



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.

May 10

2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS SAID,
"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE
ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES."

John 14:2



Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or
Jn 17:1-11a

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 8,112.57
Building Fund \$ 3,953.00

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.

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, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Troy Menier, 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.

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

Sympathy

The Sympathy of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:

Family of **Audrey Guidroz.**

Family of **Peggy Mote.**

Taste Fair Raffle Winners

1st Place Winner \$1000: Joe Porche, Sr.

2nd Place Winner Glider Swing: Tim Lambert

3rd Place Winner Paragon Stay: Wayne King

Congratulations!!!

Celebrate I.C.C. Sunday Mass Online

Please join Fr. Todd as he celebrates the Holy Mass, every **Sunday at 10am, via live stream** on our **Parish Facebook page.**

Please go to www.immaculateconceptionlakeland.com for more information.

Let us stay connected through prayer to God, and each other, during this COVID-19 pandemic.

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,

To all moms, happy Mother's Day! Thank you for your gifts of love, service, and guidance. It is most often you, our mothers, who teach us how to be faithful to Christ. We cannot help but remember in this the gift of St. Augustine's mother, St. Monica. While St. Augustine lived his early life away from the faith and in sin, his saintly mother never ceased to pray for him and have hope. Her example and prayer was fruitful when God rewarded her perseverance with his conversion. This was not only a great gift for St. Augustine who moved to sanctity, but for the Church as well because he became one of the greatest theologians in the history of Christianity. This example really shows not only the influence mothers have with their children, but even more so their responsibility. Moms have the responsibility of being examples of gentleness, prayer, humility, and hopefulness.

Consider the example of another saint, the most important of all: the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the *Theotokos* – God Bearer, or Mother of God. Through her our Lord entered human life and history on His mission to save us. Her role, though, as *Theotokos* does not stop on Jesus' birthday, but continues throughout the history of the Church. She is always directing us to Her Son, and baring Him to us. As she says herself in the gospel of Luke, "My soul magnifies the Lord."

The Blessed Mother is not merely the mother of Jesus but the mother of all Christians. Remember Christ's words from the cross to His beloved disciple: "Behold your mother." But Mary is not the noisy and demanding mother who must be heard and seen. Rather she is the meek and humble servant who says, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." In this statement she allows Christ into the world, and continues to do so by directing all the faithful to Him. This is the perfect example of Christian femininity and motherhood. That is why Saint Pope John XXIII's words in his first encyclical are so true: "The mother should form her children firmly and graciously by the mildness of her manner and by her virtue."

In no way does any of this mean that a mother does not have authority over her child, but rather that her authority is one that begins with receptivity before dominance. This can be seen even in the very physical act of procreation. Motherhood is a self-

sacrificial and life giving relationship. Even after birth this service of the mother continues. While this is a physical reality, more importantly is the spiritual reality. A mother should be concerned with the spiritual life of her children. That is why Mary is most important not because she was physically Jesus' mother, but because she was faithful. Remember our Lord's response to the acclamation, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

This could also be related to another *kind* of mother we all have. We have our earthly mothers, our Blessed Mother, and finally we have our Ecclesial Mother – the Church. Her role, like all mothers, is to give us life (through baptism), to feed us (the Eucharist), to teach us the truth, to discipline us, and to orient us beyond herself toward the Lord. And like other mothers one of the most important roles of her vocation is not merely to give us love, but to be an object of our love. Just as loving our earthly mothers gives us an identity and sometimes even purpose in life – keeping us from sin out of love for her – so too should it be with our mother the Church. Our love for her should give us identity and motivate us to be holy.

This is the great beauty of motherhood. You mothers have accepted and ushered the life of your child into the world physically. And more importantly, like St. Monica, Blessed Mary, and the Church, you continue to be life-giving through your example of prayerful obedience to the will of God.

Thank you. I commend you to our Lord through the humble and powerful prayer of Mary, the Mother of God.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Happy
Mother's
Day

