



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

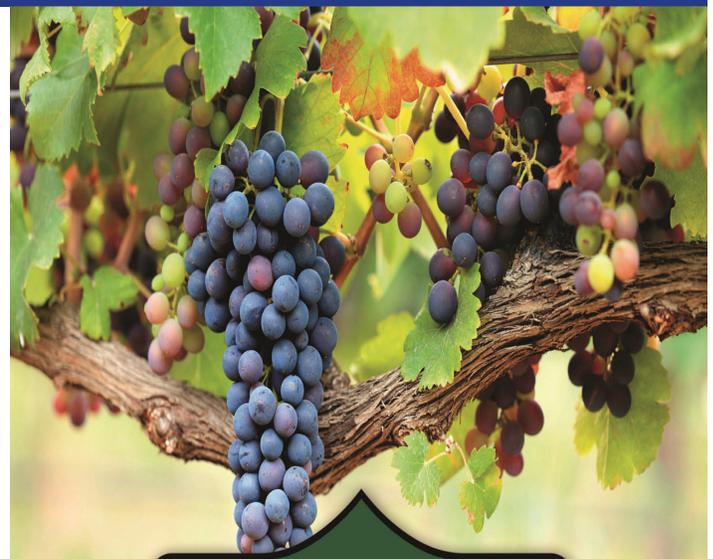
Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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

MAY 2, 2021

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
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 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 9,144.71

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; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Tim Amond, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, J.C. Bueche, III, Robin Casiano, Brilynn Davis, John Debetaz, Marie Debetaz, Betty Decou, Ronald Decuir, Wanda Decuir, Mary Doris Deculus, Malachi Engen, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Maria Lawrence, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ramie LeBlanc, Kevin LeBlanc, Janey Lively, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Abigail Politz, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Anna Marie Silvio, Anna Graves Smith, Sonny Tra-beaux, Harry Williams, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

05/04 Ladies Altar Society Meeting
@ 10am.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm #2.
KC 3rd Degree Meeting
@ 7pm.

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.
— 1 John 3:18



Sympathy

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

Family of **Camilla LeDuff**.

Fill A Prescription

The St. Vincent de Paul 2021 "Fill a Prescription Drive" is currently accepting donations. Your donations help to provide medication to the needy. The container will be on the table in the back of church until the end of May. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

St. Mary of False River Adoration Chapel Opening

The Adoration Chapel will open **Monday, May 3rd at 8am**. The Chapel hours are from 8am - 4pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, and 8am - 12 Noon on Fridays.

Only four persons at a time will be allowed in the chapel to comply with Covid guidelines. For safety purposes, the access code for the chapel has been need to register in the Parish Office.

For more information, please call the St. Mary Parish Office at 225-638-9665

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

In the last week of April 1965, St. Pope Paul VI released an encyclical letter to the Church simply titled *Mense Maio* – “The Month of May”. The short encyclical is about the devotion given to the Virgin Mary during this month. May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in the Church. He opens the letter by saying how his heart “rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth.” The pontiff says that during this month when so many offer acts of homage and veneration to Mary in their churches and homes, that “God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne” in greater abundance. Indeed, to form a relationship with Mary is to also grow into deeper relationship with her Son. “For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her?” In our anxieties and the perils of this world, it is in Jesus, the Son of Mary, that we find a “haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life.”

He goes on to explain that the purpose of the encyclical is to call on the faithful to invoke Mary in prayer for certain needs in the Church and world. The first specific area of needed prayer in the Church is for a successful conclusion and implementation of the Second Vatican Council, which was coming to a close that year.

The second call was to pray for peace in the world. At that time, 1965, the Cold War rhetoric and “proxy wars” between the western nations and the Soviet Union were increasing, and the Vietnam War was raging. After imploring leaders of the world to seek out peaceful resolutions to conflict, and abstaining from abuses against human life, the Holy Father reminds us that real peace is not achieved through human endeavor, but by God’s providence. He wrote, “Peace comes from heaven. It will truly reign among men when we have finally proved ourselves worthy to receive this gift from Almighty God. Just as the happiness and destiny of nations are in His power, so also are the hearts of men.” In keeping with the message of the letter, he reminds the Church to seek peace from heaven “by praying with constancy and watchfulness, as the Church has been wont to do from her very beginning; by praying, in particular, for the intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the Queen of peace.”

Pope Paul said that throughout the month of May the Church should “offer our pleas to the Mother of God with greater devotion and confidence, so that we may obtain her favor and her blessings.” Despite the fact that human sin causes great suffering, and provokes God’s justice, and deserves punishment, “we must not forget the he is ‘*the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,*’ that He has appointed Mary most holy as the generous steward of His merciful gifts.”

In his conclusion the pope asked that all pastors make it a priority to stress to the faithful the need to turn to Mary in prayer during this month, and to especially pray for these critical intentions of the Church and world.

This invitation from 55 years ago is poignant today as we enter the month of May. This year we have the unique gift of also celebrating a year of St. Joseph, which in our diocese officially starts on May 1st. In a couple of weeks I’m going to announce and introduce a plan to consecrate our parish family to St. Joseph on June 20th, Father’s Day. As we look forward to honoring St. Joseph, we remember his honor of being the spouse of Mary, and through her, the foster father of Jesus. We should imitate St. Joseph in his love for Jesus and Mary. He was humble enough to allow for his relationship with Christ to be directly related to and communicated through his relationship with Mary. This example of Marian devotion by St. Joseph shows us just how important a relationship with Mary can be, because like for St. Joseph, so for us; a relationship with Mary is a relationship with Jesus.

May she who experienced the cares and hardships of earthly life, the weariness of daily toil, the hardships and trials of poverty, and the sorrows of Calvary, come to aid the needs of the Church and the human race. May she graciously lend an ear to the devout pleas of those all over the world who beg her for peace. May she enlighten the minds of those who rule nations. And finally, may she prevail on God, who rules the winds and storms, to calm the tempests in men’s warring hearts and grant us peace in our day. – St. Pope Paul VI, Mense Maio

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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