



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: 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.

Solemnity of All Saints

Beloved,
**we are God's
children now;**
what we shall be
has not yet
been revealed.

1 John 3:2

November 1, 2020

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Flowers

Flowers on the altar last weekend were kindly donated by the family in loving memory of Gerald Henry and Joseph “Jay” McLin.

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 6,934.00

Mission Appeal \$ 423.00

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

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Shaunda Allement, Trevor Allement, Tim Amond, Gary Bello, Shirley Blauvelt, Kyle Cabalero, Linda Cheek, Brittany Collins, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, Ronald Decuir, Wanda Decuir, Malachi Engen, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Pamela Vicknair Harrington, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janey Lively, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Rob Melacon, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Christine Patin, Corey Patin, David Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Michael Roche, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Anna Graves Smith, Timmy Smith, Sr., James Thames, Sonny Tra-beaux, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

11/01 All Saints' Day.
Daylight Savings Time Ends.
Rel. Ed Class Grade 11th
@ 9:30am.

11/02 All Souls' Day Mass
@ 12pm.

11/03 Rel. Ed Class Grade 2nd
@ 5pm.
PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm#2.

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Able Robert Heaton, child of Alexander Clodius Heaton & Kinsi Leger Heaton.

Food Bank Thanksgiving

The ICC Food Bank is busy making preparations for Thanksgiving. Each year, we do our best to supply the Food Bank participants with a special Thanksgiving box, which includes a turkey. If you would like to help by making a monetary donation, please contact **Kris Chustz** at **(225) 620-7507**.

Blessing of St. Bernadette Statue

The blessing of the St. Bernadette statue will take place on **Sunday, November 1st**, after **11am Mass**. Many thanks to those who donated the statue, in memory of **Mrs. Bobbi Bizette**. We also wish to thank **Joe Porche** and **James Robert** who both donated and built the brick pillar.

2020 Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

November 25th

Regular 8am Mass.
Thanksgiving Mass at 6pm.

November 26th

No Mass.

November 27th

Regular 8am Mass.

From The Pastor's Desk

A reflection by Pope Benedict XVI on All Souls day in 2008:

In Christ,

November, the last month of the liturgical calendar, is the month we remember the Four Last Things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. The month begins with the celebration of those who have victoriously entered into heaven. As we commemorate their holy example, we also ask for their prayers as we begin this month of praying for those members of the Church who have not entered into heaven. We, the Church Militant, are still in need of their prayers as we battle in this life, and must keep the reality of our mortality always before us (*Memento Mori* – “Remember that you must die”). The Church Suffering, those souls in Purgatory, are also in need of prayer, as they suffer the process of purification in anticipation of entering heaven.

A soul with any defilement cannot enter into heaven (Rev. 21:27). Thus the Church has always taught us to pray for those who have died. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead those who thought “well and religiously concerning the resurrection.” It was believed that “they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them” and that “it is therefore a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins” (2 Maccabees 12:38-46).

One of the most gracious things we can do for the deceased faithful in purgatory is to obtain indulgences for them. An indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the first to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial. Another opportunity for plenary indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory is granted to the faithful, who on the day of All Souls Day, November 2, piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the creed be recited. (To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the usual conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father.) We will have Mass for All Souls at 12PM on Monday, November 2nd.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Yesterday the feast of All Saints brought us to contemplate ‘your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother’. Today, with our heart still turned toward this ultimate reality, we commemorate all of the faithful departed, who have ‘gone before us marked with the sign of faith and... who sleep in Christ’. It is very important that we Christians live a relationship of the truth of the faith with the deceased and that we view death and the afterlife in the light of Revelation. Already the Apostle Paul, writing to the first communities, exhorted the faithful to ‘not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since’, he wrote, ‘we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep’. Today too, it is necessary to evangelize about the reality of death and eternal life, realities particularly subject to superstitious beliefs and syncretism, so that the Christian truth does not risk mixing itself with myths of various types.

In my Encyclical on Christian hope, I questioned myself about the mystery of eternal life. I asked myself: ‘Is the Christian faith a hope that transforms and sustains the lives of people still today?’ And more radically: ‘Do men and women of our time still long for eternal life? Or has earthly existence perhaps become their only horizon?’ In reality, as St Augustine had already observed, all of us want a ‘blessed life’, happiness. We rarely know what it is like or how it will be, but we feel attracted to it. This is a universal hope, common to men and women of all times and all places. The expression ‘eternal life’ aims to give a name to this irrepressible longing; it is not an unending succession of days, but an immersion of oneself in the ocean of infinite love, in which time, before and after, no longer exists. A fullness of life and of joy: it is this that we hope and await from our being with Christ.

Today we renew the hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ’s death and Resurrection. ‘I am risen and I am with you always’, the Lord tells us, and my hand supports you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands and I will be there even to the gates of death. Where no one can accompany you any longer and where you can take nothing with you, there I will wait for you to transform for you the darkness into light. Christian hope, however, is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always effects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries. Mary, Star of Hope, renders our faith in eternal life stronger and more authentic, and supports our prayer of suffrage for our deceased brethren.

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