

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

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

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Your Stewardship

Collection \$ 7,831.92
Building Fund \$ 326.00

Sick List

Barbara Andre, Gary Aucoin, Joyce Aucoin, Edward Babin, Jr., Herbert Brown, Inez Bueche, Mable Collette, John David, Veronica Fusulier, 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 Pickin-son, Dottie Purpera, Horace Ransome, Lou Sherman, Sonny Trabeaux.

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.

02/18 **KC 4th Degree Meeting**
@ 5pm.
02/19 **Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd**
@ 5:30pm.
02/20 **Rel. Ed Grades 3rd-5th**
@ 5:30pm.
KC'S Officers Meeting.

Sympathy

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

Family of Jolie Saint Pourciau

Family of Anna Louise Doucet

TASTE FAIR NEWS

There will be a Taste Fair meeting on Tuesday, February 19th @ 6:45pm.

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.

In Christ,

As I mentioned last week, Tuesday February 26th will begin our parish's Lenten practice of the Novena of Divine Mercy. At the conclusion of our 6pm Mass on the nine Tuesdays leading up to the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. We will conclude each Tuesday night at approximately 7pm with benediction.

Why a Novena of Divine Mercy, and why now? All of us have needs for which there is no ready answer or apparent human solution, everything from the need for the conversion of a soul dead in sin, to healing of physical illness or of a seriously wounded relationship, to deliverance from death-dealing habits and addictions. And while it may seem at times as though there is no answer or hope for our problems, the truth is there is always an answer, there is always hope, but the answer may exceed human wisdom, ability, or understanding. Jesus said to the synagogue official who had just learned of his young daughter's death, "Fear is useless; what is needed is trust" (Mark 5:36). In the case of that little girl, Jesus literally raised her from the dead. Raising the dead to life is what faith in Christ is all about; trust in Jesus Christ is always life-giving, and the message of Divine Mercy is precisely that: *Jesus, I trust in you!*

Each night of the novena has an intention which Our Lord asked St. Faustina to present to his Divine Mercy. On the first night of the novena, February 26th, Our Lord invites us to bring to Him all mankind, especially all sinners, and to immerse them in the ocean of His mercy. He has promised that even the most hardened of sinners are capable of responding to His grace, for "the greater the sinner, the greater the Mercy" of God.

This year we will be joined by visiting priests who are well known for their preaching and personal experiences of the *Power of Divine Mercy*. We will reflect together on how God's mercy is more powerful than human weakness and sin. If we place our trust in it, Divine Mercy can and will transform us all into saints, no matter our past or present situation. Bishop Duca will be our first guest on the 26th, and then Fr. Miles Walsh, Fr. Frank Bass, Fr. Chris Decker, Fr. Al Davidson, Fr. Brent Maher, and Fr. Josh Johnson. If you have family members who have been away from the Church or who are in need of healing of any kind, please invite them to hear these holy priests and to rekindle their trust in God's mercy for them.

I invite you to come join us in praying be-

fore 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

CONFIRMATION 2019

We would like to congratulate the following students who were confirmed by Bishop Gerard Duca on February 7th. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they join us as fully initiated members of the Church.

A special thank you goes out to our Confirmation Retreat Team: **Phil Fontenot, Lisa Honore, Posie Jarreau, Glynette Jones, Christie Monroe** and **Kristian Steib**. A special thanks also goes to the **Knights of Columbus** who cooked for our Confirmation Retreats throughout the year. You all made Confirmation 2019 quite a success!

STUDENTS:

**Paulo Acevedo
Logan Antie
Randi Bergeron
Ann Marie Borel
Logan Brown
Micah Cifreo
Kaitlyn Dugas
Olivia Hardy
Ryley Hopkins
Harry Jones
Isabella Lemoine
Kevin Maya
Trey Morgan
Tony Olinde
Meghan Picard
Ethan Ringo
Nicole Seawell**

**Kyleigh Andre
Garrett Benedict
Zack Bergeron
Anna Bouton
Dontrell Christophe
T.J. Clayton
Madison Folse
Sa'Mya Harlaux
Jeslyn Johnson
Morgan LeBlanc
Luke Major
Mallorie Moore
Clayton Mougeot
Tyler Patin
Ashlyn Pinsonat
Zachary Rollins
Hannah Theriot**

Congratulations