

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Jody Doucet

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

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

Daily Masses:

Wed-Fri. Eucharist 8:00 AM & **Tues.** 6:00pm

Care of the Sick: Emergency calls immediately. The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

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Reconciliation: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM. Saturday 3:00 PM and Tuesday 5:30pm

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 except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: 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
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: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
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]

Sick List

Jessica Berthelot, John David, Neil Daigle

-Prayer Request

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; Captain Jordan Morirs;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army; Jules Craig Major, Air Force.

FAIR NEWS

Fair will be April 15th this year. We will have games, country cooking, bingo, and raffle. Children's bracelets are \$10 and will be good for all day.

This Week at I.C.

3/30 Parish Office Closed.

EASTER SCHEDULE

March 29th

Holy Thursday— 7:00 pm.

March 30th

Good Friday—3:00pm.

Stations of the Cross/Confessions
12Noon

March 31st

Easter Vigil—8:00pm.

April 1st

Easter Sunday-Regular Mass Schedule

REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.
—St. Anselm

BE AWARE

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.
—Anonymous

In Christ,

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week. This is the most solemn of weeks for the Church. Holy Thursday, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM, is the end of Lent and the beginning of the Paschal Triduum. It is very fitting to use this week as a retreat. We ought to turn away from unnecessary activities and embrace a week of reverence as much as possible.

My suggestion for all of us is to turn off the TV's, radios, and computers. Stay off the smart phones and tablets. Use this week as a time of intense union with Christ in the garden of Gethsemane. Do what is needed at work and school, but at home and in the car take in the silence of our Lord preparing for the cross.

My personal practice for Holy Week is to abstain from media with one exception, watching the Holy Father celebrate the Triduum in Rome. Maybe this is a good practice for you; or maybe something else, like watching *The Passion of the Christ*. Whatever we do this week, make it something that resembles the sacredness of the time.

I strongly encourage everyone to participate in the liturgies of this week:

On Wednesday the Bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge at 10:30. This Mass is where the bishop blesses the oils used by each church parish and the priests rededicate themselves to their vows.

Holy Thursday night at 7pm we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will remember the Last Supper where Christ instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist.

On Good Friday we will pray the Stations of the Cross at Noon. During that time I will be in the confessional hearing confessions. Then at 3PM we will celebrate the Passion of the Lord Service, which

includes reading of the Passion, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion. Remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting. This means only eating one meal and no meat.

Finally the Triduum closes with the **Easter Vigil at 8PM on Saturday.** The Vigil is the highest liturgical celebration of all the Church year. We will welcome two young people into the Church, and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in the most beautiful way. Easter Sunday will have a normal Sunday Mass schedule. Have a blessed Holy Week. I will be praying for you!

Totus Tuus
Fr. Todd Lloyd

FILL A PRESCRIPTION

The St. Vincent de Paul "Fill a Prescription Drive" is accepting donations. The container will be on the table in the back of church until end of April. Your donations provide prescription medicines to the needy.

