

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Jody Doucet

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: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 8,547.25
Building Fund	\$ 650.00
Electronic	\$ 625.00

Sick List

Janelle Amond, Gertrude Bonaventure, Inez Bueche, John David, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gre-million, Deborah Fountain, Ferd Fabre, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kaci McCamy, Gail Metz, Dottie Purpera, Lou Sherman, Gwen Trabeaux, Sonny Trabeaux.

-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; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study groups will reconvene starting Thursday, September 6 at 9:00am and/or 6:00pm in Classroom 2 of the Activity Center. We will start with Section 13: Divided Kingdom Part 1. Homework can be found on Page ix of the study guide.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 7am-1:00pm we will host our annual blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with the assistance of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. Please join us in helping our community by donating blood. We will be serving coffee, doughnuts, milk and juice. All donors will receive a t-shirt and credit for donation should you or your family need in the future. This annual blood drive has been ongoing in Immaculate Conception Church Parish for 23 years and has helped many people in our parish family and community. Thank you in advance for your support. Donors who give blood on that day or attempt to give, will be registered to win one of 3 prizes. Prizes are a 32 inch flat screen TV, 5 free car washes, and a 60 qt cooler.

THE GIFT OF GRACE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.
—St. Rose of Lima

In Christ,

This past Wednesday was the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is similar to the *Ascension* of Jesus. The two names are often confused because their similarity and the events they celebrate seem to be the same. Both celebrate when someone, Jesus or Mary, went to heaven. The reason for the difference in names is that Jesus Ascended into heaven *by his own power*, where as Mary was Assumed there *by the power of God*. While this could be seen as an unimportant distinction, it tells us something important: not even the most perfect human can attain heaven on her own. In other words, even Mary needed Jesus to save her.

Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life it is often considered the most important of all Marian feasts. The Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century. As a defined dogma of the Church it is a mandatory belief for Catholics.

The Assumption is a reminder of another important Christian belief that is often forgotten. When we die we do not forever remain bodiless. We do not become angels. We will not live forever as spirits or ghosts. When the final judgment comes all the dead will be raised with their bodies; "those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:29).

As we move through August, the month of the Immaculate Heart, remember to ask Mary to pray for us. There is no other who has been as close to Jesus as her, both by carrying Him in her womb, nursing Him, raising Him, weeping for Him at the Cross, having her heart pierced in sorrow for Him (Luke 2:35), and now in heaven with Him. She is our model of holiness. She has been defended from the attacks of Satan and now intercedes for us, her children, who are still in the midst of battle (Rev. 12). Do not underestimate the power of Mary's prayer.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Totus Tuus
Fr. Todd Lloyd

***A new* SHEPHARD**

**The Diocese of Baton Rouge
invites you to Evening Prayer**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 @
7:00PM**

St. George Church
7808 St. George Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

As we pray with
THE MOST REV. MICHAEL G. DUCA
on the eve of his installation as the sixth
bishop of Baton Rouge.

A reception will immediately follow.

THIS EVENT WILL ALSO BE
SIMULCAST ONLINE:

FACEBOOK.COM/CATHOLICLIFETV

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great