

## 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](http://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: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

## Your Stewardship

Collection \$7,468.00  
Building Fund \$77.00

## Sick List

David Pete Aguilard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allement, LaDawnia Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Roland Armstrong, Craig Aguilard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Eloise Aucoin, Gary Aucoin, Paul Baker, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Mel Bueche, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Chestin Boudreux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Juanita Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Debra Fountain, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, 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, Nadia Jarreau, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, Randy Jarreau, 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, Margie Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, Joe Mitchell, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Carter Navarre, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Jay O Porche, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Sharron Ristroph, Barbara Rizet, Debbie Rock, Mary Roubique, Mary Saale, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven, 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 Morins;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

# This Week at I.C.

8/27 KC's Annual Blood Drive. See Article.  
8/31 Bible Study @ 6pm.

## Sympathy

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

Family of Ronnie Firmin.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 7am to 1pm we will host our annual blood drive sponsored by 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 serve coffee, doughnuts, milk and juice. All donors will receive a t shirt and credit for your donation should you or your family need in the future. This annual blood drive has been ongoing in our parish for 23 years and as helped many people in our parish family and community. Donors who give blood or attempt to give will be registered to win one of 3 prizes. Prizes are a 32' flat screen tv, \$50 gift card to Walmart or 5 free car washes.

Any questions or need more info call James Roberts 938-2998.

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome to our Parish Community:*

**Braxton James Battley**, child of Reuben & Giselle Battley.

In Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel and next involves statements from and about St. Peter. First we see Peter professing that Jesus is the messiah, and secondly we see Peter rejecting the cross. In the first instance our Lord responds by telling Peter that he is the rock on which He will build the Church. But when Peter rejects the crucifixion Jesus says to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan!"

As Catholics we believe that the bishops of the Church are the successors of the apostles. This means that their responsibility to minister and evangelize is primary and that they have the authority to administer the Church on earth. Specifically the bishop of Rome is the successor of St. Peter who was the chief shepherd of the apostles. The bishop of Rome is most commonly called by the name "Pope," which simply means father. As the successor of St. Peter He is the chief shepherd of the whole Church on earth.

As members of the Church we should be overjoyed to have a living source of unity and a single voice to which we can look for guidance in our Holy Father. But as we can see in the readings, there is also a need to pray for the pope. No pope, not even Peter, was beyond making mistakes. All popes are under attack by the evil one. To be fair, these readings are before Peter is officially the pope because Jesus is still present and Peter has not been given the commission to "tend my sheep" yet. None the less Peter is the spokesman for the apostles. Just like us, the pope needs grace from God to overcome his own shortcomings or weaknesses. In fact he needs a lot more because he has a lot more responsibility.

As we hear our Lord profess Peter as the holder of the keys of the kingdom we should remember two things: 1. Love, respect, and obey the pope; 2. Pray for the pope.

Nothing is sadder than a Catholic who doesn't respect the office of the papacy. This is like a child who resents their father. A child who resents their father, even for legitimate reasons, grows to be a deformed and unhappy person until they overcome that resentment. The same is true with Catholics

who do not love and obey the Holy Father. One cannot claim to be Catholic but disregard the role of the pope because they disagree with things he says or the way he dresses or the way he celebrates the liturgy. Listen to the pope, follow his lead, love and respect him as the Vicar of Christ on earth.

Praying for the pope is not a contradiction to the holiness of his office. Just because someone holds the office does not mean that they themselves are perfectly holy. Therefore we should pray for the pope that he be protected from the attacks of the enemy and persevere in his ministry. He has to make critical and historic decisions on a daily basis. Every word he speaks is scrutinized. Let us pray for our Holy Father. That the Lord may bless all that he does, keep him safe from harm, and guide his every thought and action.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## BIBLE STUDY

Thursday August 31st at 6pm Bible Study Timeline Orientation in the parish hall– the morning and evening orientation will be combined into just an evening orientation.

