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Passion of the Lord

The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
 Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
 9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesday 6:00 pm followed by
 Novena/Benediction
 Holy Days As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:50 p.m.
 Friday 8:00-8:20 a.m.
 Saturday 2:45-3:45 p.m.
 Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
 Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are answered immediately. Home visitation is for the sick and shut-in. Hospital visits are weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

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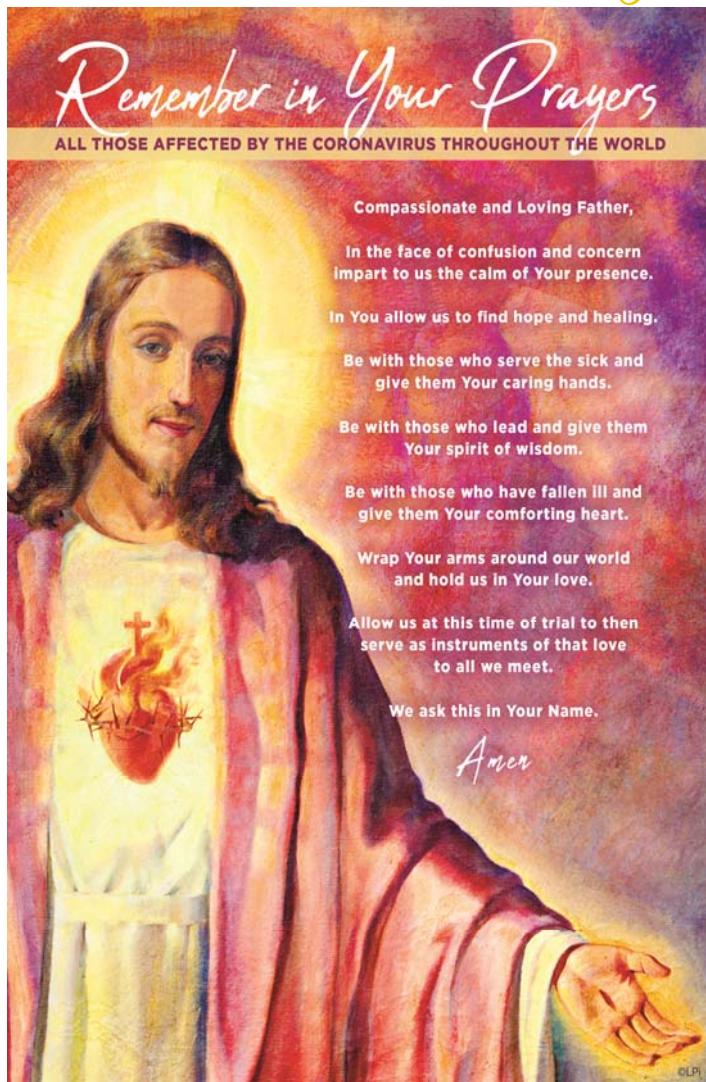
Information for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



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Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

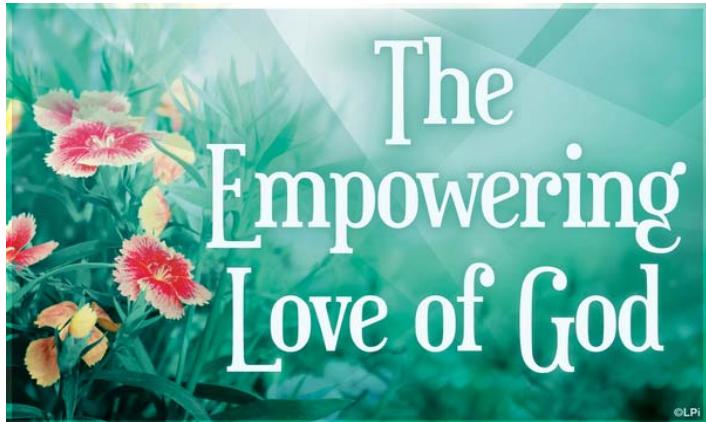
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- Immaculate Conception has a YouTube channel! **ICC Denham Springs.** Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCphQiz8K823AddVIR872xcg?pbjreload=10>. Click subscribe.
- ICC website: icc-msh.org. We will post updates, prayers and materials on the front page under "Coronavirus 2020"
- Facebook: Church of the Immaculate Conception and Mission of the Sacred Heart. *Like us* and you will start receiving newsfeeds on your Facebook account.
- Daily live Mass with Bishop Duca (Monday - Saturday at 8:30 am)
<http://www.catholiclifetv.org/watch-live/catholic-life-tv-s-24-hours-live-broadcast>
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Special Announcements

The church will remain open from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. every day for private prayer. Please continue to distance yourselves if there are other people in the church with you. There is a table as you enter the church with important updated information along with *The Grapevine* and Spiritual Communion Prayer cards for your convenience.

All Masses have been suspended until further notice. For more details, please read the current statement from Bishop Duca at: <http://www.diobr.org/2017-07-11-14-43-21/covid19-english>

At this time, there are no scheduled reconciliation services or times. If you are in need of reconciliation, please call the church office at 225-665-5359 and leave a message with Fr. Frank or Fr. Raj so they may schedule a private time with you.

The church and religious education offices are closed until the "Stay at Home" mandate has been lifted. We will be checking messages periodically through our extensions which will be listed on the answering machine message. Church office: 225.665.5359; Religious education office: 225.665.5926.

Consideration of Our Christian Commitment: Passion Sunday/Holy Week

This Sunday, known popularly as Palm Sunday, and “officially” as Passion Sunday, begins the most solemn time of the Church Year. We will begin with the blessing of palms at the recorded Eucharist which will be shown on our parish website and also on YouTube. (see the bulletin article for more information if you don’t already know how to do it). The palm crosses will be available for you to pick up anytime this Sunday or during Holy Week. A basket will be in the rear of the church which is open from 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. We cannot process with them this year but with a stretch of the imagination, when you drive home with your palm cross on the seat of the car with you, you can remember both Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem 2,000 years ago and that He is still a part of our journey today, from our parish church to our home, and wherever we go.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are days of preparation. They will be days of preparation in many ways, different ways. We will not be cleaning and preparing the church for the Triduum but we can make our homes, our domestic churches ready to celebrate Easter with our families and via the Easter Eucharist on our parish website or YouTube. We can also use these days to complete our own personal and spiritual preparation to enter into the Lord’s Triduum. Reconciliation is not scheduled but we can prayerfully prepare in our own ways.

The Sacred Triduum will begin Holy Thursday in the evening at seven o’clock with the Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper. We hope to live stream this service at 7:00. The Eucharist of the Lord’s Supper will not include the washing of feet of representatives of the parish this year, and there will be no procession and Adoration after the Eucharist as we usually have done.

The Sacred Triduum will continue on Good Friday, with the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 3:00 p.m. We are planning to live stream this service but on Good Friday, the church will be locked out of necessity. At this service we will proclaim the Passion of the Lord, have Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Prayers, joining in prayer for each other and the world as Our Lord prayed from His cross. We invite you to pray with us and to perhaps pray the Stations of the Cross alone or as a family this day.

The Easter Triduum will continue Holy Saturday. There will be no Easter Vigil this year, but the Easter Sunday Eucharist will be recorded and available Easter Sunday, again on our website and YouTube. The Baptism of our Elect and Confirmation for them and the Candidates for Full Communion would usually take

place then but obviously we will not be able to do it Holy Saturday this year. However, we remember that there are 50 days of Easter which doesn’t conclude until Pentecost, which this year is on May 31. I am confident we will be able to baptize, receive and confirm our Elect by then, and celebrate with them around the Table of the Lord during this Easter Season.

The Sacred Triduum continues Easter Sunday and comes to its conclusion with Evening Prayer. Perhaps, Easter Sunday evening when day is done, you can gather with family for a short prayer thanking the good Lord for sharing His Risen Life with us.

This may sound strange though we have been told to stay home and not travel unless necessary, but once the Triduum begins, the Church has observed during the Triduum a sacred silence. The Church Fathers such as St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, and other early Christian writers speak of the Triduum as a time when the whole world quietly mourns the death of the Savior and awaits the Resurrection. For this reason, once the Triduum begins Holy Thursday evening, even in normal times we have nothing scheduled in church. We have already been doing this, but the idea of “sacred silence” might give an added spiritual meaning to what we are already doing. **The other Sacraments and Sacramentals such as Communion to the Sick, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick are usually only celebrated during the Triduum in emergencies – if a person is near death.**

It is good that we try in the midst of this special time, different from other years, to stay as recollected as we can and remember in prayer, when we may have a quiet moment to ourselves, those who are on the Triduum Journey with us especially our **Elect and Candidates for Full Communion.** If you can, it would be nice to send



notes to those whose names you received at the beginning of Lent to pray for. Individual photographs of our Elect are in the church foyer so you can associate names and faces.

This Lent has been a journey like none I have ever made. Someone called it “the Lentiest Lent I have ever Lent.” This is my last Lent, Holy Week and Easter as an assigned pastor (not exactly what you call “going out with a bang!”), and I feel blessed for having made it with you. Thanks for your prayerful support, both personally and for the parish. It is always good to journey together, not only in Lent, but throughout the year, throughout our days. Love,

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RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation of
Adults/Children

Please be assured that we are making every effort to plan for your reception into the Church during Easter. Remember that the Easter season is 50 days beginning at Easter Sunday and ending at Pentecost. Once we are able to gather again for Mass, we will set the date and let you know as soon as possible. Again this Sunday, we will live stream our RCIA sessions on our Facebook page at the times on your original schedule.

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

Our goal is to have sessions at the times which are on your original schedule. We will make modifications as needed. Below is a list of sessions to watch.

Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 AM—Presentation on the Triduum.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone is welcome to find and watch RCIA's presentations on Facebook. Search with keywords: RCIA at Immaculate Conception.

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

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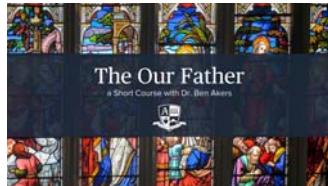
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This is a great opportunity to see all that FORMED has to offer for every member of your family during this time of social distancing and staying home with your families. Here are some hi-lights:

Faith at Home

The Our Father: A Short Course with Dr. Ben Akers 6 Episodes



When asked what they should say in prayer, the Lord gives his disciples the "Our Father." This prayer is considered a gift from the Lord and one that we should especially turn to in times of crisis. This series will go line by line through the prayer highlighting what it meant to Jesus' first century audience and what it means for us today.

Mass at Home

Live Stream Masses at different place all over the world.

School at Home

Forgiven—9 Episodes



The Transforming Power of Confession, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental preparation programs. As a FORMED subscriber, you have access to all 9 sessions of the Parish Edition in English. *Forgiven* explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pray at Home

- Divine Mercy 101 with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
- Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- Walking with Jesus: The Rosary Prayers in Song—Let your heart be filled with the joy of God's wonderful love as you listen to these moving songs depicting the life, death, Resurrection, and glory of His Son through the prayers of the Rosary.

FORMED is updated frequently so please sign up!

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April 4, 2020 - April 12 2020

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: 04/04/20—04/05/20

Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Sam Guzzardo†; Ron Matherne†; Carley Ann Ensminger†; Leta Lowe†; Virgil & Mary Brown†; Lorraine K. Sauvage†; Brett Burns†; Trudy & Joey Waguespack†; Ethal Chutz†; Georgina “GiGi” Bradley†; Kathy Alello†; Kathy Caruso; Cecile Kling†; Anthony Grande†; Bro. John Keplinger, OMI†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Mary Alyce Burnett†; Mary Guidry†; Robert Adams, Jr.†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Jr.†; Lynwood Stafford, Sr.†; Tom Petrus†; Helen L. Barber†; Karen Merritt†; Traci Wagner†; Waldine Leger†; Phillip John Bilski†; Melvin Higginbotham†.

MONDAY: 04/06/20

Bill Collier†; Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

TUESDAY: 04/07/20

George Sterba†; Chiappetta-Bubrig Family†.

WEDNESDAY: 04/08/20

Open Intention.

THURSDAY 04/09/20—HOLY THURSDAY

Kari Beckman.

FRIDAY: 04/10/20—GOOD FRIDAY

NO MASS INTENTIONS.

SUNDAY: 04/12/20

Kathy Caruso; J. E. Lowe†; Kathy Alello†; Cecile Kling†; Marci Perault; Evelyn Theriot†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Mary Boyert†; Phillip John Bilski†; Mary Guidry†; Carolyn Sue Barcelona†; Robert Vigil & Family†; Otha Mack†; Gerald Newman, Sr.†; Parishioners.

PLEASE NOTE: Masses are still being celebrated **PRIVATELY** by Fr. Frank and Fr. Raj offering up all the intentions previously scheduled.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 04/05/20—04/12/20

Burns in memory of **M/M BILL CHIAPPETTA**.

Stump the Deacon!

Stump the deacon – A few weeks ago, I mentioned that a plenary indulgence could be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross. What is an indulgence?

Even after our sins have been forgiven, those sins still disrupt our relationship with God, our Church, and other members of the Body of Christ. As a result, we need to purify our souls before we can enter heaven because of the justice owed to God. We need to make some retribution to God for the sins we have committed. This is called *temporal punishment* for our sins. This cleansing of our soul can take place either here on earth or in purgatory.

An *indulgence* is a gift to us from God through the Church by which we can be forgiven this *temporal punishment*. An indulgence is either partial or plenary; it can remove only

Worship • Stump the Deacon

part of the punishment due (a partial indulgence) or all of the punishment due (a plenary indulgence). Indulgences may be applied to either yourself or the dead.

There are many acts of devotions where we can obtain a plenary indulgence. One such devotion is to participate in the Stations of the Cross; however, due to the Coronavirus, we are not allowed to celebrate this rite until further notice, and most of us are stuck in our house. So, what is left; how can we obtain this plenary indulgence?

On March 19, 2020 (St. Joseph’s feast day), the Vatican issued a decree granting special indulgences to those affected by the Coronavirus. It states:

“The Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father’s intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.”

During this pandemic, one might not be able to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. One might still receive this Plenary Indulgence at the point of death, provided they are duly disposed (they want it) and have recited a few prayers in their lifetime. The use of a crucifix is recommended.

If you want to access the full document, google: *Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic*.

—Deacon George Hooper; ghooper@icc-msh.org

Parish Life ♦ Outreach

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us on ICC Facebook. We will continue the novena every evening leading up to the **Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 18.**

If you've been following Pope Francis, you no doubt are aware of his strong emphasis on mercy since becoming pope. During one of his homilies, Pope Francis said, "it is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must!" This reflects directly on the words of Christ regarding his abyss of mercy which he gave to Faustina saying, "**The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was wide opened by the lance for all souls—no one have I excluded!**" (Notebook III item 1182).



Pope Francis tells us God's mercy is indeed an abyss beyond our understanding, and it is through God's unfathomable mercy that Pope Francis is trying to reach souls. Pope Francis said, "I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds, then we can talk about everything else." Mercy is, after all, about meeting a person where they are – wounds and all, just as Christ meets us where we are at.

October 25, 2018-Pope Francis and Divine Mercy by Judy Keane

Readings for the week of 4/05/20

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
[2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt
26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25
and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-
13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk
23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-
18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—
15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-
12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps
19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4
[42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
[12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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Make a "spiritual communion" where we unite ourselves to God in prayer.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit
me to be separated from You.

Amen.

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