



# 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.

## 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength."  
Matthew 22:37



Sunday, November 03, 2024

## Scriptures for the Week

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34  
**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

## This Week at ICC

- 11/03** Daylight Saving Time Ends!  
**11/04** Rel. Ed Grades 6th & 7th @ 5:15pm - 6:30pm.  
**11/05** KC 3rd Degree Meeting @ 7pm Parish Hall.  
**11/06** Altar Society Meeting @ 10am.  
Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd @ 5pm - 6:30pm.  
Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th @ 5pm - 6:30pm.  
ACTS Team Meeting @ 6pm Parish Hall.  
ACTS Tending The Fire @ 6pm - 7:30pm.  
Baptism Seminar @ 6:30pm Meeting Room #2.



### 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.*

### Prayer Requests

John Larry Alpough, Tim Amond, Barbara Andre, Gerald "Cotton" Andrus, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Mike Bourgeois, Annie Bourque, Judah Burbank, Robin Casiano, Bernadette Chenevert, Monica Collie, Alma Collins, Pat Conerly, Daniel Cormier, Andy Daigle, Michael David, Patsy David, Tammy David, Dana Decuir, Darrel Decuir, Todd Dolce, Wallace Dorgan, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, Mary Firmin, Granger Fontenot, Horace Fuselier, David Gauthier, Gloria H. Genusa, Shelby Gobert, Troy Green, Sr., Marshall Gremillion, Ylandra Hackett, Clay Hano, Emberly Hebert, Noah Jarreau, Stephanie Jarreau, Wayne Jarreau, Kiely Johnson, Judy & James Joseph, Linda Joseph, Juneau Family, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Bobbie Laurent, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Julie Lee, Mike Marcello, Janice Marks, Sutton McDaniel, Theresa McKnight, Abigail Medine, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Delores Mix, Myra Moniotte, Darlene Neal, Allen Olinde, Linda Olinde, Soody Olinde, Al Patin, Christine Patin, Gary Patin, Jr., Gary Patin, Sr., Gregory Patin, Carol Pharr, Jean Porche, Loretta Reviere, Mary Alice Robert, Julia Grace Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Wanda Smith, Beau Soulier, Shirley Sparks, Micah Theriot, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Frank Vienna, Randy Vossburg, Wayne Walton, Diane White, Diane Wildey, Harry Williams, Joyce York.

**Time To Fall Back...**  
**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
Sunday, November 3, 2024



### ACTS of Pointe Coupee Core Team

Please join us in prayerful/spiritual support for our upcoming Women's ACTS Retreat, in December. The Core Team is calling this a "Tending the Fire" program. All are invited to come and join in our prayerful support for the retreat teamers (those who will actually be meeting while we pray for them) and future retreatants.

**When:** Every Wednesday night, from October 9 to December 4. **\*\*Please note that this event will not take place on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.\*\***

**Time:** 6pm-7:30pm

**Where:** Immaculate Conception Church - Lakeland

**Program:** Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer, Rosary & Songs

We certainly hope you can join us.

Yours in Christ,  
ACTS of Pointe Coupee Core Team

## **Baptism Seminar**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

6:30pm Meeting Room #2

## **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:30pm Meeting Room #2

## **Peer Bereavement Meeting**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

5:30pm Meeting Room #2

## **ACTS Core Team Meeting**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

6pm Meeting Room #2

## **Women's ACTS**

### **Team Members Mini Retreat**

Saturday, November 23, 2024

8am - 12 Noon

## **Mass of Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

6pm Church

## **2025 Lector Workbooks**

The 2025 lector workbooks have arrived. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. Books are located in the sacristy.

## **Free Blood Pressure Checks**

Lacour House will offer **FREE** Blood Pressure Checks from **10am to 12pm, every Wednesday**. For more information, call **Brittany** at 225-638-3649.

## **Save the Date**

### **ICC Christmas Holiday Festival**

ICC will be hosting a **Family Christmas Celebration** on **Sunday, December 15**, following the **10am Children's Mass**. There will be pictures with Santa, crafts, games and plenty of food and fun for the whole family.



## **Reflection and Inspiration**

We owe all we have, our very souls, to Jesus Christ. God wants our lives to overflow with mercy and generosity toward each other, to share love just as He did with us through Christ, the Gentle Lamb who gave up His life for our sake. Today let us reflect on one of Christ's last encounters with the Apostles Peter when he asked him three times, "Do you love me?"

Love for Christ shines forth through our love for each other. As a fisher of men, inspired by His Holy Spirit, we should constantly give back by feeding His sheep, whether strangers or our closest family. When we truly love Jesus, we work diligently to bring others to meet Him at the gates of Heaven.

Dedicated time to God in prayer is needed for the conversion of our hearts and to strengthen our wills to following Christ. By familiarizing ourselves with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can begin to emulate the example that God has given us through the Holy Trinity. How infinitely blessed we are for God to share such love with the whole world!

## **Weekend Reflection**

According to Jesus, the first (most important) commandment is to love God with heart, mind, soul, and strength. This is usually taken to mean loving God with your whole being. But it wouldn't hurt to look at the modern meanings of those words to see how we can apply them.

The heart is the one organ that all others depend on to keep living. It is also a symbol of our desires and love. So to love God with all your heart can mean that you recognize God as the one source of your life. Now, that is easy to say as a philosophical concept. But it also means that you love God above everything and everyone. How many of us can say we would rather spend time with God than with our friends, family, or loved ones?

To love God with all your mind can mean that you never stop thinking of God. That is not as difficult as it sounds. You can ask God to help you any time you make a decision, whether it is what to watch next on TV, or what to do for a living. Loving God with your mind can also mean knowing God. The better you know God, the more likely you are to hear God in your decisions. You can get to know God through the scriptures and other spiritual reading. Hearing God may require you to consider the next way to love: with your soul.

If the soul is the center of your spiritual life, then loving God with all your soul can remind you to listen to God when you pray. If prayer is a conversation with God, you might remember how annoying it can be to converse with someone who does all the talking. At first it is easy, but eventually you find yourself getting nervous because you have things you would like to say also. Think of that when you pray; give God a chance to put in a few words, too.

Finally, to love God with all your strength can mean you put as much energy into loving God as you do with exercising, doing your day-job, cleaning the house, or mowing the lawn. Fortunately, none of those activities has to replace loving God, for you can do each of them as if you were working for the Lord. Just remember that no matter how hard you work for the Lord, God loves you even more than you love Him.