



# 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.



### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*September 8, 2019*

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for  
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14



## Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;  
Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;  
1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

## Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 9,609.48
Building Fund	\$ 1,981.00
Catholic University	\$ 517.00

## Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Numa Aucoin, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert Brown, Kyle Cabalero, Charles Chustz, Sadie Collins, Brittany Costello, John David, Ronald Decuir, Landon Dickinson, Shannan Everett, Annelle Fontenot, Deborah Fountain, Veronica Fusulier, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Audrey Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Pam Melon, Gail Metz, David Mohr, Sheldon Moses, Phyllis Naquin, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., 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.

- 09/08 Rel Ed Grades 9th-11th**  
@ 9:30am.  
**Blessing of Catechists & Teacher Orientation and Gathering**  
@ 11am.
- 09/09 Rel. Ed Grades 6th-8th**  
@ 5:15pm.
- 09/10 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd**  
@ 5:30pm.  
**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
@ 6:30pm.
- 09/11 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd-5th**  
@ 5:30pm.  
**Peer Bereavement Support Group**  
@ 5:30pm.

## Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former calmness, you are still the Master of land and sea. During this hurricane season, we turn to You. O Loving Father, spare us from past tragedies and protect us from future storms.  
Amen.

## Immaculate Conception Church 2019 Fall Fair "Laissez Bon Temps Rouler"

**When:** Saturday, September 21st

**Where:** Immaculate Conception Church Fairgrounds  
(Across From Chenal Cemetery)

**Time:** 11:00am till 11:00pm

<b>Ride Bracelets:</b>	<b>11am—3pm</b>	<b>\$20</b>
	<b>4pm—8pm</b>	<b>\$20</b>
	<b>Both Time Slots</b>	<b>\$35</b>

**Food, Music, Rides, Children's Games, Bingo, Crafts,  
Sweet Treats and More**

**Hope To See You There!**

# From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

Anger is a common topic in confession. It is often confessed and questioned about. "Is being angry a sin?" The short answer is no, anger is not, in and of itself, sinful. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that anger is "An emotion which is not in itself wrong, but which, when it is not controlled by reason or hardens into resentment and hate, becomes one of the seven capital sins." That capital sin is called "wrath."

Anger, as a passion, is neither good nor evil. It can be good when it is a reaction to an evil or injustice. For instance, when one falls into sin, or sees the sin of another, then the emotion of anger can be the negative reaction to that evil. It is the natural repugnance that we ought to have to evil. It is our passionate desire to set right something that has gone wrong. The best anger is not about "getting even" with a person who may have done wrong, but about preserving and restoring the good; the good for ourselves, the community, and even the person who did wrong. St. Thomas Aquinas regards it a vice to *not* get angry about things one should. He calls it "unreasonable patience." A failure to correct an evil doer encourages them to persist in their evil deeds, since there are no reprimands for their wrong actions. It also causes confusion in the community over what is truly right and wrong, and thus may lead even good people to do evil.

Our culture is often backwards in this regard. Many, including even some in the Church, think it is wrong to be angry about sin or error, but inconsistently will become angry about amoral issues. We are "unreasonably patient" with things like abortion, sexual perversion, heresy, liturgical abuse, and sacrilege; but irate about things like pronoun usage, unequal representation in media, and use of traditional forms of liturgy. This demonstrates why, like all emotions, anger must remain subordinate to human reason. We should want to be angry about things that matter, and avoid erroneous anger. There are a few helpful considerations we can make.

First, why am I angry? We should determine if there really is an evil that has made us angry. If no objective evil or injustice can be identified, then our anger may be unjustified. Someone's bad habit that might be annoying, but not evil, is not valid for anger. Nor is someone's difference in opinion necessarily grounds for anger.

Secondly, am I angry because I am *personally* offended? Pride and impatience can cause us to become angry at things that are not evil. We become angry, not because something is evil, but because it offends, annoys, or hurts *me*. Just because something offends our ego does not mean it is evil, and just because something is evil does not mean we should take it personally. Our anger should not be connected only to our personal feelings about something or someone, and ought to be rooted in a hatred for evil and injustice.

Related, we can ask ourselves if our anger is tempered by charity. Anger should be directed primarily at the perceived evil, and not be allowed to fester, out of the personal offense taken, into hatred of the person guilty of the perceived evil. Charity means to will the good, whereas hatred is to will harm and eradication. We ought to have a charity for people, and hatred towards evil – never a desire for harm or eradication of a person. Certainly in many cases justice demands punishment and retribution of the person doing wrong, but it ought not be done out of vengeance for vengeance sake, but out of charity and justice. The person doing wrong is hurting themselves by doing it, and it can be charitable to correct them. We can be angry at the sin, even out of and in relation to our love for the sinner.

Fourthly, we ought to ask if our anger is proportionate to the perceived evil. Different levels of evil demand different levels of anger. Our anger at someone being late for an appointment should not resemble our anger at murder. We should rationally consider if this level of anger is appropriate to this perceived evil, and temper it accordingly.

Finally, after we have figured out if our anger is justifiable, proportionate, for the right reason (not egotistical), and directed at the right object (evil/injustice), then we can ask ourselves what can be done with that anger.

When Jesus became angry in the Temple, he attacked the evil by cleansing the Temple. Like our Lord, we have to identify the evil and then rationally consider what the best response to this evil is. Jesus had authority to cleanse the Temple. We do not always have that authority. Sometimes we may only have the ability to point out the evil and injustice, or offer suggestions on how to correct it, or if possible and necessary, find ways to resist that evil within our given position. Our anger at a perceived evil does not justify going beyond our given authority. For instance a parent has more authority to correct the wrong doing of his or her own child than someone who is not the child's parents. Likewise, law enforcement and judges have certain authorities in society that others do not have.

Most importantly, we can all pray. If our anger is justifiable, then prayer is always a good first and last response. Pray to have righteous and proportionate anger, and not be complacent about great evil, or excessive about minor personal offences. Pray for an end to the perceived evil. Pray for the person committing the evil. Pray for those affected by the evil. Pray out of love for all involved – a desire for their good – and out of a hatred for evil. Finally, pray for the grace to respond to evil with virtue, without pride, but with humility and charity. Remember that Jesus conquers our sins with patient mercy, and requires we do the same for others.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd