



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

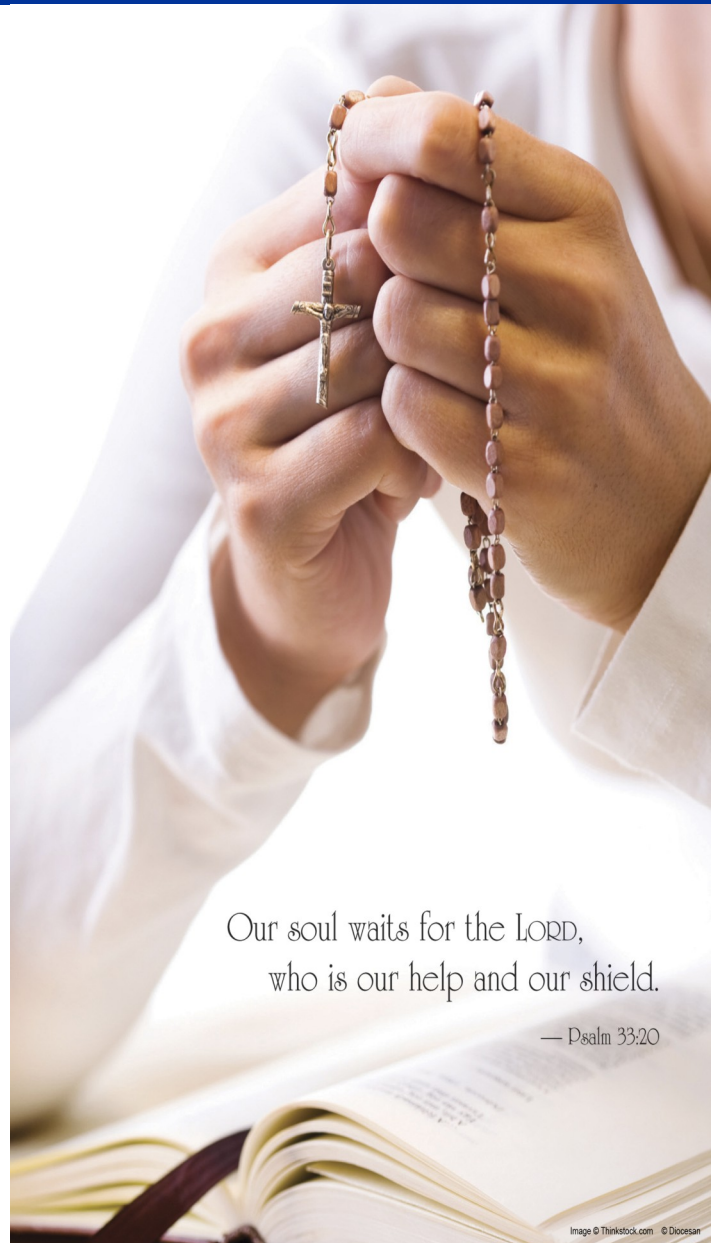
Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM Church
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM Chapel
First Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM Chapel

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

Baptism: Please contact Deacon Bob (337) 278-7923 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.



Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40
Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

Congratulations Deacon Bob

Fr. Amrit, along with all the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, wish to congratulate **Deacon Bob McDonner** on the **45th** anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. We are incredibly blessed, and ever so grateful, for your service to our Church and Our Lord.

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; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines; Analise Reed, Marines; Gage Tate, Army Specialist.

Prayer Requests

Tim Amond, Barbara Andre, Joe Antie, Marc Barker, Ronnie Barlow, Hazel Bello, Mike Bourgeois, Annie Bourque, Judah Burbank, Robin Casiano, Bernadette Chenevert, Mary Chustz, Diane Cline, Robert Cole, Monica Collie, Alma Collins, Rose Collins, Pat Conerly, Daniel Cormier, 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, Wayne Jarreau, Judy & James Joseph, Linda Joseph, Juneau Family, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Marilyn LeDuff, Georgene Manzella, Janice Marks, Farrell McDaniel, Sutton McDaniel, Abigail Medine, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Delores Mix, Myra Moniotte, Lane Mouget, Darlene Neal, Erik Neusetzer, Allen Olinde, Linda Olinde, Al Patin, Gary Patin, Gregory Patin, Carol Pharr, Jean Porche, Loretta Reviere, Laurie Roche, Monica Rosenblume, Debra Rudolph, Julia Grace Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Wanda Smith, Shirley Sparks, Frank Vienna, Amber Volker, Randy Vossburg, Diane White, Diane Wildey, Harry Williams, Joyce York.

This Week at ICC

- 08/10 Mission Appeal Weekend.**
08/13 Garage Sale Drop Off
@ 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Parish Hall.
Peer Bereavement Meeting
@ 5:30 PM Meeting Room #2.
- 08/14 Garage Sale Drop Off**
@ 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Parish Hall.
Solemnity of the Assumption
Vigil Mass @ 6:00 PM Church.
- 08/15 Solemnity of the Assumption**
Feast Day Mass @ 8:00 AM Church.
- 08/16 ICC Garage Sale**
@ 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM Parish Hall.

The Sanctuary Candle

August 9-August 15
In memory of Carmello B. Genusa

Welcome Rev. Abelardo Gabriel, S.V.D. Mission Appeal Weekend August 9-10, 2025

This weekend, **Rev. Abelardo Gabriel, S.V.D., a Divine Word Missionary Priest**, who is currently serving as Pastor at Notre Dame Catholic Church in St. Martinville, LA, will celebrate all Masses and preach about the missionary activities of the Divine Word Missionaries. Rev. Gabriel will appeal for our prayers and financial help during this time. There will be a second collection taken at all Masses, for this ministry. The money will be sent to the Divine Word Missionaries in Bay St. Louis, MS. Thank you for your prayers and support to the Missions.

Temporary Mass Schedule While Fr. Amrit is in India August 4, 2025 - September 4, 2025

Beginning Monday, August 4 through Thursday, September 4, Fr. Amrit will be away from the parish, as he will travel home to visit his family. In his absence, we will have different priests joining us to help celebrate Mass. Weekend Masses and Confession schedule remain the same.

Very Rev. Jamin David will be here to celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM**, a Holy Day of Obligation, as well.

Thursday, August 14 Solemnity of the Assumption:
Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM in the Church.

Friday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption:
Feast Day Mass: 8:00 AM in the Church.

Tuesday's evening schedule for Confession, Mass and Novena remains the same.

There will be **NO** weekday Masses on Wednesdays through Fridays. Please note that Father **will** celebrate 8:00 AM Mass on **Friday, September 5**, in the Chapel.

Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all those who generously donated toward the special collection taken for the victims of the Texas floods. Our parish collected a total of **\$1,773.00**, which will be sent to aid in recovery efforts for all those impacted by these events.

Religious Education News

The Office of Christian Formation is in need of a 3rd grade teacher for our religious education program. We are looking for a caring and dedicated person who may want to volunteer their time to help teach God's word. If the Holy Spirit is calling you to volunteer, please call **Mrs. Dina Tunstall** at (225) 627-5819.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM (Holy Day of Obligation) Friday, August 15, 2025

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM Church

Friday, August 15, 2025

Feast Day Mass: 8:00 AM Church

Religious Education Request for Help

Each year there are a few of our families, who, for one reason or another, that we ask for help with paying religious education fees. Registration fees are \$25 per child, but of course any amount you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please drop donations off at the Office of Christian Formation, in the front door mail slot. You can also mail donations to:

The Office of Christian Formation
Attn: Mrs. Dina Tunstall
PO Box 158
Lakeland, LA 70752.

Change to ICC Funeral Visitation Policy

As you recall, back in November of 2023, Fr. Amrit made a change to Immaculate Conception's funeral visitation policy. Visitation was moved from taking place in Church, to taking place in the Parish Hall. This change was made to preserve the sacredness of the Church and the sanctity to God's House, due to funeral visitations becoming a socializing event, instead of a place of quiet, reverence and reflection.

Over the years there has been an outpouring of pleas from our parishioners to return funeral visitation to the Church. Due to this, consultations with our Parish Council and various other reasons, Father has made the decision to move visitation back into the Church.

Father asks that those who do have funeral visitation in Church to please be mindful that this is a house of worship and it must be met with respect and reverence, by all. Father requests that you refrain from bringing all food and drink into the Church. Should you wish to socialize with others, please do outside, or in the designated areas around the Church grounds. These rules will be enforced by Father and the parish staff. Father thanks you for your understanding and help in preserving the holiness and sanctity of our Church.

2nd Annual
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH
GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
7AM - 3PM
12369 HWY 416, LAKELAND, LA
CLOTHING | DECORATIVE ITEMS | HOME GOODS
AND MORE
Gently used items that you would like to donate to the garage sale may be dropped off at the church hall on the following:
Wednesday, Aug 13
Thursday, Aug 14
9AM - 6:30PM

CARDS & GAMES
Day
Register now
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Lakeland, LA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
10 am - 3 pm
JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY PLAYING BRIDGE, BOUREE', POKER CANASTA, POKENO, HAND & FOOT, SEQUENCE, OR ANY OTHER BOARD OR CARD GAME OF YOUR CHOOSING.
ALL MUST REGISTER TO PLAY
• GROUPS may use one registration form - please be sure to list ALL names.
• BRING everything you need for your game: cards, dice, score sheets, pencils, etc.
• \$30 DONATION PER PERSON includes lunch, snacks, drinks and door prizes. All proceeds benefit Immaculate Conception Church.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
WILD GAME COOK-OFF
SEPTEMBER 27
Food & Fun
11:00 am
Cook Off Tasting & Judging
5:30 pm
Band
6:00 pm
More times and details to be announced soon
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP A COOK TEAM
Calling ALL Cooking Teams!