



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

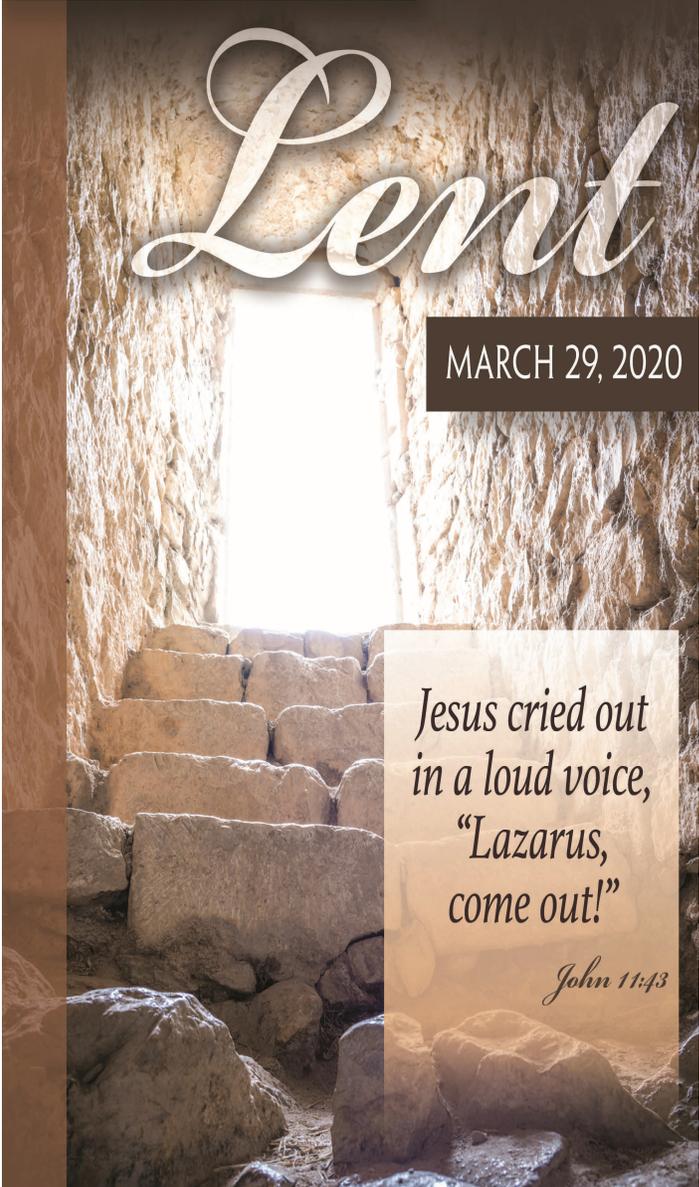
Care of the Sick: For emergencies please call immediately. Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF



Lent

MARCH 29, 2020

*Jesus cried out
in a loud voice,
"Lazarus,
come out!"*

John 11:43

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: 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: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 1,192.00

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.

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, 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.

As of March 17, 2020

All masses and parish events will be suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

A Vocation View

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 29, 2020

Out of love Jesus gave Lazarus life. You too can offer God's love through ministry as a priest, sister or brother. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. **Andrew Merrick** at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Raffle Tickets

Please continue to send in your raffle tickets to the office via mail, drop off at the Parish Office or place in our drop box. The drawing **will continue** as planned on **May 2, 2020**. Thanks for your support during this very difficult time.

SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, saving, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit, <https://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshareonline.org>.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, call our parish office at 627-5124.

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

Natives and those familiar with New Orleans neighborhoods have heard of St. Roch. There is a cemetery and market bearing his name. The history of these historic sites in New Orleans goes back to an outbreak of the Yellow Fever, which claimed many lives in the Crescent City. But this one area, where a chapel named for St. Roch was erected, did not suffer from the infection of the city. It is no coincidence that St. Roch's name was chosen for this place, because St. Roch is one of the Church's patron saints for epidemics.

St. Roch was born in Montpellier, France. He was born into an affluent family in 1295. His father was the governor. He had lost both his parents by the age of twenty. Rather than holding on to the estate, and inheriting the office of his father, he gave everything away to the poor, and gave the seat of governance to his uncle. He then disguised himself so that he could leave the city and begin a pilgrimage to Rome. During this time, the early 14th century, Italy was suffering from the plague. On his way to Rome, Roch discovered countless people suffering from the infection. Rather than turning back or leaving, as most of the affluent people were doing, he would stay and care for people. His faithfulness became a source of hope for those he cared for, and he even miraculously cured people by simply praying over them and making the sign of the cross on them. He traveled through several Italian cities, helping to bring an end to the plague for many people everywhere he went.

Finally, at Piacenza, Italy, he was infected with the plague himself. He decided to seclude himself in the forest, and dedicate himself to prayer. According to some reports, he was miraculously cared for by a dog that would bring him needed food (which is why he is also a patron saint of dog owners). He then set out on returning home to Montpellier where he died a humiliating death in prison because he was not recognized (and perhaps because he had the plague). Apparently he was recognized after his death, because he was given a public funeral, and numerous miracles have since attested to his sanctity.

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* reports on one important example: "In 1414, during the Council of Constance, the plague having broken out in that city, the Fathers of the Council ordered public prayers and processions in honour of the saint, and immediately

the plague ceased."

In this unique time, I encourage everyone to spend daily time in prayer, and to invoke St. Roch's assistance for protection against COVID-19, and a quick end to its spread. Here is a prayer you can use:

O Blessed Saint Roch, patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul (Repeat 3 times).

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Prayer To St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayers During a Time of Pestilence

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. From those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

-Pedro de la Cruz