

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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,
22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-
14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$7,911.00
Mission Appeal	\$2,020.00

Sick List

Janelle Amond, Jessica Berthelot, Gertrude Bonaventure, Inez Bueche, John David, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Deborah Fountain, 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.

This Week at I.C.

8/7 KC's Mtg.

8/12 Rel Ed Registration after all Masses.

Sympathy

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

Family of Carolyn McGrew.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

2018-2019

AUGUST 12, 2018

**HELD AFTER ALL MASSES IN
ACTIVITY CENTER AND INCLUDES:**

Religious Education for 1st-11th Grades.
Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for 2nd Grade.
Sacrament of Confirmation for 11th Grade.
(11th Grade Catholic School students must register and also attend weekly classes)
Classes for baptized/unbaptized adults/children interested in becoming Catholic.

**Forms are available outside the Office of
Christian Formation for anyone wishing to
register early!**

For questions or concerns, please call Mrs Rachel Christ at 627-5819.

In Christ,

Over the past four weeks we have been looking at Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* which restates the Church's teaching on birth control. We now come to the final section of this document which addresses the role different people have in upholding this moral principle. While this teaching cannot be changed, because it is a "promulgation of the law of God Himself," the Church knows that it is challenging. It demands great discipline which can be achieved with the assistance of God's grace "by which the goodwill of men is sustained and strengthened."

First the pope encourages all to see the value of self-control in marriage. Abstinence when necessary is a witness to chastity, which is not a hindrance to married love. Chaste married love is more human because it operates out of the human will rather than being compelled by emotions and passions. Mutual self-denial and sacrifice for and with the other helps form stronger bonds between husband and wife. Chastity fosters loving concern, placing the other's good before personal desires. Choosing to abstain can be an opportunity to call to mind their responsibilities as spouses and parents. And it serves as a lesson to their children who in adulthood should form the disciplines of the mind and body.

He calls on social leaders to condemn publicly any media that "arouses men's baser passions and encourages low moral standards," because all people will be helped in living chaste lives if the culture is conducive to chastity. To civil authorities, who are responsible for safeguarding the common good, he encourages legal defense of the morality of the citizenry and of the primacy of family life. In their endeavor to resolve material problems the authorities must not disregard the inherent dignity of man, who has not only material needs and obligations, but spiritual ones, too. To men of science he encourages scientific endeavor aimed at better understanding the best conditions for natural regulation of birth. [This has come to fruition thanks to the discovery and development of *Natural Family Planning* which is a reliable method, based on proven science, of delaying pregnancy while

allowing the couple to engage in the marital act, in conjunction with the woman's natural reproductive cycles.]

Addressing Catholic married couples, Pope Paul acknowledges the challenge of this teaching, but encourages them to be inspired by their faith in heaven even as they live in this passing world, seek nourishment in the Eucharist, and trust in Reconciliation when they sin. Families in the Church are also encouraged to form apostolates, communities, in which families minister and support each other in the life of faith and morals. He goes on to encourage Christian medical doctors and nurses to fulfill their vocations in accord with both faith and reason; and to constantly seek further proficiency so that they may offer to married couples the best possible counsel.

Then the pope calls on priests to be a prime example of obedience to the magisterium of the Church; to fulfill their duty to teach clearly and completely the Church's teaching; and to remember that Christian unity depends on speaking with one voice in obedience to the magisterium in matters of faith and morals. Married people should find in their priests an assurance that the Lord enables them, by the nourishment of the Eucharist, to live according to His precepts, and mercifully forgives their weakness in Reconciliation. He also calls on bishops to lead their people to full human and Christian perfection through pastoral actions in the economic, cultural and social fields.

Blessed Pope Paul VI concludes *Humanae Vitae* by calling all people to the works of education, human progress, and charity with reliance on the "unshakable teaching of the Church, which teaching Peter's successor...faithfully guards and interprets." These works will be fruitful and man can know happiness only if "he keeps the laws which the Most High God has engraved in his very nature. These laws must be wisely and lovingly observed."

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd