



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.



V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*

©Diocesan - The Nativity - Noel Nicolas Coypel, 1715

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: *Vigil Mass:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts
13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 *Mass during the Night:*
Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 *Mass at
Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 *Mass
during the Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and
17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sanctuary Candle

December 20 - 26

In memory of Mary Alice Robert

December 27 - January 2

In memory of Avery Michael Landry

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, Wayne 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

No Rel. Ed This Week

12/24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
@ 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM.

12/25 Merry Christmas!
Christmas Day Mass
@ 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar, for Christmas, were donated by the Ladies
Altar Society, in honor of all the parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish.

Michael Denson Can Collection Drive

Next Weekend

Saturday, December 27 & Sunday, December 28

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will be **closed** Wednesday, December 24th
through Friday, January 2, 2026, for the Christmas holidays.

The office will **reopens** on Monday, January 5, at **8:30 AM**.

Christmas Books

Fr. Armit wishes to thank, Frances Antie, for generously
donating copies of the book "**The Seven Pillars of Catholic
Spirituality**" by author Matthew Kelly, for our parishioners
this Christmas season.

This is a beautiful read that highlights practical and spiritual
habits to help enrich our daily lives. Please be sure to pick up
your copy today!

2025 Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24

Vigil Mass
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25

Mass Times
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31

Mass Time
4:00 PM

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1, 2026

Mass Time
10:00 AM ONLY

Thank You to our KC's

Fr. Armit, on behalf of all the parishioners of ICC parish, wish to thank our KC's for providing the delicious gumbo, after mass, for the Solemnity of the Feast of Immaculate Conception.

Our Sympathy

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

The family of **Betty J. Cline**.

The family of **Joseph David Patin**.



A Weekend Reflection

I confess that I struggle with a large ego. I want to be seen and acknowledged and validated. I simultaneously struggle with low self confidence. In this generation so many families fail due to prioritizing our individual needs above all else. Often unconsciously, we seek status and wealth, a common human flaw. We frequently seek more attention, particularly in what is supposed to be our safe haven, our own household.

In today's Gospel, we get a glimpse into the heart of Joseph, the righteous and honorable man chosen to help raise the Son of God. We see his holiness, his desire to respect others, and his obedience to God.

St. Joseph, as a descendent of King David, you knew your identity. You knew your littleness but recognized that you were protected always in the arms of God. You understood that God is with us. Looking to you as an example, we can also have faith that we will prevail despite any earthly struggle. From family uncertainty to having to flee from your homeland, you trusted God with a steadfastness I hope to emulate. Faithful and virtuous, your commitment to others came before your own needs.

St. Joseph, patron saint of families, help me to be like you. Help me to be humble, to be at peace within my heart. Teach me that love is above all, sacrificing in order to place other's needs before my own. Show me how to be meek, poor in spirit, a peacemaker - as your beloved Child taught - as this is true richness. Help me to be quiet, to reflect, to listen - not cry out - to be reflective rather than reactive. Create in me a spirit of contentment and soften my heart so that I can make room for my Lord Jesus to have a home.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

Chenal Cemetery Volunteer Coordinator Needed

As our current cemetery coordinator, Jennifer Cline, retires from her duties, we are asking for several volunteers to take her place. Duties include fountain upkeep, watering during the summer months, maintaining planters, weeding and mulching twice a year. If you or your family are interested in getting more information or taking over this ministry, please call the Parish Office.

ICC Memorial Trees

Our Lakeland cemetery has recently expanded and a new area has been opened. To beautify the cemetery, ICC thought that planting trees would be a perfect addition. We would love for you to plant a tree in honor of a loved one. Our goal is to plant **45** trees. The tree will line both sides of the road going down to the end of the cemetery, to where the statues are located. With that noted, we will not be planting trees in front of or along the sides of the mausoleum. Each tree will cost **\$250**. Our plan is to purchase the trees in October and plant them in November. On the day of planting, the families will be invited to assist in planting their tree. The church will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the trees. If you are interested in purchasing a tree or obtaining more information, please call **Dina** at **627-5819**.

*Wishing everyone a very
Merry & Blessed Christmas!*

From

Fr. Amrit & ICC Parish Staff

