

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Becky Boudreaux

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

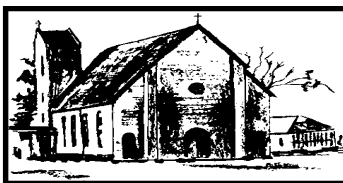
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

Daily Masses:

Wed-Fri. Eucharist 8:00 AM & **Tues.** 6:00pm

Care of the Sick: Emergency calls immediately. The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

**P.O. Box 158
Lakeland, LA 70752**



**Parish Office 627-5124
Religious Education Office 627-5819
Immaculateconceptionlakeland.com**

Reconciliation: Saturday Vigil 4:00

PM. Saturday 3:00 PM and Tuesday 5:30pm

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

Baptism: Celebrated monthly except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$7,661.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$780.00

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Lynn Amond, LaDawnia Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Lynn Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Paul Baker, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremillion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Brandon Holden, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Mary Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Jo Ann McGowan, Margje Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttler, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Jskson Richard, osepoh Richardson, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Owen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Lydia Vancal, Tracy Viola, Joyce York.

Prayer Request

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

Lance Corporal Metoyer, Marines; P.F.C.; SPC; Timothy J. Loucks, Corporal U.S. Marine; Lance Corporal Gary R. Major, Jr., Corporal; Private First Class; Captain Jordan Morirs;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

This Week at I.C.

- 4/4 Rel Ed Grades 1st–2nd @ 5:30pm.
Ladies Altar Society Mtg @ 10am.
KC'S Mtg @ 7pm.
- 4/5 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
- 4/7 Stations of the Cross @ 6pm.

EASTER MASS ***SCHEDULE***

APRIL 13TH
HOLY THURSDAY—7PM.

APRIL 14TH
GOOD FRIDAY— 3PM.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS/
CONFESSIONS—12NOON

APRIL 15TH
HOLY SATURDAY— 8PM.

APRIL 16TH
EASTER
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

HAVE ANY PALMS??
PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT
CHURCH OFFICE
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

In Christ,

Have you ever wondered, as a Christian, what your responsibility is when encountering a beggar, vagrant, or person living in poverty? One of the questions that naturally comes to mind in these situations is whether or not they deserve to be helped – that is, is their situation of their own making or not? G.K. Chesterton wrote in his book *Heretics* that Christian charity is the virtue of loving the unlovable, defending the indefensible, giving to the undeserved. He wrote in this section of his book that the major difference between pagans and Christians are the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. While the other virtues, such as justice and temperance, existed among the pagans prior to Christianity, it is these theological virtues that make Christianity different.

The brilliant author suggested that these three divine virtues which distinguish Christianity do not exist in paganism because they are paradoxical and seemingly impractical. He says these virtues come alive and useful in moments of desperation. The theological virtue of hope is precisely needed when a situation is hopeless. The same is true for Christian charity. What charity is not is giving to those who deserve it. That is justice. It is just to give to someone what they deserve. The pagans understood and practiced justice. But we are called, as Christians, to also give to those who are undeserving. That is true charity. Jesus practiced this charity when he died on a cross for the undeserving; that is, you and me.

This reminds me of what the Lord said in the Gospel of Matthew about loving our enemies: *“For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?”*

As Christians we are not called only to show love, compassion, and care to those who seem to deserve it. We should help those who are in need, despite how they got into their particular predicament. To consider what they deserve is not charity, but justice. Consider this not only in regards to the poor

vagrant in need of assistance, but also in relation to political and social enemies; the next door neighbor who is rude; the lazy coworker; the radical antichristian. We practice the virtue of charity by loving those who have done nothing to deserve it – or better yet, have done something to deserve indignation.

I might add one caveat to this thought. While we should show charity to all, we ought not show false charity to any. False charity is aiding and abetting sin. It is not charity to ignore the truth or support someone in their delusions. It is not charity to pretend that objective evil is something other than evil. It is not charity to give someone money when we know that that money is going to do them more harm than good. In those cases it is better to provide what is needed (e.g. food, drink, shelter, clothes, work, etc.). In charity we have to make a distinction between the sin and the sinner, just as we hope the Lord will do with us. To do otherwise in either direction (i.e. excusing the sin out of “love” or distaining the sinner out of “justice”) is not charity.

“Love means loving the unlovable – or it is no virtue at all.” – G.K. Chesterton

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

FILL A PRESCRIPTION

The St. Vincent de Paul “Fill a Prescription Drive” is accepting donations. The container is on the table in back of church until the end of April. Your donations provide prescription medicines to the needy. Thanks in advance.