



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM Church
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM Chapel
First Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM Chapel

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM
(Or By Appointment)

Baptism: 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.



They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

– Matthew 2:11b

Sunday, January 4, 2025

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: I Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: I Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: I Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: I Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday: I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: I Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or I Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;

Sanctuary Candle

January 3 - January 9
For Cooper Walker

January 10 - January 16
In memory of Herman & Frances Patin

January 17 - January 23
In memory of Russell Decuir & Dana Decuir

God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Jules Craig Cifreo, Air Force.; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army; Jordan Jones, P.F.C., Army; Chad Ashton Patin, Marines; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines; Analise Reed, Marines; Gage Tate, Army Specialist; William P. Tate, P.F.C., Army.

Prayer Requests

Tim Amond, Barbara Andre, Marc Barker, Ronnie Barlow, Hazel Bello, Mike Bourgeois, Annie Bourque, Judah Burbank, Colin Carlton, Robin Casiano, Bernadette Chenevert, Mary Chustz, Diane Cline, Robert Cole, Monica Collie, Alma Collins, Rose Collins, Pat Conerly, Daniel Cormier, Lori Treuil Couvillion, Patsy David, Tammy David, Darrel Decuir, Wallace Dorgan, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, Anthony Alvarez Facione, Mary Firmin, Granger Fontenot, Horace Fuselier, David Gauthier, Jenni Gauthier, Stuart Glasco, Shelby Gobert, Brandy Gremillion, Marshall Gremillion, Ylandra Hackett, Emberly Hebert, Debra Jarreau, Posie Jarreau, Stephanie Jarreau, Judy & James Joseph, Linda Joseph, Juneau Family, Kyle LaChapelle, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Marilyn LeDuff, Janice Marks, Abigail Medine, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Delores Mix, Myra Moniotte, Lane Mouget, Darlene Neal, Erik Neusetzer, Adele Olinde, Allen Olinde, Linda Olinde, Al Patin, David Patin, Sr., Gary Patin, Gregory Patin, Kayson Davis Patin, Carol Pharr, Jean Porche, Loretta Reviere, Laurie Roche, Monica Rosenblume, Debra Rudolph, Julia Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Wanda Smith, Shirley Sparks, Frank Vienna, Amber Volker, Randy Vossburg, Sheila Ward, Diane White, Diane Wildey, Harry Williams, Joyce York.

This Week at ICC

- 01/05 Parish Office Reopens**
@ 8:30 AM.
- 01/07 Rel. Ed Grades 1st , 3rd & 5th**
@ 5:00 PM. - 6:30 PM.

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:

The family of **Gloria Hidalgo Genusa.**
The family of **Wayne Jarreau.**

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will resume regular business hours beginning Monday, January 5th at **8:30 AM.**

Fr. Amrit will be out of the office on **Monday, January 12th through Wednesday, January 14th.** No Mass will be celebrated at this time. Father will return Thursday, January 15th for 8am Mass in the chapel.

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th and resume regular business hours Tuesday, January 20th at 8:30 AM.



ICC Fundraiser Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 PM Meeting Room #2

All are welcome to attend

KC Appreciation Gumbo

Sunday, January 18, 2026

11am Parish Hall

Ministry Seminar

All ministry members are asked to attend a **Mandatory** ministry seminar on **Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 PM**. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated.

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

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate Mass at **2pm on Sunday, March 22, 2026**, at **Immaculate Conception Church**, in Denham Springs. The Bishop will be honoring those couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 65th or over wedding anniversary. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Couples wishing to attend are asked to register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of church. Once completed, please email or mail in the forms to the appropriate address listed on the registration form. The registration deadline is **Thursday, February 26, 2026**.

2026-2027 Immaculate Conception Preschool Registration (Lakeland, LA)

We are currently taking applications for the upcoming **2026-2027** preschool year.

The program offers a “hands-on”, age-appropriate pre-kindergarten curriculum for children ages 2-5 years.

(Children must turn 3 by December 31, 2026)

Pre-K Hours: 8:30am-2:00pm M/W/F

Application forms can be found near side door of the Office of Christian Formation and **must be received by February 6, 2026 at 2pm**.

For more information contact **Skye Johnston** in the **Office of Christian Formation** at **225-627-5819**.



Weekend Reflection

The Epiphany of the Lord
The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmas time, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

Tom Schmidt