

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

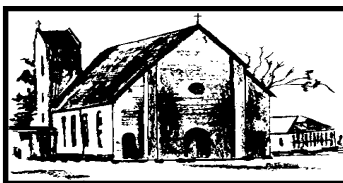
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

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: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: I Sm 1:24-28; I Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,
29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$8,027.31
Building Fund	\$233.00
Christmas Flowers	\$237.00
Priest Retirement	\$1,105.00

Sick List

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, 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 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. 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 Tuttle, 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.

This Week at I.C.

12/21 KC Officers Mtg @ 6pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
SATURDAY, DEC 24TH
MASSES AT 4PM & 6PM.
CHOIR CONCERT AT 5:30PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DEC 25TH
MASSES AT 8AM & 10AM.

NEW YEARS EVE
SATURDAY, DEC 31ST
MASS AT 4PM.

NEW YEARS DAY
SUNDAY, JAN 1ST
MASSES AT 7AM, 9AM. & 11AM

Sympathy

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

Family of James Arthur Decuir.

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.,

In Christ,

This year we have the unique gift of a full fourth week of Advent. During this week the Mass readings focus on the events leading up to the birth of Christ in the family of our Lord. We hear about the angel's message to Joseph, the Annunciation to Mary, the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, and the events around the pregnancy of Elizabeth and birth of John. I strongly recommend everyone take the time this week to read through the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

There is a common theme that runs throughout the whole week: have confidence in the Lord and "do not be afraid." It is telling that this encouraging statement is repeated several times in the stories leading up to the coming of Christ in the world. So often fear is the thing that gets in the way of people welcoming the Lord into their lives, or bearing Christ into the world. The angel has to encourage Joseph and Mary to not be afraid of what the Lord is going to do. Thankfully they took courage and bore Christ into the world. On the other hand we have Ahaz in this Sunday's first reading and Zechariah on Monday. Ahaz is the reigning king of Jerusalem whose fear causes him to not trust in the Lord's power to save Judah, and therefore forfeited the kingdom to the pagan empire of Assyria. Zechariah is the father of John the Baptist who when told about the unlikely pregnancy of his wife he was struck mute because he didn't trust. Here we have the juxtaposition – Mary and Joseph trusted and bore the Word of God into the world; Ahaz and Zechariah did not trust and were silenced (Ahaz refused to speak words of trust about the Lord).

This week as we await the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we too should reflect on our ability to trust in the Lord. Fear is at the heart of so many sins. Fear is especially the cause of many sins of omission; that is, failing to do and say good when we ought. Fear silences us just as it did Ahaz and Zechariah. It is sometimes fear that we might be rejected, hated, or mocked that

causes us to not speak the truth or do some necessary good. It is often fear that we will not get paid back, will lose out, will suffer, or not profit that causes us to neglect some good we ought to do. It is tempting sometimes to believe that the Lord doesn't care about what we *don't do or say*, as long as we don't do or say bad things. This is a lie. The Lord wants us to speak the truth and to do good works. Too many people in the Church are silenced by fear rather than give voice to the Word of God.

Prepare for the Lord's coming this week by examining our confidence in the Lord and our ability to speak the truth and do good things, even when they are going to cause difficulty in our lives. Do not be afraid to do the will of God, because this helps to bring Christ, the Word of God, into our lives and the lives of others.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
TONY LATHERS

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
CALVIN & DOT SCHAPATON

