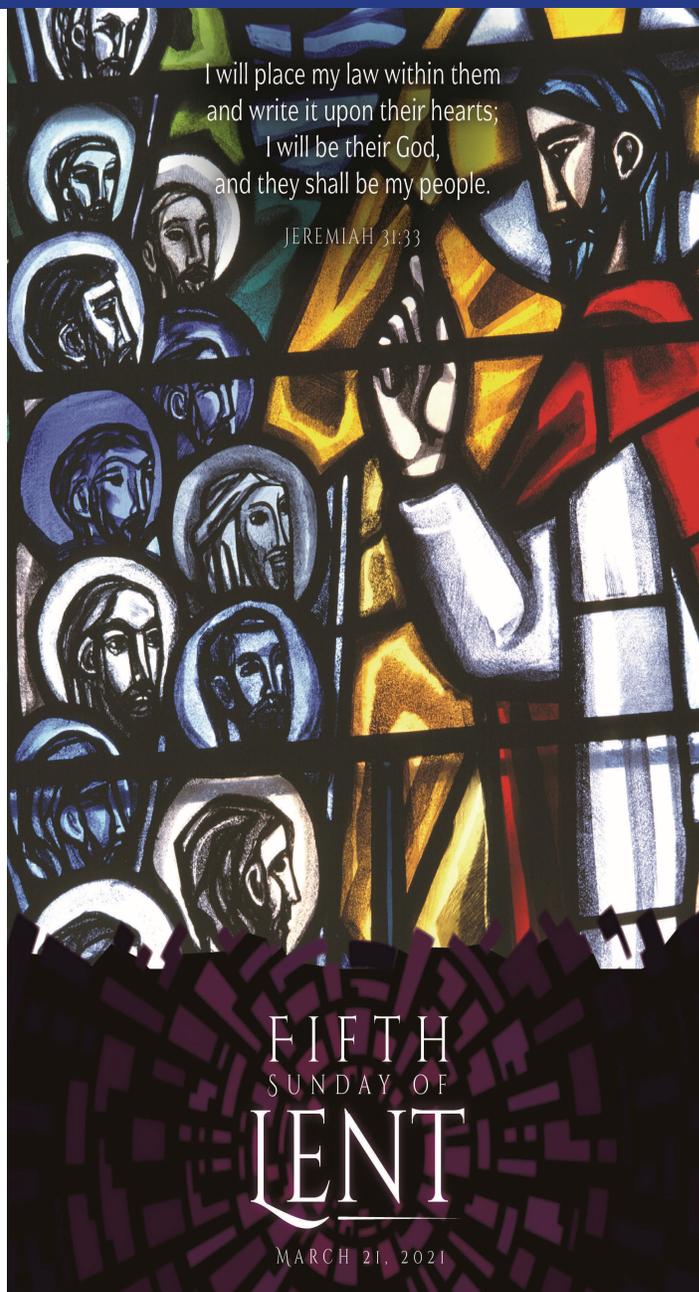
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

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

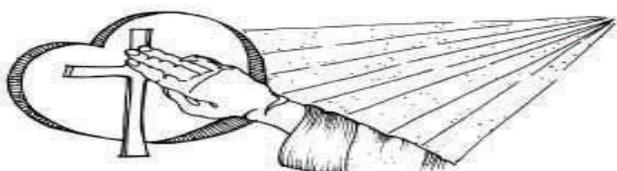
Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.



Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



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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; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Tim Amond, Blaine Benoit, Lisa Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Kyle Cabalero, Robin Casiano, Linda Cheek, Brittany Collins, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, John Debetaz, Marie Debetaz, Betty Decou, Ronald Decuir, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Deculus, Malachi Engen, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Pamela Vicknair Harrington, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Laura Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Debra Landry, Maria Lawrence, Kevin LeBlanc, Presleigh LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janey Lively, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Rob Melacon, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Christine Patin, Corey Patin, David Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Cody Reed, Michael Roche, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Anna Graves Smith, Timmy Smith, Sr., James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

- 03/23 Divine Mercy Novena**
@ 6pm.
- 03/26 Way of the Cross**
@ 6pm.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33

Just A Reminder

In keeping with our Lenten traditions, vigil candles will not be burned in church until Easter Sunday. However, those interested in purchasing the 5-day devotional candles can still do so. Candles are located in the sacristy.



Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm

Good Friday
Confession

10am—12 Noon

Way of the Cross
12 Noon

Passion of the Lord Service
3pm

Holy Saturday
Vigil Mass
8pm

Easter Sunday
Masses
7am, 9am & 11am



From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

In the Roman Missal (the red book instructing the priest on liturgy) the following rubric is given on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: *In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.* This veiling of statues and images is an old custom in the Church.

When this tradition started is not very clear. It goes back at least to the medieval period. In the 9th century there was a custom called the "hunger cloth" which was a violet cloth that hung between the sanctuary and the nave (where the people sit) so that the whole altar was out of view of the people. This was to force a "fast of the eyes". We not only were fasting of certain foods, but even of *seeing* things in church. And as the name suggests, it was meant to cause a hunger for what was to come; the unveiling of the sanctuary. But this kind of hunger is not supposed to be merely for seeing the statues, images, and altar of church, but ultimately a hunger to see the angels, saints, and our Lord Himself, unveiled in heaven. Apparently over time the one large veil covering everything turned into smaller veils.

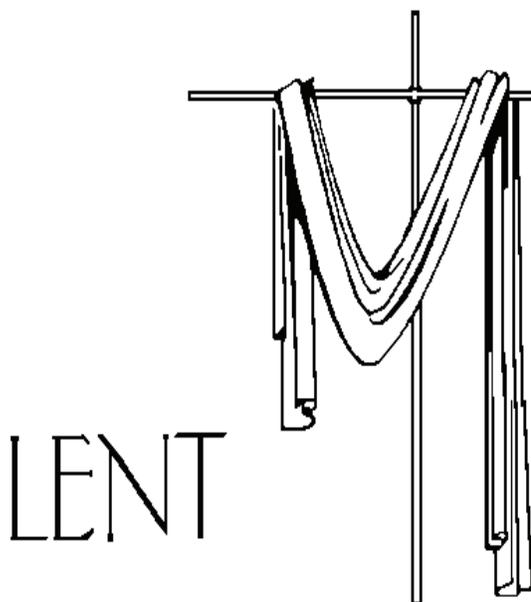
Lent, especially as we move closer to the memorial of the Lord's Passion, is a time for dying to this world and looking forward to the next. Jesus' true identity was veiled from the eyes of men during his time on earth; and no time more so than when he was being crucified. For this reason it is appropriate that holy statues and images be veiled from our sight during this time. Some older commentaries of the Roman Missal saw the veiling of crosses and other images as a way to remind us of Jesus' humiliation, and force us to imprint the image of his cross more deeply in our hearts, since we cannot see it with our eyes.

For the next two weeks our crucifix and statues will be veiled in church. While this short period can be odd and challenging, it is a helpful reminder that, really, our eyes are always veiled. We are never able to *really* see the full truth in church. The Lord's presence in the Eucharist is real and true, but our eyes cannot see it. The Holy Spirit's presence in church as we gather for worship and prayer is real, but we cannot see him. The angels and saints gather

with us at every Mass, even though we cannot see them. Even when we look at each other we do not see the whole person with our eyes; there is more to you and me than what we see, veiled and unseen by our physical eyes. And ultimately, why can we not see everything fully? Because, we are on this side of the veil of death. We benefit from Christ's Passion right now, but we are still effected by sin and imperfection. Once we have died and, God willing, been purified of all effects of sin, we will see God face to face, and the angels and saints and each other more clearly than we can see anything right now physically. The veil will be completely lifted. The light of Christ will shine perfectly. And his passion, death, and resurrection will have its perfect and complete effect on us. But we are not there yet.

The temporary veils in church at this time remind us of these truths. As we approach the celebrating of the Cross and Resurrection, we are acknowledging our inability to see clearly due to the stigmatism of sin and the opaqueness of this world. On Holy Saturday night, however, in the dark, our eyes will be slowly opened again as the light of the paschal candle, the light of Christ, is spread throughout the church. And as our sight becomes more clear with the dawn of Christ's Resurrection, we will be able to see again, without veils, our Lord and the angels and saints in the church. All as a reminder of what is still to come for us at the end of this life and the beginning of the next, thanks to what we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



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