



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM & 6 PM (Temporarily)

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.

May 17

2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS SAID,
"I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS,
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."

John 14:16-17



Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 10,626.26

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend were kindly donated by the Ladies Altar Society.

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.

Phase I

Beginning Saturday, May 16, 2020

Confessions: Tuesday at 5pm & Saturday at 3pm.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm & 6pm(Temporary)

Sunday Mass: 7am, 9am & 11am.

Sunday Mass Live Stream: 9am.

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6pm.

Wednesday - Saturday Morning Mass: 8am.

Please be aware that everyone attending mass is **required** to wear a facemask and seating **will be limited** to **100** people per mass.

Celebrate

I.C.C. Sunday Mass Online

Please join Fr. Todd as he celebrates the Holy Mass, every **Sunday** at **9am**, via **live stream** on our **Parish Facebook page**.

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

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,

“New Normal”. This is a phrase we’ve been hearing a lot for two months now. It has been said on commercials and the news, by celebrities, government officials, law enforcement, and even in the Church. It refers to any number of things, from the need to wash our hands better, to social distancing; from learning to do more things virtually through the internet, to more curbside service and delivery. This “New Normal”, we are told, might go on for a very long time. So long that it might change the way we live forever. I have my doubts about that. There is a popular French phrase, accredited originally to Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr: *plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose* – “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” His meaning was that chaotic times of change do not affect reality on a deeper level other than to cement the status quo. What is *new* about the “New Normal” is that it is a lot more of the old normal.

I remember when 9/11 happened. How afterwards there was a great increase of patriotism and the churches were full. That was short lived, and we all know it. What did happen afterwards is more security, more fear, more bureaucracy, and more government and media control of things. Not exactly “new”, just more of the old. Comparing that to today, can we say it will be any different? Sure, there are some superficial changes everyone is experiencing, like those mentioned before. And maybe they will be permanent. That is yet to be seen. Of course we have become more dependent on media and government in these past two months. We have become more afraid of suffering and death. True, more people are praying and “attending” church services via the internet and TV. There have been many examples of community outreach and concern for those who are medically vulnerable has increased. What I’m wondering, however, is if this will be maintained?

Authentic New Normal only happens if we put in an effort. It will not happen naturally thanks to some crisis. I sincerely would like to see a real New Normal. Not just more of the same. How we have meetings, eat at restaurants, and go grocery shopping is not important. The most important thing is how we live as Christians and worship God. And in this we truly do need a New Normal. The New Normal we need is one where the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist is treated with RADICAL respect. It is not merely a thing, but a Person. It is Jesus Christ – God incarnate. Our first priority must be to protect the dignity of the Blessed Sacrament before all else. This means not guarding our own egos in regards to how and when we receive Holy Communion, or who is allowed to receive. This means that those who are not living a life in communion with Christ and who have not repented of serious sin, including through sacramental confession, ought not eat and drink judgment upon them-

selves by receiving Holy Communion (1 Cor. 11:29). This also means that saving time with a faster way of saying Mass and distributing Holy Communion is not important. This means that the liturgy, which is by its nature oriented to God, must be actually oriented to God and not designed to entertain or otherwise please human sentiment. This means that the truth given by God through the Catholic Church must be taught unapologetically and clearly from the pulpit, without compromise. And for the Eucharist to be the true source and summit of our lives, our whole lives must then conform to it. This means that as Christians we cannot make compromises about what is acceptable either in faith or morality. There is only one truth, and if we do not believe and live it, then we are not in the truth – who is Jesus.

This is the New Normal I hope we can experience, and it will not happen just because of a pandemic. In all likelihood, the tendency of our society will be to turn back to the old ways of life quickly. We cannot do the same. We cannot go back to irreverent Masses and sacrilegious Communion where the Body of Christ is abused because of a lack of faith and surplus of pride.

There are two very practical and critical ways in which you can help the New Normal happen. The first is being docile to the liturgy as it is offered, without harboring personal tastes or preferences contrary to the liturgical traditions of the Church. The second is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It must be understood as a mandatory prerequisite before Holy Communion. These two sacraments cannot be separate in our minds. *Every time* we plan to dispose ourselves to Holy Communion, we should ask ourselves if there is anything I need to confess and be absolved of before. EVERY SINGLE TIME. And if we are not *reasonably* confident that we’ve confessed something serious, and repented (i.e. had contrition *and* amendment of life), and received absolution, then *there is no harm in not receiving Holy Communion at a Mass*. While receiving is the fullest way of participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is not incumbent upon us to receive at every Mass in order to participate. Better to not receive because of reasonable contrition when you could have received, than to receive without discernment when you should not have. The former can itself be a grace filled practice of the virtues of humility and piety; the latter can be the sins of pride and profanation (1 Cor. 11:27) that imparts on the soul sickness and death (1 Cor. 11:30). Of course, the ideal of receiving Holy Communion at every Mass is made possible by going to confession regularly and striving in all sincerity to live a life of sanctity. As a priest and your pastor, I want people to receive Holy Communion; but I must also want them to do so rightfully and in the state of grace, so that it is for them the food for Eternal Life.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd