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May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter



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.

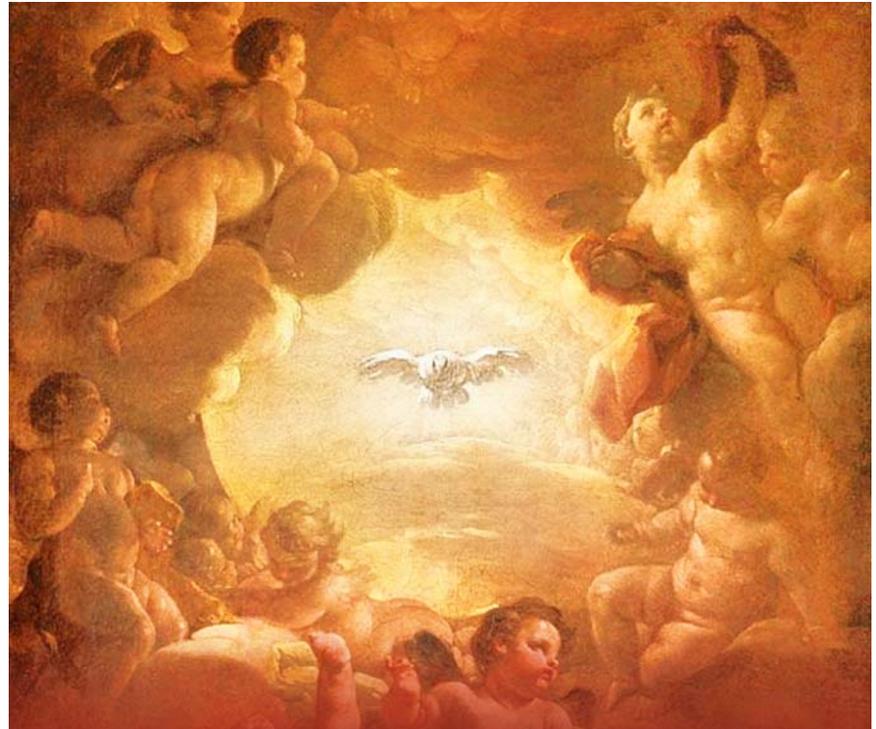
CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892.

FORMED: Go to <http://icc-msh.formed.org>, enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

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



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” - Jn 14:15-16

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Parish Life ♦ Outreach

Is Your Number Up?

Did you know that according to the American Heart Association, one in three adults is affected by high blood pressure? That is 73 million people! It also affects two million teens and children; many of these people are under-diagnosed.

High blood pressure or hypertension is “tension” in the arteries that carry the blood to the body. The more “tense” these arteries are the higher the blood pressure and the harder the heart has to work to get the blood out to the body. The top number or systolic reading is the pressure it takes for the heart to pump the blood out and the bottom number or diastolic is the pressure in the arteries as the heart relaxes after the contraction. Normal blood pressure is 120/80.

High blood pressure that is not controlled can lead to damage to the heart, kidneys or eyes, as well as hardening of the arteries and stroke. It is called the silent killer because it may not cause any symptoms while causing damage to these organs. Occasionally symptoms such as chest pain, confusion, ear noise or buzzing, irregular heartbeat, nosebleed, tiredness and vision changes may occur.

Blood pressure can be controlled by making lifestyle changes in diet (decrease salt, losing weight, eating more fruits and vegetables) and exercise or stopping smoking, decreasing stress and drinking alcohol in moderation as well as medication. If diagnosed with “pre-hypertension” the time to make the lifestyle changes is now. Most people with “pre-hypertension” go on to develop hypertension.

What is your number? The parish nurse does blood pressure checks on Monday mornings after Mass. Come check out your number.

Stephanie Gaudin
Parish nurse; nurse@icc-msh.org

Counseling Available

Catholic Charities is still providing services remotely – including behavioral health services. They are now offering tele-health counseling services during the Covid pandemic for new and existing clients and are using the same process as before. You are to call their office at 225.336.8708 to schedule an appointment. They have male and female licensed clinical social workers who are providing the services electronically. They are able to serve children, adults, and Spanish speaking clients.
<https://www.ccdiobr.org/>

Parish Life ♦ Announcements

Special Announcements

Please remember to wear your mask when you arrive for daily/weekend Masses. See Fr. Frank’s article on page 3 for further information on Phase One of re-opening our parish!

The Religious Education staff continues to take registrations over the phone. Call the office at 225.665.5926, leave your name and phone number, and Jane will call you to register your children. Children entering first grade in the fall must register for first grade religion this year in order to make First Eucharist in the second grade.



Class of 2020—We would like to recognize and congratulate all of our graduates of 2020 by printing their names in our bulletin.



Please email Elaine at elamath@icc-msh.org or call the church office at 665.5359 by May 20. All names will be printed in the June 7 *Grapevine*. You must call for your name to appear.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

- flocknote.com/iccds. Important on the spot text messaging to all parishioners. If you haven’t signed up yet, please do so by using the link above. 
- Immaculate Conception has a YouTube channel! **ICC Denham Springs**. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCphOiz8K823ADdVIR872xcg?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 seeing us in your newsfeed.
- **Sunday Eucharist**: Live streamed at 5:30 p.m. every Saturday on Facebook and You Tube.
- **COVID-19 Resource Center**—Communications & Resources from the Diocese of Baton Rouge during the Coronavirus Pandemic: <https://padlet.com/diobr/covid19>
- **Catholic Charities**—<https://www.ccdiobr.org/>

Consideration of Our Christian Commitment: Easter People

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus reminds us that He will always be with us, comforting words throughout the world at this time of our lives.



As we began the month of May, we had the May Crowning during the live streamed Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We appreciate Christina Boudreaux who did the crowning for us. We usually ask an expectant mother to do the crowning, and we were very happy to have her. The crown will remain on the statue of Mary during the month of May as we remember our prayer to her as our mother and patroness, especially during the time of this pandemic.



“Continuing the Mission” is the name given by Bishop Duca to the process we are undertaking, beginning to reopen the church, and resuming some of our ministries. I thought it would be good to share with you in writing what has been recommended and what we will be doing in the coming weeks.

Sunday and Daily Eucharist will resume in the church on **Friday, May 15th at 8:30 a.m., and Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17th at the usual Mass times.** **Because of physical distancing needs, we will not resume Sunday Eucharist at the Sacred Heart Mission now, but hope to be able to do so soon.**

The Sunday Eucharist obligation continues to be dispensed for all Catholics indefinitely. The Bishop encourages those 60 years of age, those with health issues or compromised immune systems, or anyone not comfortable with coming to remain home.

According to the directives of Governor Edwards, the church is set up for 25 % of the worship space for this first phase of the re-entry. Two-thirds of our pews have been ribboned off not to be occupied, and while families can sit together, we ask others to keep the six foot physical distancing in place which should make us compliant with 25% of occupancy. If there is an overflow, speakers have been set up **outside for those**

who wish to bring lawn chairs. In the main hall, chairs have been set up so the Eucharist can be heard. At Communion you can all enter the church, joining in the Communion procession, receive Communion and then leave the church. Holding hands and touching during prayer and the sign of peace is presently on hold. The church and large hall will be cleaned and sanitized on Fridays before Sunday use and on Mondays after Sunday use as well as after each Sunday Eucharist.

Parishioners are required to wear a mask while in the worship space. Communion will be in the hand, and the chalice will not be offered.

Liturgical Ministers: Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers must wear masks. Altar Servers will not be used during this phase of re-entry, and there will be only one lector proclaiming both readings. The choir will not be singing, and we will be using only cantors and musicians. **The Cry Room will be closed** and used for Liturgical Ministers.

A Collection Basket will be placed on the table in the foyer for your offertory/stewardship donations when you leave. The basket will not be passed during the Eucharist. The parish bulletins will be on each side of the collection basket.

Eucharist to the sick and homebound is on hold in this first phase of re-entry.

Sacramental Reconciliation will resume according to our normal schedule of Friday morning from 8:00 till 8:20; Saturday afternoon from 2:45 till 3:45; and Tuesday evening from 5:30 till 5:50. Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Reconciliation rooms again. The kneelers and curtains are temporarily removed for sanitary reasons. Parishioners in line are urged to remain six feet apart. As always, parishioners can call the parish office and schedule an appointment for Reconciliation.

The Adoration Chapel will remain open for prayer 24/7 but without the Blessed Sacrament. We hope to resume Perpetual Adoration on Sunday, June 13, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Announcements will follow when we are allowed to do so.

Wedding and Funeral Eucharists will not be celebrated during this first phase of re-entry. They are to be celebrated only with immediate family present.

Baptisms must be celebrated privately with only immediate family present.

We thank all of you for your warm and prayerful support during these times. They have been challenging days, but hopefully have also provided opportunities for growth in our appreciation of what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ. Wishing you God’s every blessing as we prepare for this first phase of re-entry. Let us keep one another in prayer; Love,

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Formation ♦ Community



RCIA
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Initiation of

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 session on our Facebook page.

**RCIA Sunday Morning Live Stream Sessions –
9:30 on Facebook: RCIA at Immaculate Conception**

- MAY 17** THE ADVOCATE (John 14:15-21)
Catechist: **Kevin Acord**
- MAY 24** THE COMMISSIONING OF THE
DISCIPLES (Matt 28:16-20)
Catechist: **Tim Shoun**

Please note: Anyone is welcome to watch these sessions each Sunday morning.

REGISTERING FOR THIS FALL'S RCIA

It may seem strange to post about the RCIA fall sessions before we have even welcomed our current group of Elect into the Church; however, there's a good bit of prep that goes into a smooth start-up. Now is the time to encourage family and friends who may be interested to register for RCIA's fall sessions. Registration is free and does not obligate you to continue, but it helps us know how many to prepare for. We order materials over the summer and plan the simple suppers we serve on Thursday nights, so knowing a general attendance number really helps. Of course, walk-ins are always welcome.

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

- Adults and school age children who have never been baptized
- Christians baptized in another faith
- Catholics who were baptized but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like a refresher

HOW TO REGISTER

- ⇒ Go to icc-msh.org/bulletin There you will see a registration form for either an adult or a child. You can send the completed form by email, or print it and mail or drop it by the church office.
- ⇒ Email tjackson@icc-msh.org and I will email you the registration form(s).
- ⇒ Come by the church office and pick up a form or fill it out there. I am in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00-4:00.

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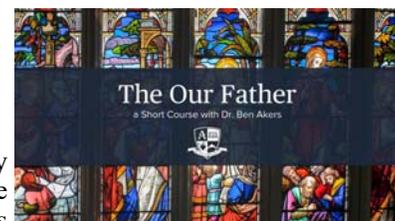
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especially now during this time in our world.
Living out the MISSION at HOME!

HOW TO REGISTER WITH FORMED: Go to <http://icc-msh.formed.org>, create a personal account with your user name/email and password, and start enjoying the best **FREE** Catholic content all in one place! (Disponible en Español!)

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 beginning the next phase of re-opening our communities. 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. <https://watch.formed.org/the-lord-s-prayer-praying-as-christ-taught-us>

The Faithful Traveler in Portugal
11 Episodes

In *The Faithful Traveler in Portugal*, Diana and David von Glahn explore some of the many sacred sites that dot the Portuguese landscape. From monasteries and convents to cathedrals and shrines, there is a lot for the faithful traveler to see in this amazing country, beginning with its most famous - Fátima - and including many breathtaking sacred sites throughout Portugal's beautiful cities of Lisbon, Santarem, Coimbra, Batalha, Alcobaca, Porto, Braga, and more! As the show's host, Diana von Glahn presents the history behind these awesome sacred sites in a fun and informative way that will inspire viewers to visit Portugal on their own or allow virtual travelers to see things they might never have seen! Just in time for pilgrims to begin planning their trips to World Youth Day in Lisbon, in 2022!

<https://watch.formed.org/the-faithful-traveler-in-portugal>

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

This series features 20 video and discussion sessions that bring together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. <https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained>

Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Community



May 16, 2020 - May 24, 2020

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: 05/16/20—05/17/20

Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Ethel Chutz†; Kathy Caruso; Mary Guidry†; John Blanchard†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Robert Adams, Jr.†; Carter Luster; Winnie & Noah Lachney, Sr.†; Lynwood Stafford, Jr.†; Lawrence & Clon Lachney†; Bruce McKnight†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Phillip John Bilski†; Parishioners.

MONDAY: 05/18/20

Open Intention.

TUESDAY: 05/19/20

Vivian Chiappetta†.

WEDNESDAY: 05/20/20

Elmic Leger†.

THURSDAY 05/21/20

M/M Walter Dugas, Sr.†.

FRIDAY: 05/22/20

John Durand†.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: 05/23/20-05/24/20

John H. Sehon†; Gwen Porche†; Ron Matherne†; Kathy Caruso; Paul Varnado; Chiquet/Samson Family†; Alext Theriot, Jr.†; Mary Guidry†; Lloyd deGeneres†; John Harris; Sheralee Zanovec†; Karen Merritt†; Lacey Griffin†; Parishioners†; Grant Johnson†; Mary McKnight†; Phillip John Bilski†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 05/24/20—05/23/20

Burns in memory of MARY MCKNIGHT.



We express our sympathy and prayers to Gina, Aslan and Cristan Bankston on the death of their mother and grandmother, MAMIE MERRIETT; to Kenneth D. Hite on the death of his wife, SHIRLEY P. HITE; to Melanie Sullivan on the death of her brother-in-law, JOSEPH C. BEAZER, to Gerald Charlet on the death of his mother, LUCY MAE CHARLET; and to the family and friends of HILDA BARBER FERACHI and DOROTHY THERESA HEBERT.

We would like to thank those who continue to send in contributions during this time! We appreciate your continued support. If you are not able to do online giving, you can mail your contributions to: PO Box 1609, Denham Springs, LA 70727 or drop them off at the Faith Formation Center mail box located outside the side entrance.



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icc-msh.weshareonline.org



Stump the Deacon!

Last week, you mentioned saying a daily rosary to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. What is so important about the rosary?

I think the saints and holy members of the Church can explain it better than I can.

Our Lady has over 100 titles. She selected this title at Fatima: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

St. Francis de Sales said the greatest method of praying is – Pray the Rosary.

St. Thomas Aquinas preached 40 straight days in Rome, Italy on just the Hail Mary.

St. John Vianney, patron of priests, was seldom seen without a rosary in his hand.

"The rosary is the scourge of the devil." – Pope Adrian

"The rosary is a treasure of graces." – Pope Paul V

St. Padre Pio said: "The rosary is THE WEAPON."

St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort wrote: "The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who so loves His Mother."

So, start saying the rosary and take Mary into your home just like St. John did after Jesus gave His mother to him, and to us, while He suffered on the cross.

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

May 3, 2020



Identified offertory givers:	\$	7,630.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	0.00
Easter Offering:	\$	60.00
Easter Flowers;	\$	20.00
Total Collected:	\$	7,710.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	420.00
Building Maintenance:	\$	725.00
Priest Retirement:	\$	195.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$	175.00

May 10, 2020



Identified offertory givers:	\$	13,553.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	0.00
Easter Offering:	\$	55.00
Commentator;	\$	194.00
Total Collected:	\$	13,877.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	592.20
Building Maintenance:	\$	3,008.00
Catholic Communications:	\$	65.00
Priest Retirement:	\$	30.00
Catholic Missions:	\$	15.00

Parish Life ♦ Outreach

Parish Life ♦ Worship

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

- SUN 5/17** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
- MON 5/18** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- TUE 5/19** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- WED 5/20** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- THR 5/21** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
- ASCENSION** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- FRI 5/22** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
- SAT 5/23** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- SUN 5/24** **ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

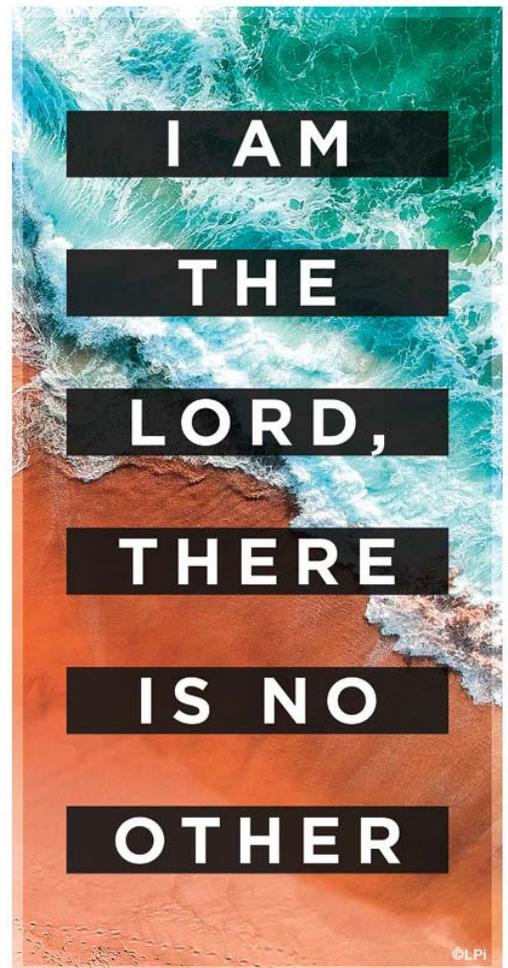
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.



*"In all your actions
seek in the first place the*

*Kingdom
of God
& his glory!*

-ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA