

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: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Your Stewardship

Collection \$8,993.00
Building Fund \$2,072.42

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, LaDawnia Amond, Leonard Andre, Linda Armand, 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, Jessica Berthelot, 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, 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, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Jeremy Gremillion, Kearney Gros, Erin Gross, Cindy Guého, 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, 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, Tim Miller, 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, Lawrence Pascalin, 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, Ramie Villere, 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; Jules Craig Major, Air Force.

This Week at I.C.

- 2/13 No Religion Classes.
Parish Office Closed.
2/14 No Religion Classes.
Ash Wednesday.
2/15 No RCIA/RCIA-C.



MASS SCHEDULE

8AM, 12NOON & 6PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS 6PM.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
MIKE BOURGEIOS

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
JAMES & MARY ALICE
ROBERT

All young people of our parish are invited to join us next Sunday, February 18th at 5PM, in the church as we're visited by Missionaries of Charity Sisters. They will share their vocation stories and answer questions about what it is like to be a religious sister serving the poor. We'll have refreshments in the Parish Hall after. Parents also welcome!

In Christ,

As we move into Lent this week this is a good time to pick up where we left off with the Holy Father's catechesis on the Mass, reflecting on the Penitential Rite. Pope Francis began by saying "In its sobriety, it favors the attitude with which we are prepared to worthily celebrate the holy mysteries, that is, by acknowledging our sins before God and our brothers and sisters, acknowledging that we are sinners."

This invitation to consider our sins is for everyone, for we are all sinners, the pope said. If this can't be admitted, he asked, then what can a person gain from Mass? He answers, "Nothing, because a presumptuous person is incapable of receiving forgiveness, as he is satisfied by his presumed righteousness." Like the tax collector of Luke 18, "one who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God's merciful gaze set upon him."

The pope said that if we sincerely examine our conscience at this time we'll see that our thoughts, words, and actions are at times contrary to the Gospel. "Therefore," he said, "at the beginning of Mass, as a community, we perform the Penitential Act through a formula of *general confession*, recited in the *first person singular*." We confess to God and each other in this moment, seeking forgiveness. He points out that we also confess omission; that is, neglecting some necessary good. "We often feel that we are good because, we say, 'I did no harm to anyone.' In reality, it is not enough to refrain from doing harm to our neighbor; we must choose to do good, by seizing opportunities to bear good witness that we are disciples of Jesus," pope Francis said. Our confession is made to God and each other because sin also divides us from our brothers and sisters. "Sin severs," he explained, "sin severs the relationship with God and it severs the relationship with brothers and sisters, relationships within the family, in society and in the community: sin always severs; it separates; it divides."

During the *Confiteor* we also strike our breast as we acknowledge our faults. Though we are often tempted, we cannot blame anyone else for our sins. "It costs us to admit being at fault," the pope said, "but it does us good to confess it sincerely."

After admitting our sins we ask for the prayers of Mary, the angels, saints, and each other. The Holy Father explains that this "intercession of these 'companions and life examples' supports us on the journey toward full communion with God, when sin will be abolished once and for all."

The Holy Father takes some time to explain the different options for the penitential rite. There is the *Confiteor*, but also the other formulas, for example: "Have mercy upon us, O Lord, / for we have sinned against thee. / Show us thy mercy, O Lord, / and grant us thy salvation." There is, especially in Easter time, the sprinkling of water as a reminder of Baptism, which washes away sin. Finally we can also sing the *Kyrie eleison*: "the ancient Greek expression, we praise the Lord, *Kyrios*, and implore his mercy."

The Holy Father suggests we see in Scripture the many examples of "penitent" figures who, after conversion from sin, "find the courage to take off the mask and open themselves to the grace that renews the heart." There is King David who in Psalm 51 says, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my iniquity." The prodigal son returns to the father begging for forgiveness. The tax collector in the Temple prays, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." There is also Peter, Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman, and so many others. The Holy Father concludes, "Measuring ourselves with the fragility of the clay of which we are molded is an experience that strengthens us: as it makes us take account of our weakness, it opens our heart to invoke the divine mercy which transforms and converts."

As we begin Lent the penitential rite is emphasized, so as to dispose us to God's mercy in the Mass and at Easter.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd