

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-SAT 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. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Your Stewardship

Collection \$ 11,262.00
Building Fund \$ 2,294.00

Sick List

Barbara Andre, Gary Aucoin, Edward Babin, Jr., Herbert Brown, Inez Bueche, Mable Collette, John David, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Susie Gremillion, Deborah Fountain, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Kaci McCamy, Gail Metz, Linda Olinde, Landon Pickinson, Jolie Saint (Ted) Pourciau, Dottie Purpera, Horace Ransome, Lou Sherman, Sonny Tra-beaux.

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; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy.

This Week at I.C.C.

02/12 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd
@ 5:30pm.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
@ 6:30pm.

02/13 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd-5th
@ 5:30pm.

Parish Council Meeting
@ 5:00pm.

Sympathy

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

Family of Brett Altazan

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Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

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If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit, [https://](https://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshare.org)

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
“Here I am, “I said, “send me!”

In Christ,

The start of Lent is less than a month away and I am happy to announce our parish's plans to pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** together again this year. I always look forward to Lent because it is a time when our Lord pours out his gifts on the whole Church in exceptional ways. For six years now we have had the practice of praying the nine-week *Novena of Divine Mercy*. We will begin again on the Tuesday before Mardi Gras, **February 26th**. Obviously this starting date is pre-Lenten, but we have to begin the Novena before Lent in order to complete it in time for the **Feast of Divine Mercy on April 28th**. The Divine Mercy novena will begin **each Tuesday evening** at approximately 6:30PM, at the conclusion of the 6:00PM Mass. It will include Eucharistic exposition, the chanting of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, novena prayers and intentions, and finally, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding at around 7:00PM.

This devotion stems from a series of private revelations made by the risen Christ to a young Polish nun, Faustina Kowalska, now revered as St. Faustina, over a period of seven years, beginning in 1931 and extending until her death in 1938. Each time He appeared to her, the Lord showed Faustina the rays of His infinite Mercy, which flowed from the wounds in His heart. He explained to her that: *The rays represent the Blood and Water which gushed forth from the depths of my Mercy when my agonizing Heart was pierced on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water; which purifies and cleanses the soul; the red rays represent the blood, which gives new life to the soul. These rays will shield the soul before the justice of My Father. Fortunate are those who live in this shelter, for the justice of God will not reach them there... The greater the sinner, the greater the Mercy. I desire to save all, for the well of my Mercy was opened wide with a lance on the cross, for all souls. No one do I exclude... Let the very sinful fear not to approach Me, for even if their sins be as numerous as all the sands of the earth, all will be forgiven in the fathomless pit of my Mercy.* What consolation that we can bring our petitions for Mercy to so loving a Savior!

This year we will have the special treat of visiting priests coming to offer the Mass and preach. The homilies will include their personal reflections and experiences of the Power of Divine Mercy. **The first guest priest to open the novena for us on February 26th will be Bishop Michael Duca.** I strongly encourage everyone to join us, *and invite everyone you know*, as the bishop leads us in the opening of our novena and offers his reflection on Divine Mercy.

I invite you to come join us in praying before our Lord's Divine Mercy this Lent. Mark your calendars on the **Tuesday evenings from February 26th until April 23rd** as a time of prayer. Bring with you all your needs for God's Mercy. Come for yourself and come for your loved ones, for hope in Christ will not leave you disappointed. Even if you are far from God, especially if you are far from God, please come.

Totus Tuus
Fr. Todd Lloyd

OLIVE WOOD GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will be visiting our parish the weekend of **March 2nd & 3rd**, and selling their religious olive wood gifts.

Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayers and the purchases of these special religious art pieces.

The proceeds from the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community.