

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
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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: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

This Week at I.C.

December 26th-December 28th –No Religion

December 26th-Jan 2nd-Parish Office Closed.

Flowers

Poinsettias on the altar for Christmas are in loving memory of Lorraine Bonaventure from her husband and children.

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$8,898.00
Building Fund	\$93.00

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 Ducoite, 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 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

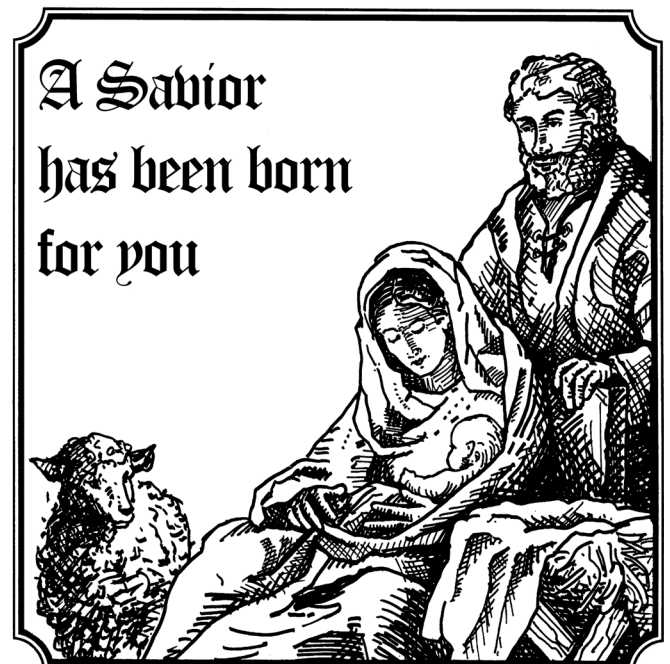
Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

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 Moriris;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte,

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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



In Christ,

Merry Christmas! I am so grateful to share with you all my Christmas joy this year. Our parish is a blessed one and I am blessed to be a part of this community. Not a day goes by when I don't see the generosity of parishioners and notice inspiring faith. I pray every day for all of you, and never forget to thank God for you.

The celebration of Christmas involves so many customs that revolve around materials. Our senses are almost overwhelmed with sights, smells, tastes and touching. It is usually expected that Christians bemoan the materialism of our world especially at this time, but I'd like to celebrate it (disclaimer: I'm not talking about the practice of overspending and antichristian practices of excessive consumerism of this time).

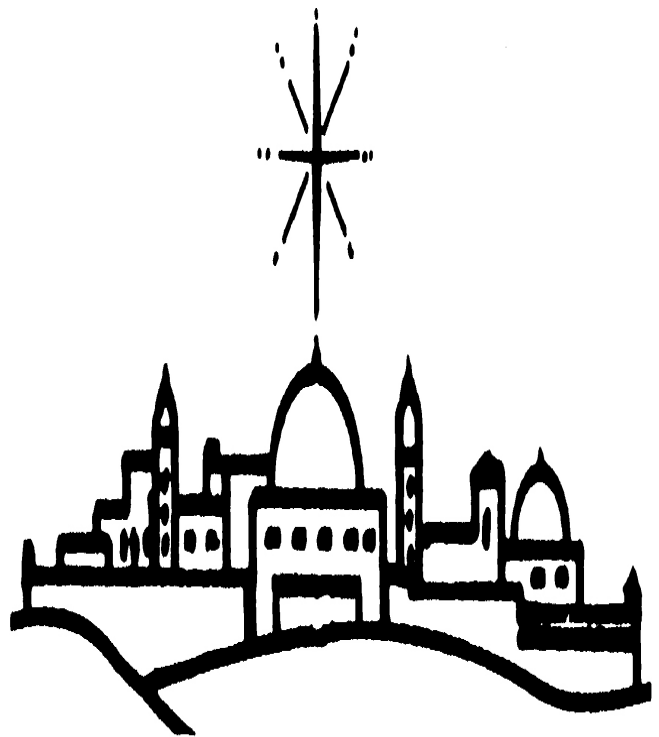
There is something appropriate about the materialistic approach to our Christmas celebrations. Our use of gift exchanging, rich foods, festive music, colorful decorations, and fine clothes affects every one of our bodily senses. If any one of these things were missing we'd notice it and wonder what happened. While we celebrate spiritually with our prayer and worship, we let that celebration overflow into the material world. I think this makes good sense at this time better than any because at Christmas we remember that God Himself has chosen to share in our tangible and sensual world. At Christmas we recall that the Word became flesh, that Emmanuel has arrived, that God has not chosen to remain separated from us but entered into our lives on every level, even materially.

Our sensual celebration of Christmas that fills us with joy is one that the Lord is not alien too, for He has seen, smelled, tasted, touched, and heard the beauty of creation Himself. Not just in some ethereal way, but with His own flesh. The ears of God have literally been moved by the vibrations of chanted psalms that Jews customarily sing. His nose has smelled the cooking of His blessed mother and the incense of the Temple. His divine eyes have seen the jewels and precious metals that adorn the Temple and the mountain landscape that surround His homeland.

His incarnate flesh has touched the flesh of others in need and felt the softness of clothe. And the tongue of the Word of God has tasted delicious food.

Our celebration of Christmas is rightfully filled with tangible customs because we are celebrating the tangible life of our Savior. This Christmas enjoy the beauty of creation around you not as a distraction to what we are celebrating, but as a reminder that the Lord has blessed the beauty of creation by entering into it. He has come to join us in this temporal life so that we might join Him in His eternal life.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



MERRY CHRISTMAS