

## 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](http://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: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

## Your Stewardship

Collection \$9,703.50

## 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, Margje 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.

## 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,

## This Week at I.C.

- 12/5 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 5:15pm.  
12/6 Rel Ed Grades K-2nd @ 5:30pm.  
Altar Society Mtg @ 10am.  
KC Mtg @ 6pm.  
12/7 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30 pm.  
Choir Practice @ 6pm.  
Baptismal Seminar @ 6pm Rm 2.  
12/8 Masses 8am, 12Noon and 6pm.  
Gumbo in Hall after 6pm mass  
12/10 Christmas Party for Elderly 11am.  
12/11 RCIA/RCIA/C.  
4th Degree Christmas Social 4pm.

## Sympathy

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

- Family of Vincent George Rosar.  
Family of William Joseph Boudreaux.  
Family of Derrick Dwayne Rogers.

## Nursing Home Visit Donations Needed

Our Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders hold an annual drive to collect socks for our nursing home residents. They are asking for your help to collect “plenty” of warm socks.

Please drop off socks in the box at the Office of Christian Formation by Sunday, December 11, 2016. (We are especially in need of lady’s socks this year.)

\*\*\*If you are interested in making a monetary contribution instead of a gift, please place it in an envelope labeled Nursing Home and drop off in mail slot at Office of Christian Formation.

Thank You!

In Christ,  
During the month of December there is a lot of attention on all the new things to be had. Sometimes when we discover something new we get excited and wonder how we ever lived without it before. I often discover a new thing, author, website, idea, exercise, diet, way of doing something, etc., that I get so excited about and know that I will use for the rest of my life. Now as I look back I realize how time and again I was wrong, and have discarded many of the “new” ideas, practices, and things I had “discovered.” Novelty causes temporary zeal. Eventually though we realize that perhaps the reason something was new now is because it was useless before, and still is.

This truth plays out not only at Christmas and on my desk, but in society and the Church as well. Humanity is always discovering the next greatest thing or idea that shames the old way of doing things, only to eventually rediscover the wisdom of the old ways. We egotistically think ourselves evolved and enlightened in the excitement of novelty, and then discover it doesn't work as well as we'd like in the long run. I believe that the reason for this tendency of humanity to flock to something new only to eventually return to the old is a matter of practicality: what works. Humanity is set apart from the rest of creation in our ability to embrace good innovation for the sake of improvement and progress; but innovation is not always an improvement and therefore we go back. We find as we go that the reason why something was done a certain way or a certain belief held for so long is because it turns out to be true and works best.

There is a logical fallacy called the “appeal to tradition” whereby someone might suggest that something is right because “we've always done it this way.” I'm not making this argument. Rather I believe that “we've always done it this way because it works and is right.” Our ancestors were not as stupid as we often like to believe. The more we do things differently from them just for the sake of novelty the more we discover that we might actually be the dumb ones. Clinging to something just because it is new, a rejection of the old, is no less irrational, sentimental, or erroneous than the appeal to tradition. There is no progress to be had by rejecting the discovered truths of earlier generations. A scientist who studies advanced physics doesn't do so by first rejecting simple arithmetic.

Members of the Christian Church are not immune to the human fault of pride which drives this sopho-

moric lust for novelty. Throughout history churchmen have come and gone who thought themselves clever enough to finally correct the “errors” of the past, only to be eventually rejected. Many a heretic have tried to propose new ideas that were embraced with zeal by many only to be discarded because they did not prove to be good or true.

Our Lord has taught us that we have to be humble like a child to inherit the Kingdom. Children do not have pride that gets in the way of their learning from parents how to speak, eat, or walk. It is only as we age and become adults that we become critical of any knowledge that does not have its source in us. But if we want to inherit the Kingdom we ought to be more self-critical, and less critical of the wisdom that has been passed on to us. We have to be fed in order to learn to eat; we have to crawl before we hope to run the marathon. To reject what has lasted in the Church for thousands of years without asking the question “why” before replacing it with our own novel ideas and practices is not childlike.

There is legitimate development that happens both in the Church and in the world. But we should be careful not to reject something just because it is old, or embrace something because it is new. There are many long lasting traditions in the Church that have been refined and stood the test of time not because they are old, but because they are good and true. We should be happy to inherit these traditions passed on to us as the zeal for recent novelties wears out.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## ***GIVING TREE***

The Angels are hanging around the Activity Center again. Paper Angels that is, are on the Giving Tree. They are waiting to be picked up. Please return gifts with Angels by December 10th back under the tree in Activity Center. The list on the back of the Angel are only suggestions. Please buy with what you are comfortable with. Gift cards are a great way to ensure what they need. Thanks for your generosity in helping children have a joyful Christmas. This yearly event is sponsored by the KC Ladies Auxiliary.