

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
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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: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 7,304.00
Building Fund	\$145.00
Thanksgiving	\$208.00
Christmas Flowers	\$100.00

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, LaDawnia Amond, Leonard Andre, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Elouise Aucoin, 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, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Juanita Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Gary David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, James Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Melodie Fairchild, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Debra Fountain, Jerome Fontenot, Zane Gabor, Joshua Gaspard, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremillion, Moise Galtier, Jeremy Gremillion, andy Gremillion, Carol Gros, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Brandon Holden, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Nadia Jarreau, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Earl 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, Kayla Kinler, Adaam Kleinpeter, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Bonne LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Jo Ann McGowan, Margie Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Rickey Manchester, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, Joe Mitchell, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Carter Navarre, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Jay O Porche, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Sharron Ristroph, Barbara Rizet, Debbie Rock, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven, Amil Snell, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Emmett Taylor, 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 Morirs;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

This Week at I.C.

- 12/4 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 5:15.
12/5 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.
KC Mtg @7pm in Hall.
12/6 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
Baptismal Seminar @ 6pm.
12/7 Mass at 6pm for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gumbo to follow in hall.
12/8 Mass at 8am for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
12/9 Christmas Party for Elderly @ 9am-1:00pm in hall.
12/10 RCIA/RCIA-C.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd

Regular Mass 4pm.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

7am. & 9am. NO 11am Mass
4pm. & 6pm.

Concert at 3:30pm.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th
8am .& 10am.

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31st
Regular 7am., 9am. & 11am

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st
8am.

In Christ,

For the past few Wednesdays Pope Francis has been giving catecheses on the Mass. He has offered some practical reflections on the “heart of the Church,” as he calls the Eucharist. In his first talk he said “It is fundamental that we Christians clearly understand the value and significance of the Holy Mass, in order to live ever more fully our relationship with God.” For Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, I’ll share with you our Holy Father’s reflections in the bulletin.

His first talk on the Mass began by calling to mind the many Christians who have died defending the Eucharist and how many others have risked their lives to participate in Sunday Mass. Pope Francis reflected on how these Christians said they could not live without the Eucharist – “[I]f we cannot celebrate the Eucharist, we cannot live; our Christian life would die,” the Holy Father said.

He said that the example of those willing to die for the Mass “challenges us all and calls for a response as to what it means for each of us to partake in the Sacrifice of Mass and approach the Lord’s Table.” Few people go to Mass and many of those who do go looking for something other than that wellspring from the crucified Lord. The Holy Father asks if we are “...searching for that wellspring that ‘gushes forth living water’ for eternal life; that makes of our life a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and makes of us one body in Christ?” Notice that the Holy Father is saying that when we participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass, we ourselves are made into a sacrificial offering to God.

After reflecting on the importance of the faithful to be formed properly to understand the Eucharist, the Holy Father addressed what happens at Mass. He said, “Participating in the Mass is truly living again the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord. It is a visible manifestation: the Lord makes himself present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world.” His Holiness laments the fact that, even though Jesus is there with us, “So often do we go there, look at things, talk amongst ourselves while the priest is celebrating the Eucharist...and we do not celebrate close to Him. But it is the Lord!” Still to this day in our parish church people refuse to be quiet, especially before and after Mass. Pope Francis pointed out that if someone important, like the president, were to come we’d quiet ourselves and show respect. But “when you go to

Mass, the Lord is there! And you get distracted. It is the Lord!” The Holy Father says that the Mass being “dull” is no excuse for distraction. How often people complain that Mass is boring. To them the Pope says it is not meant to be a show, “Participating in Mass is living again the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord.”

He goes on to ask if we understand and take serious every part of the Mass: the Sign of the Cross, the Penitential Rite, the prayer, the readings, etc. Do we pay attention and involve ourselves in every part of these, or do we just go through the motions? The Holy Father also stressed that Mass is not a place for taking pictures with our cell phones. I suspect that this is more a problem at Papal Masses than it is here in Lakeland. On that Pope Francis comically said the priest at Mass says “Lift up our hearts”; “He does not say: ‘Lift up your cell phones to take a photo!’ No, that’s bad!” Then the Supreme Pontiff says something really important: “Mass is not a spectacle: it is going to encounter the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord.” Sadly many lay people and many clerics seem to think that the liturgy is supposed to be a spectacle, a form of entertainment.

Finally, the Holy Father says we need to return to the basics and rediscover what is essential in the sacraments. He believes that, like the Apostle Thomas, we all need to see and touch God in order to believe in him, and the sacraments meet this human need. “The Sacraments,” he concluded, “the Eucharistic celebration in a particular way, are signs of God’s love, the privileged ways for us to encounter him.”

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



The angels are on the Giving Tree and waiting to be picked up. Please return gifts with Angels by Dec 10th. You can place them under the tree. A list is on the back of the Angels but are only suggestions. Gift cards can be purchased also. Thanks for your generosity in advance. Sponsored by Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary .