

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

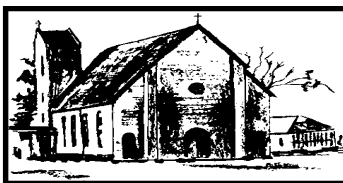
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

This Week at I.C.

- 12/12 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 5:15pm.
12/13 Rel Ed Grades K-2nd @ 5:30pm.
Ladies Aux. Mtg @ 7pm.
12/14 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30 pm.
Choir Practice @ 6pm.
Ber, Grp Light & Love @ 7pm.
12/15 RCIA/RCIA/C.

Your Stewardship

Collection \$10,078.05
Building Fund \$2,256.00

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allement, 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, 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, Sherry Comeaux, 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 Gremillion, 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. Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Mary 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, Margie 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, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Joseph Richardson, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, 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, 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 Moris;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte,

Sympathy

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

Family of Frances Hargus.

Family of Stella Lopez.



In Christ,

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! These are the words of the entrance antiphon for the third Sunday of Advent, “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* means “rejoice.”

Throughout Advent we look for the threefold coming of Christ with hopefulness. In the first two weeks there is something of an emphasis on the darkness of sin before the coming of Christ. We heard about the need to move from the light to the dark on the first Sunday (Romans 13:11-14), and the need to repent on the second (Matthew 3:1-12). The point was to encourage the faithful to be prepared for the coming of Christ at the end of time.

With Gaudete Sunday our focus is narrowed down a little to the preparation for Christmas. There is a renewed sense of joy – rejoicing – as we look forward to celebrating the end of sin’s reign over creation with the coming of the Messiah. We light the third candle of our wreath, which is rose colored instead of violet. The liturgical color for this Sunday can be rose-colored as well. And we receive the reassurance that Jesus is in fact the “one who is to come” from the Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11). The Church’s anticipation reaches a tipping point this week as we start to see the end of darkness; dawn is on the horizon.

Christians ought to rejoice always. This does not mean perpetually practicing some type of idiotic cheerfulness or naïve optimism. We do not need to foolishly ignore reality as if everything is perfect. In fact to believe that this world is or can be perfect is antichristian. Christian joy is reasonable and realistic. Our vocation to rejoice in the Lord always can be fed by the very fact that we know this world isn’t perfect – we see suffering – we realize our need and desire for something more. With that realization we are able to set our attention on the one who will finally bring relief. The Lord will eventually come to perfect everything, to end the suffering, and to satisfy our longing. It is with whole hearted confidence in the Lord that we can live our lives with joy.

So I ask these questions for all of us this Gaudete Sunday. Do I mope? Do I always find something negative to think or say in conversation? Does pride cause me to be contrary or defiant? Do I ever *thank* God for the imperfection of my life, because it gives me something to look forward to with Jesus? Do I ever share with others the assurance that Jesus Christ will satisfy all of our wants and needs? Do I rejoice in the Lord always?

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah’s vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can’t buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.
—St. Augustine