



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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

LUKE 21:17-18

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NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 10,263.07
Building Fund	\$ 262.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 365.00

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Numa Aucoin, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert Brown, Kyle Cabalero, Charles Chustz, Sadie Collins, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, 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 La-Comb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Gail Metz, David Mohr, Sheldon Moses, Vickie Mounger, Phyllis Naquin, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Nora Porche, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

God 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.

11/18 Rel. Ed Grades 6th-8th
@ 5:15pm.
KC 4th Degree Meeting
@ 6pm.

11/19 No Rel. Ed Class.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm#2.

11/20 No Rel. Ed Class.
Peer Bereavement Meeting
@ 5:30pm.
1st Reconciliation Service
@ 6pm.
KC Officers Meeting
@ 7pm.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Briggs Whitten Bergeron, child of Boyd Jaren Bergeron & Victoria Simon Bergeron.

Sympathy

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

Family of **James Davis, Sr.**

Family of **Inez Gremillion.**

Family of **Emmett Jarreau.**

Special Collection

The annual collection for the **Campaign for Human Development** will be taken up **next** weekend, **November 23rd and 24th**. We kindly ask for your generosity for this cause.

Advent Seminar

This Advent, learn how to defend the Blessed Mother using the Bible! **Scott Smith** is giving a series of three talks in December based on his new book **Everything You Need to Know About Mary**. Scott will teach how the Virgin Mary is the New Eve, the New Ark, and the New Queen of Israel, respectively.

When: **Thursdays, December 5th, 12th & 19th**

Where: **Immaculate Conception Church**

Time: **6pm**

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

As you know, we end each of our Sunday Masses with a Marian hymn in Latin. There are four of these hymns that we use throughout the year. These are traditionally sung at the end of Night Prayer by those who pray the Divine Office (aka "The Liturgy of the Hours"). Each one is assigned to different liturgical seasons. They are beautiful and helpful prayers that both acknowledge the important role of Mary as mother of our Lord, and invoke her assistance. Until recently, Catholics throughout the ages have known and prayed these centuries' old hymns.

While we are in Ordinary Time after Pentecost until Advent, we sing the best known of these hymns, the *Salve Regina*. This is the *Hail Holy Queen*, prayed at the end of the Rosary. It dates back to the 11th century. Christopher Columbus had his men sing this hymn every evening at sunset while sailing across the Atlantic. The prayer in English: *Hail holy queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, o loving, o sweet Virgin Mary.*

In a couple of weeks we will start singing the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. It is sung from the first Sunday of Advent until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This prayer tells of Gabriel's announcement, and of Mary's divine motherhood. The earliest version is from the 11th Century. In English it says: *Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners.*

On the feast of the Presentation we switch over to the *Ave Regina Caelorum*, which we sing all the way through Lent until Easter Sunday. Its earliest appearance was in the 12th century. This prayer in English says: *Hail, queen of heaven, hail lady of the angels. Hail, root, hail the door through which the Light of the world is risen. Rejoice, glorious Virgin, beautiful above all. Hail, O very fair one, and plead for us to Christ.*

Finally, during the Easter Season until Pentecost we sing the *Regina Caeli*. The text first appeared about the year 1200. In English: *Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia; for He whom thou was chosen to bear, alleluia; has risen as He said, alleluia; pray for us to God, alleluia.*

I know that Latin can be challenging, and singing the same songs every Sunday can be tiresome. But this is the best way for us to learn the traditional prayers, and become familiar with an old and beautiful Catholic custom. Many people like to greet and talk to their friends and family after Mass, to catch up or just wish each other well as we celebrate Sunday. Shouldn't we want to do the same with Mary? She is our heavenly mother. Our parish is named in her honor, so it is doubly fitting that we conclude our Masses by acknowledging her presence, thanking her for her *fiat* to God which gave us our Lord, and asking her for her prayer as we leave the church.

As we conclude this liturgical year and begin a new one with the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* in Advent, I strongly encourage everyone to commit themselves to singing and praying these hymns at the end of each Mass, and giving Mary the honor and respect she deserves.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Box For Socks! Ministry To Nursing Home Residents

Our 1st and 2nd graders will hold their annual drive to collect new socks for local nursing home residents. They are asking for your help so that they will have "plenty" of warm socks to bring to the residents.

Please leave men's or ladies socks in the box outside the **Office of Christian Formation** by **Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

If you are interested in making a monetary donation instead, please place your donation in an envelope labeled **Nursing Home** and kindly drop it in the mail slot at the Office of Christian Formation.

