



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.

Third Sunday
of
Easter

Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Feed my sheep.”

John 21:17

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May 1, 2022

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Altar Society

Large candle donation will increase to \$4.00 due to an increase in cost from our supplier. Small candle donation will remain at \$1.00. We thank you for your continued support.

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 12,225.79

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, Lena Bizette Gonzales, 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, Gerald Mire, Myra Moniotte, Brandon Oubre, Gregory Patin, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Ella Samuel, Keith Schapatone, Rev. Mike Schatzle, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

05/01 **Sacrament of First Eucharist**
@ 1pm.

05/03 **Altar Society Meeting**
@ 10am.

PAL Meeting
@ 5pm Rm.#2.

KC 3rd Degree Meeting
@ 7pm.

05/07 **Senior Graduation Mass**
@ 4pm.

Sympathy

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

Family of **Stella Patricia Steele LeBlanc.**

Senior Graduation Mass Saturday, May 7, 2022 4pm

Just a reminder to those who plan to attend, please call the Parish Office to RSVP no later than **Thursday, May 5th.**

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: 9:00 am-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,

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.”

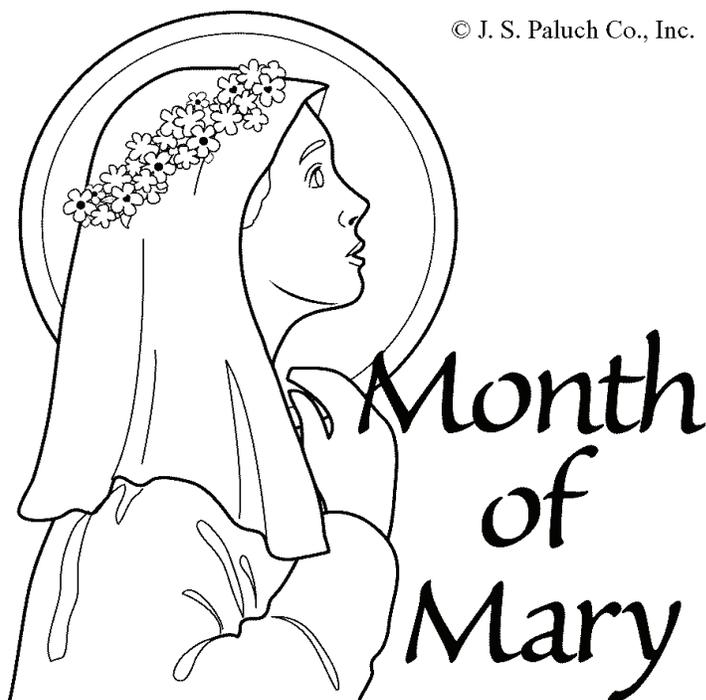
Pope Paul said that throughout the month of May the Church should “offer our pleas to the Mother of God with greater devotion and confidence, so that we may obtain her favor and her blessings.” Despite the fact that human sin causes great suffering, and provokes God’s justice, and deserves punishment, “we must not forget that 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. As we again see war in the east and feel the unease of that war spreading, let us call on our Blessed Mother and ask her to give us peace in this month dedicated to her.

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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