



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

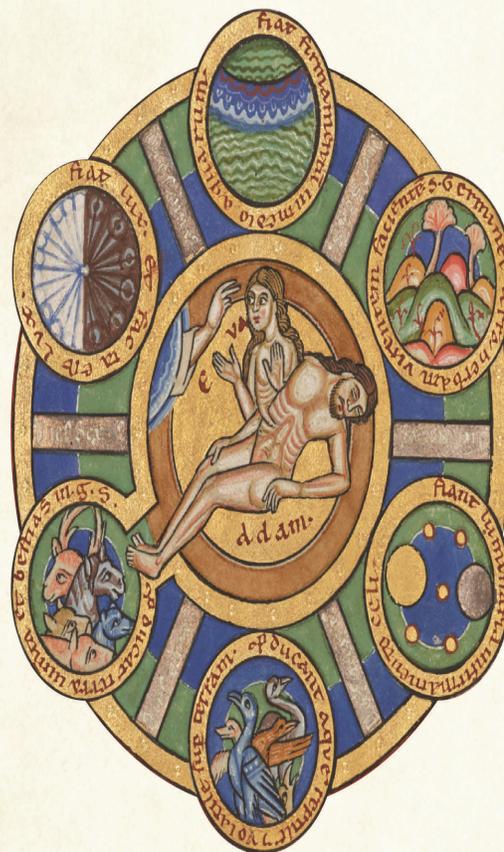
Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

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.

From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



Detail, Anonymous, *The Creation of the World*, Germany, c. 1170s

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;

Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Blood Drive Winners

1st Place: Ricky Brouillette

2nd Place: Shirley Alpough

3rd Place: Harold Lloyd

Sincerest thanks to everyone who helped make this year's blood drive a huge success. We had a total of **45** individuals who generously donated blood. Their donations will help to make a big difference in the lives of so many.

You are all true life savers!

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

Leslie Aguillard, Daniel Allemond, Tim Amond, Roy Ancona, Evelyn Babin, Linda Beauvis, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Jewel K. Cutrer, Brilynn Davis, Betty Decou, Mary Doris Deculus, Alcide Delapasse, Carroll Devillier, Malachi Engen, Deborah Fountain, Anna Grace Fremin, Elizabeth Gosserand, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, James Joseph, Judy Joseph, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Corey Patin, Christine Patin, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Nancy Racca, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Jackie Scott, Anna Graves Smith, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

10/03 Rel. Ed Class Grades 9th-11th
@ 9:30am.

10/04 Rel. Ed Class Grades 6th-8th
@ 5:15pm.

10/05 Rel. Ed Class Grades 1st & 2nd
@ 5pm.

10/06 Rel. Ed Class Grades 3rd-5th
@ 5pm.

Your Stewardship

Collections \$ 7,249.00

ACTS of Point Coupee Retreat

A Women's retreat for ACTS OF POINTE COUPEE is now underway. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church or on the parish website. This retreat is for women 18 years old or older living in Pointe Coupee Parish. This three day/three night retreat is the perfect opportunity to build on your personal relationship with Christ. **Deadline** to register is **October 8** and registration forms should be mailed to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cottonport (address on form.) Space is limited and you will be contacted around October 17 to inform you of your acceptance. More detail about ACTS and this retreat can be found on your parish website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Stephanie Armand** at (318) 729-4637, **Janice Newton** at (225) 936-3361 or **Laurie Gauthier** at (318) 308-4310.

25th, 50th, 65th & Over Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Due to the on-going threat posed by the relentless spread of the Covid 19 virus, the Diocese has elected **not** to host the annual Anniversary Mass for married couples this year. At the same time, Bishop Duca would still like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of these anniversary couples who are models of selfless love for our Church community. Therefore, the Bishop has chosen to send certificates and a personal message from him to couples who are celebrating 25, 50 and over 65 years of marriage during 2021.

Couples in our parish who are celebrating one of these milestones are asked to visit the Parish Office to pick up the certificate registration form. Please do not delay, as the deadline is **Friday, October 22, 2021.**

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

There are two feast days this coming week which are especially pertinent to current events. Monday October 4th is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and Thursday October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Both of these days are relevant to the ongoing resurgence of Islam in the world and the overall animosity towards authentic Christianity.

St. Francis of Assisi is famous for his love of nature and living a radically ascetical life. What is not well known is that one of his life goals was to convert Muslims to Christianity. He supported the Crusades, and he personally traveled with crusaders into Egypt where he preached to Muslims. St. Francis crossed over the battle lines where he was arrested, chained, beaten, and taken before the local sultan. He preached to the sultan that he had come out of love for them, to convert them for the salvation of their eternal souls. It would have been standard for the Muslims to behead St. Francis, but instead the sultan was moved by his genuine concern. After many days, and more preaching, St. Francis was eventually released and departed with the sultan's respect. According to some accounts, that sultan, al-Malik, converted to Christianity on his death bed.

In 1571, three hundred years after the death of St. Francis, one of the most important naval battles in world history occurred; the Battle of Lepanto. The Muslim Ottoman Empire was advancing into the more western parts of the world, including Europe. The Ottomans had conquered and enslaved many Christians already by this time and planned to expand. In response to the threat, Pope St. Pius V organized a Christian navy to confront the much stronger Ottomans on the west coast of Greece. The Christians were severely outnumbered, less experienced, and less advanced. Pope Pius, knowing the disadvantage and yet the incredible importance, required all Catholics to pray the Rosary on the day of battle. Even the sailors on the ships were given rosaries to be prayed when not in battle. It wasn't long before the pope was informed that the Christian navy had won such a resounding victory that they destroyed nearly the entire Ottoman navy and released many of their slaves. The Ottomans never recovered and were thus unable to ever seriously threaten Western Europe again. The pope declared that day of the battle, October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which was later renamed Our Lady of the Rosary.

In these feasts we should be encouraged to pray and work for the conversion of our enemies, especially those who do not know Christ. While there is the threat of radical Islam growing in the world and spreading west, there is also the pervasive threat of anti-Christian secularism already in the west. St. Francis and the Battle of Lepanto demonstrate the strength that authentic and coura-

geous Catholic faith can have against the worst odds. There is no greater weapon against the rising tide of Islam and secularism than the true faith of Catholicism. But it must be shared and defended with zeal out of love for God and our enemies. Rather than falling to fear or despair at what seems to be our desperate situation in the world, we should pray for the zeal that Francis had when facing the sultan, and the fortitude that the sailors had at Lepanto. We should all take up our rosaries this week, and all the time, to pray for victory over our enemies, and for their conversion.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." – Pope Blessed Pius IX

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Request For Help

Each year there are a few of our families, who, for one reason or another, we ask for help with paying their religious education fees. Registration fees are \$25.00 per child, but of course any amount you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please drop donations off at the Office of Christian Formation, in the front door mail slot. You may also mail donations to:

Office of Christian Formation
Attn. Mrs. Dina Tunstall.
P.O. Box 158, Lakeland, LA 70752.

Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

Blessing of the Graves Saturday, October 30th

Morning mass will begin at **8am** at Chenal Cemetery (weather permitting). Blessing of the Graves at **9am**. Lakeland Cemetery immediately follows.

All Saints' Day Monday, November 1st

Mass

12 Noon & 6pm

All Souls' Day Tuesday, November 2nd

Mass

6pm

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