

## 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.

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**Parish Office 627-5124  
Religious Education Office 627-5819  
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**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: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or  
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,  
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## Your Stewardship

Collection	\$7,174.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Priest Ret	\$148.00

## Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Lynn Amond, LaDawnia Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Elouise Aucoin, 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, 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, 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, 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 Puttle, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Jskson Richard, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen 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.

- 5/2 **KC Mtg. @ 7pm.**
- 5/3 **Baptismal Seminar @ 6pm in hall**
- 5/4 **Bible Study @ 6pm Rm 2.**
- 5/6 **Mass for Graduates.**
- 5/7 **First Communion @ 1pm.**

## Sympathy

*The Sympathy Of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:*

Family of Bettye Jane Forman.

## Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Emile David, Jr. from his wife Marilyn and children Dina, Daryl and John Keith on the anniversary of his death.

### Correction for bulletin weekend of April 16th

Flowers on the altar that weekend was in loving memory of Charles Herman Patin by his wife and family on the anniversary of his death.

## **WANT TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR MASS EACH SUNDAY?**

Join the Immaculate Conception Bible Study Group every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall Meeting Room. Sessions begin on May 4. Each week throughout the summer we will reflect on the readings for the Mass for the upcoming Sunday.

In Christ,

One of the great aspects of the mystery of Easter is that it gives us reason to hope. Hope, one of the three theological virtues, along with faith and charity, is a critical aspect both to human life in general and Christian life specifically. Hope is, put simply, the ability to persevere through hard times because of the belief in the eventual coming of a better time. Sometimes it is also the belief that those hard times are themselves the only route to better times. This is particularly Christian and relates to Easter because we know that, as bitter and sad as the suffering of the cross is, that without it there can be no Easter. Without Good Friday there is no Easter Sunday.

In the ancient Greek world there is, related to hope, the story of Pandora's Box. The story is well known. The ancient Greeks had believed that after Prometheus had stolen the fire to give to man the gods were not too pleased. The gods decided to shame and punish man by making the first woman who would be beautiful and gifted by the gods. She was given a box of gifts from the gods to be presented to mankind. Upon opening the box, of course, what was found were all the curses of mankind including death. What is not often mentioned in the telling of the story, however, is that as Pandora tried to close the box before all the curses were let out, there was only one thing that did not escape: hope. Hope was in the box with all the terrors. (There is another version of the story in the ancient world that says the box was not full of curses but of blessings. That it actually had good things to be given to men, but that when Pandora opened the box they all escaped, never to be received by man. Only hope was left to be given to mankind.)

This story shows the paradox of hope. Hope was not something that man would have any need of until he first experience suffering (or the loss of blessings). Only once the curses of mankind were unleashed would hope become something meaningful.

There are always hard times, sufferings, burdens, and worries in our life. This weekend we hear the story of the Road to Emmaus and how some disciples of the Lord were demoralized by all that had happened to Jesus. We may all sometimes be tempted to become demoralized by the crosses of life. Thankfully, however, we have knowledge of the Resurrection. If a situation is so terrible that it doesn't seem that any good thing can be considered, at least consider that without hard times there is no meaning to good times. If ever you feel like all the curses of the gods have been unleashed upon you, or that all the blessings have fled from you, at least remain confident. Without sin and suffering (Original Sin) there is no meaning to mercy and redemption. Even the pagan Greeks understood that without the curses of Pandora's box, hope would not be known. We as Christians ought to know even better that without the bitter curses of sin – of Christ's death – there would be no hope for resurrection.

“O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!” – The Easter Proclamation at the Easter Vigil.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## ***FAIR NEWS***

The ICC Country Carnival will be June 4th. The fair will only be one day and will still have band but new activities such as laser tag, hamster ball, gaming trailer.

Donations and volunteers are needed.  
Donations can be dropped off at church office.