



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: Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 AM
Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

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

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

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Fifth Sunday
of
Easter

I give you
a new
commandment:
love one another.

John 13:34



May 15, 2022

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 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

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 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend have been donated in loving memory of Jay McLin by his wife and children.

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 8,451.00

Building Fund \$ 535.00

Special Collection \$ 165.00

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; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Lynn Amond, Tim Amond, Evelyn Babin, Linda Beauvis, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Wanda Blanchard, Annie Bourque, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Kiersten Chandler, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Michael David, Noah David, Brilynn Davis, Betty Decou, Malachi Engen, Anna Grace Fremin, David Gauthier, Gloria H. Genusa, Ed Gomez, Elizabeth Gosserand, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Kiely Johnson, James Joseph, Judy Joseph, Trey LaCour, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Wyatt Leblanc, Julie Lee, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Barry Mendoza, Gerald Mire, Myra Moniotte, Brandon Oubre, Al Patin, Betty Patin, Christine Patin, Gary Patin, Jr., Gregory Patin, Victor Patin, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Ella Samuel, Keith Schapatone, Rev. Mike Schatzle, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Wayne Walton, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

05/16 KC 4th Degree Meeting

@ 6:30pm.

05/18 KC 3rd Degree Officers Meeting

@ 7pm.



Sympathy

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

Family of **Judy Ward Sproles**.

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Emma Elizabeth Firmin, child of Nicholas Bryan Firmin & Amber LaPrairie Firmin.

Matthew Paul Guedry, child of Jeremy Phillip Guedry & Katie LeJeune Guedry.

Vacation Bible School 2022 "Monumental"

Give kids a grand-new perspective as they go off-road for adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a ROCK SOLID faith for the road ahead!

Date: July 11-15

Time: 9:00am-Noon

Ages: children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31* through entering 4th grade

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Must be pre-registered before June 30th
*limited space available

Registration & student volunteer forms are available in back of church or outside of Office of Christian Formation and can be dropped in the mail slot of Office of Christian Formation.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Skye Johnston @ 627-5819**.

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

If you have not already, in the weeks to come you might hear the Latin phrase *stare decisis*. It means “stand by things decided.” It is an important principle in legal philosophy that essentially means respecting precedents. If you have ever watched or read about a judicial nominee hearing you would have heard questions and answers about precedents. The idea is that if the courts have ruled on an issue already, then that ruling is respected by later courts of the same or lesser rank. This is helpful in protecting against abusive and excessive law changes.

The problem arises when the court later investigates and finds that the previous ruling was itself flawed. *Stare decisis* cannot be a hard and fast rule if the established precedent has itself broken a previous precedent, if the precedent is not tenable anymore, or is otherwise founded on bad legal ground.

Some examples can be found in constitutional law and past Supreme Court decisions. In Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution it is written that human beings who are not free (i.e. slaves) are to be counted as 3/5ths of a person in calculating state population for federal representation. Article IV, Section 2 specifies that slaves who escape must be returned to their owners, like horses or cattle who had wandered off the property. In the 1857 Dred Scott Decision, the Supreme Court ruled, in a seven to two decision, that slaves had no rights under the U.S. Constitution – including in those states where slavery was illegal. In 1896 the Plessy v. Ferguson decision ruled that forced segregation of races was legal.

The precedent of all of these has been broken. There are several other instances where precedent was overturned by the Supreme Court.

The reason this is important is because, like those historical cases regarding slavery and race, there is another issue that defines the morality of this nation. The issue is abortion. Yet, like with the evils of slavery and racism, there is not only a moral argument to be made, but a legal one. Just as the Dred Scott Decision ruled with a seven to two vote that slaves have no legal rights, so the Roe v. Wade case of 1973 decided with the same seven to two vote that unborn human beings have no rights – including the right to life. It is the opinion of some that the court must follow *stare decisis* and uphold that precedent

established by Roe. The historical failures of *stare decisis* mentioned above prove that, while a good and useful legal guide, it cannot be a justification in and of itself for every previous ruling which comes into question.

This is exactly what Justice Alito explains in the illegally leaked draft of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health decision which would overturn Roe v. Wade, and thus send the issue of the legality of abortion back to legislatures. His argument is that Roe established a precedent that was not itself founded in the constitution, but claimed it was, and thus is not itself a sound precedent. If you have not read the decision I'd recommend it, but here are some important quotes: *We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely—the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. That provision has been held to guarantee some rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution, but any such right must be “deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition” and “implicit in the concept of ordered liberty.” Washington v. Glucksberg, 521 U. S. 702, 721 (1997) (internal quotation marks omitted).*

And: *Stare decisis [...] does not compel unending adherence to Roe's abuse of judicial authority. Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences.*

While we oppose the evil of abortion for moral reasons, one need not rely on or claim that this is merely a moral or religious issue. Roe should be overturned simple based on legal principles.

As we watch and pray for an end to the “egregiously wrong” legal decision of Roe, we should also be praying for our law makers, both state and federal. They will be under more pressure to create laws protecting murder of the unborn. May they, and all citizens of this nation, recognize in their conscience that the ultimate precedent in this nation and in the world comes from the Divine Lawmaker who has created every human being “with certain unalienable Rights,” the first of these being life.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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