



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
Easter

*I give you
a new
commandment:
love one another.*

John 13:34



May 19, 2019

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

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 8,673.00
Building Fund	\$ 562.00
Special Collection	\$ 312.00

Prayer Requests

Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Barbara Andre, Joyce Aucoin, Herbert Brown, Inez Bueche, Kyle Cabalero, Sadie Collins, John David, Ronald Decuir, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Veronica Fusulier, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Debbie Gremillion, Myrtle Ann Gremillion, Susie Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Manier, Pam Melon, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Landon Pickinon, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Lou Sherman, Sonny Trabeaux.

BLESS OUR TROOPS

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; Major Jordan Morris; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte; Sgt. Greg Silva, Army; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army.

This Week at I.C.C.

05/20 KC 4th Degree Meeting
@ 6pm.

05/22 Peer Bereavement Group
@ 5:30pm.

Sympathy

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

*Family of Ruby Pourciau
Family of Faye Collins*

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Livie Vaughn Langlois, child of Stephen Flint Langlois & Genevieve Netta Jackson.

Greyson Paul Mullins, child of Charles Lee Mullins & Brooklyn Taylor Juge.

Vacation Bible School

Date: June 10th-14th

Time: 9:00am-Noon

Cost: \$25.00

Must be pre-registered before
June 1, 2019.

For more information, please contact the Office of Christian Formation at **627-5819.**

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In Christ,

What does it mean to have “reverence” at Mass? St. Cyprian, a 3rd century bishop and martyr, explains it well in this section from his work *A Treatise on the Lord's Prayer*:

“When we pray, our words should be calm, modest and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. It is characteristic of the vulgar to shout and make a noise, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer.

Moreover, in the course of his teaching, the Lord instructed us to pray in secret. Hidden and secluded places, even our own rooms, give witness to our belief that God is present everywhere; that he sees and hears all; that in the fullness of his majesty, he penetrates hidden and secret places. This is the teaching of Jeremiah: ‘Am I God when I am near, and not God when I am far away? Can anyone hide in a dark corner without my seeing him? Do I not fill heaven and earth?’ Another passage of Scripture says: ‘The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, observing both good and wicked men.’

The same modesty and discipline should characterize our liturgical prayer as well. When we gather to celebrate the divine mysteries with God's priest, we should not express our prayer in unruly words; the petition that should be made to God with moderation is not to be shouted out noisily and verbosely. For God hears our heart not our voice. He sees our thoughts; he is not to be shouted at. The Lord showed us this when he asked: ‘Why do you think evil in your hearts?’ The book of Revelation testifies to this also: ‘And all the churches shall know that I am the one who searches the heart and the desires.’

Anna maintained this rule; in her observance of it she is an image of the Church. In the First Book of Kings we are told that she prayed quietly and modestly to God in the recesses of her heart. Her prayer was secret but her faith was evident. She did not pray with her voice, but with her heart, for she knew that in this way the Lord would hear her. She prayed with faith and obtained what she sought. Scripture makes this clear in the words: ‘She was speaking in her heart; her lips were moving but her voice could not be heard; and the Lord heard her

prayer.’ The psalmist also reminds us: ‘Commune within your own hearts, and in the privacy of your room express your remorse.’ This is the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Through Jeremiah he suggests this: ‘Say in your hearts: Lord, it is you that we have to worship.’

My friends, anyone who worships should remember the way in which the tax-collector prayed in the temple alongside the Pharisee. He did not raise his eyes immodestly to heaven or lift up his hands arrogantly. Instead he struck his breast and confessing the sins hidden within his heart he implored the assistance of God's mercy. While the Pharisee was pleased with himself, the tax-collector deserved to be cleansed much more because of the manner in which he prayed. For he did not place his hope of salvation in the certainty of his own innocence; indeed, no one is innocent. Rather he prayed humbly, confessing his sins. And the Lord who forgives the lowly heard his prayer.”

While I hope that everyone in our parish participates in the Mass by praying as is proper to their role: sometimes spoken out loud, sometimes sung, and sometimes in silence; I also hope that we continue to offer the Mass with “modesty and discipline,” realizing that who we pray to is not each other, but to God who hears the prayers of the humble and contrite.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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