

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: I Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: I Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: I Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: I Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11
Friday: I Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: I Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 7,569.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Flood Victims	\$ 3,623.70

Sick List

Dina Bello McAdams, David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Adeline Bonaventure, 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, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, 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 Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Bert 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, Marie King, 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, 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, Patricia Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Joseph Richardson, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubiqueyenn Rusk, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Connie Rozarto, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Tracy Viola, Joyce York.

This Week at I.C.

8/28 **Blood Drive** 7am-1pm in hall.

Sacristans

For the month of September are Audrey Crochet and Karen Crochet.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Charlotte Grace Hobbins, child of Patrick & Ashton Hobbins.

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Leona Landry and Lionel Major from their family in honor of their birthdays.

Sympathy

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

Family of Joseph Leroy Chustz.

Family of Joseph Emile Pourciau.

Family of Alton Cesar Ducote.

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 Moriris;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

In Christ,

Pride is defined by the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as “undue self-esteem or self-love, which seeks attention and honor and sets oneself in competition with God.” Unfortunately this particular sin is especially hard to notice in our selves because, when prideful, it is hard to be self-critical. When wanting to examine myself for pride I ask whether or not I *NEED* the five A’s: attention, affirmation, agreement, affection, and appreciation. When I feel entitled to one of these, I know that I am being prideful. One can see how this might be particularly tempting to a cleric who leads a community in liturgy and prayer. It’s tempting for a priest to make himself the center of attention at Mass, to use the liturgy as his personal performance art which entertains the congregation and arouses their sentiment. Sadly this type of pride in a priest does as the definition says – “sets oneself in competition with God.”

This is the ironic problem with pride; while we think too highly of ourselves, we are actually holding ourselves down. Pride causes us to stop well short of seeking God, because we are content with self-contentment. As C.S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*, “As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you.” We are made by God to look upward, to climb a higher ladder, one that reaches God Himself. Not to be satisfied with mere human activity that makes us feel good. This, I fear, is the very problem with liturgy when “performed” in a prideful way – its focus is not worship of God at all, but worship of humanity. On this C.S. Lewis says that when the obviously prideful pretend to be very religious, “I am afraid it means they are worshipping an imaginary God.”

I realize that celebrating Holy Mass in a more traditional, ritualistic and formal way can be initially off-putting for Catholics when they are used to a more “informal” type of liturgy. But I also strongly believe that the only way we Catholics can fully participate in the worship of God, as the Church, the Body of Christ, is by “faithful adherence to the liturgical norms in all their richness,” as Pope Benedict XVI put in *Sacramentum Caritatis*. How we celebrate Holy Mass should be informed by what we believe the Mass is. Mass is the offering of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross. Vatican II’s *Lumen Gentium* says, “As often as the sacrifice of the cross in which Christ our Passover was

sacrificed, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on.” For a cleric to celebrate this Most Holy Sacrifice unceremoniously, to entertain, or to illicit emotion from the congregation is scandalous and disgraceful. This is the type of pride that stops well short of looking up to God because we would prefer to worship ourselves.

When we go to Mass we are entering the Last Supper, where Christ spends his last moments with his disciples, praying, singing the Psalms, and incorporating us into his sacrificial offering (when we eat his *corpus* or body). At Mass we are standing with Mary and John at the foot of the Cross. If we expect this event to have anything less than a reverent, somber, and prayerful tone then we are allowing our pride to distract us from our worship.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Request for help with Registration Fees

We are asking for your help! Each year there are several families, who, for one reason or another, the fees for religious education need to be waived. **Registration fees are \$25.00 per child, but of course, any amount you can consider giving will be greatly appreciated!** Please drop donations off at the Office of Christian Formation. There is a mail slot for your convenience. You may also mail donations to the **Office of Christian Formation, Attention Mrs. Rachel Christ, P. O. Box 158, Lakeland, LA 70752.** Thank you for your consideration!