

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

– Catholic Church –

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June 18, 2023

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	7:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 11:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

San Damiano Chapel	
Open Weekdays	7:00 am



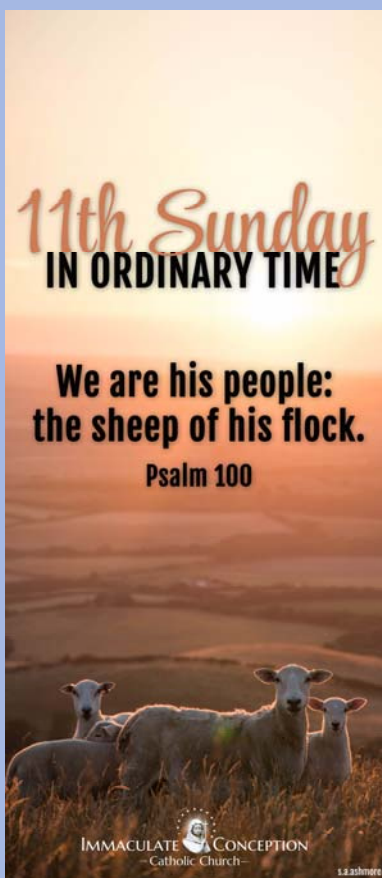
"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom
of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost
you have received; without cost you are to give."

Matthew 10:6-8

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Our Mission

*The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and
celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples
by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.*



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From the Pastor's Desk

A Holy Nation

Within the First Reading for Mass (Exodus 19:2-6a) for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time we read a message of God to Moses, "Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

The opportunity is placed before us on a daily basis: Do we hearken to the voice of the Lord and fulfill our commitment to His covenant with us or do we close our ears and live as we deem best? It's a question that affects us on a daily basis over the course of our entire lifetime. When we make the conscious choice for the Lord we grow in virtue and valor. It's not necessarily any easier the older we get but we can become accustomed to cooperating with His Grace and Mercy and grow to be more and more of "a holy nation." May the Lord help us to put Him at the heart and center of our lives so that we would be open to supporting our brothers and sisters in need on this journey of faith.

Fr. James



Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

Exodus 19:5-6

This Week's Readings

Sunday, June 18, *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day*
Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday, June 19, *St. Romuald, Abbot*
2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 20, *World Refugee Day*
2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 21, *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*
2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 22, *St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs*
2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 23
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 24, *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday, June 25, *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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Parish News

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*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15*



Join us for a
Farewell Celebration
to thank and honor
Father James Peterson
for his faithful and loving service
as pastor of our parish.
Saturday, June 24, 2023
Immaculate Conception Church
Fellowship Hall
6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 pm Program

Spiritual Bouquet for Father James

The farewell party for Fr. James is scheduled for next Saturday, June 24 after the 5:00 pm Mass. Please return Spiritual Bouquet cards **this weekend!** Cards and baskets for returns are available at all church entrances.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, June 20

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 24

Farewell Celebration for Fr. James 6:00 pm



FORMED Pick of the Week

The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist The Bible and Baptism | Episode 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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Trivia Time!

Catholic Trivia — Just for Fun!

Question: What is the title for a priest who is doing pastoral service in the United States military?

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Answer: Chaplain



Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

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 Kathy Fraser · Mary Fredenburg · Shawn Frederixon
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 Marge Klimek · Linda Kosloski · Joan Landberg · Anna Larson
 Steven Lauinger · Coletta Legatt · Tom Leight Sr.
 Janet Mihalik · Shawn Moulzolf · Dianne Redman
 Greg Sery · Martha Stwora · Elaine Thunstrom
 Skippy Vilorio · Lois Weyers · all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Dear Visitor,

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice Ministry

Coins for Social Justice

Collection Next Weekend, June 24-25!

Donations made using bills or checks should be placed in an envelope marked "Social Justice". Small envelopes can be found on tables at all entrances of the church. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice.

SACA Food Shelf



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(Practicing) Catholic

The Toy

"What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | ©LPi

Eucharistic Adoration

"A lamp to my feet is your word, a light to my path."

(Psalm 119)

People often ask, 'What do you do in the adoration chapel? Adorers come to the chapel to spend time in the presence of Jesus and to pray. Many say a Rosary or recite a Divine Mercy Chaplet. Other adorers read the Bible. Sometimes the Bible passages they read, become clearer and often speak to what is happening in their life at this time. In the chapel, there are Bibles, spiritual books, prayer pamphlets and other religious reading material for adorers to use during their adoration time. Come to our chapel and pray or read the Bible and see how the written Word speaks to you. All are welcome!



We are looking for more scheduled adorers. **We have the following open hours: Thursdays at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. We are also in need of partner adorers for many more hours.** If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled hour, or have questions about adoration, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Mass

Question: I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice, neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Without cost we have received, without cost we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one another with the same reckless love and mercy that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the world could change if we did.

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Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

—Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux
"Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life



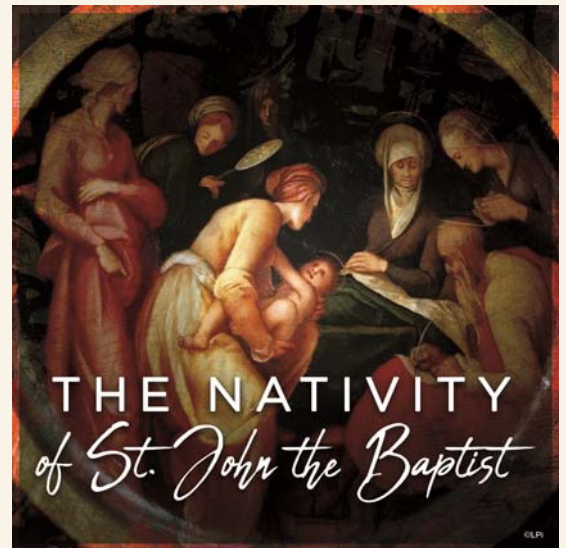
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 18

8:00 am +Virgil Moulzolf
10:00 am +Don Breza
11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, June 20

7:30 am +All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, June 21

7:30 am +Harvey and Helen Boser

Thursday, June 22

7:30 am Stephen Lauinger

Friday, June 23

7:30 am +Agnes Anderson

Saturday, June 24

5:00 pm +Fr. Thomas Kunnel

Sunday, June 25

8:00 am +Theodore Theis
10:00 am +Ambrose Christianson
11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

Church Directory

Emergency (Death/Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)

Parish

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Gospel Meditation

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— Father John Muir | ©LPI



June 22-29, 2023

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom. Daily prayers and reflections will be available at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.





August 4 - 6, 2023

Rain or Shine!

DAILY ADMISSION PRICING

Friday, Saturday
\$10.00 Admission

Sunday—Free

Purchase tickets online at ICSummerJam.org
or the parish office during the week.

Sunday—FAMILY DAY—Free Admission!

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Pre-assigned IC Summer Jam general raffle tickets are available for pick up in the back of church or in the parish office during the week. If we missed your name or you would like to buy/sell additional tickets, please call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

State regulations require that all tickets be accounted for, so please return all purchased ticket stubs with payment *and* un-purchased tickets to the Mass collection baskets or the parish office.

Volunteer—We Need You!

We need your help at IC Summer Jam, August 4-6! There are many volunteer opportunities available. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex of the church, so please check them out or sign-up online at ICSummerJam.org and contribute some of your time and talent to IC Summer Jam 2023. Thank you!

Volunteers get free admission on the day you volunteer!



An Invitation to Reminisce

In honor of our upcoming Centennial Celebration, over the course of the next year, we will have various representatives from our parish community share some of their favorite memories and experiences of Immaculate Conception in the bulletin.

If you would feel so moved to contribute a story or anecdote between 100 and 500 words please send your message to Jami Bridgeman (Special Projects Coordinator) jbridge-man@immac-church.org. Otherwise, if you would prefer to talk on the phone and have a conversation about what will be written please feel free to call Jami at 763-788-9062 x 221.

We look forward to reading the heartfelt tales of what you are most thankful for from your time here at Immaculate Conception, be it from the liturgical celebrations, academic adventures in the school, or unforgettable moments from communal life.



Faith Formation News

Register for the Family Formation Program

If you have children entering kindergarten through grade 6 this fall, please consider registering them for the Family Formation at-home religious education program. This program gives you the resources you need to teach your children about the faith at home. The whole family learns together! The program begins in September.

Note: This is program does not prepare students to receive their sacraments. For more information, visit the "Family Formation/K-6 page" under "Faith Formation" on the parish website or contact the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062.

Visit our website: ICCSonline.org



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