

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

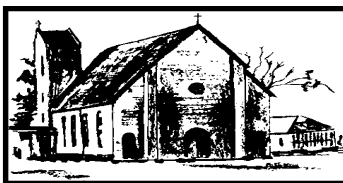
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

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
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 except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

This Week at I.C.

2/19 KC 4th Degree Mtg 6pm.
2/20 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.
2/21 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
KC Mtg.
2/22 RCIA/RCIA-C.

Your Stewardship

Collection \$7,298.25
Building Fund \$230.00

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 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, 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 Pascal, 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.

Sympathy

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

Family of Lena Pourciau Plaia.

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!

GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.

—St. Perpetua

In Christ,

For his seventh talk on the Mass the Holy Father looks at the *Gloria* and the *Collect*. We omit the Gloria during Lent, but this reflection is helpful on what we'll look forward to singing again at Easter. Also his reflection on the Collect and silence is helpful, as we enter into deeper silence this season.

Pope Francis says that after the Penitential Rite we express our gratitude for God's mercy in the *Gloria*; "a very ancient and venerable hymn in which the Church, gathered together in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb." The beginning of the Gloria, the Holy Father reflects, "recalls the song of the Angels at Jesus' birth in Bethlehem: a joyful heralding of the embrace between heaven and earth."

After the Gloria we move on to the prayer known as the *collect*, "through which the very character of the celebration is expressed, with variations according to the days and time of the year," the pope said. After the invitation "let us pray", there is to be a moment of silence. Pope Francis explains that this silence is important for the people at Mass "so that they may be conscious that they are in God's presence and so that all can formulate within their own heart the personal petitions with which they are participating in the Mass." The pope's reflection on silence is important and beautiful, so I'd like to give it to you completely as he said it:

"The silence is not confined to the absence of words but rather to preparing oneself to listen to other voices: the one in our heart and, above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the Liturgy, the nature of sacred silence depends on the moment in which it takes place: 'within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts'. Thus, before the opening prayer, silence helps us to recollect ourselves and to contemplate why we are there. This, then, is the importance of listening to our heart, so as to then open it to the Lord. Perhaps we have experienced days of toil, of joy, of pain, and we want to tell the Lord about it, to invoke his help, to ask that he be at our side; we may have relatives and friends who are ill or who are undergoing difficult trials; we may wish to entrust to God the future of the Church and the world. And this is the purpose of the brief silence before the priest; *collecting everyone's petitions*, he expresses aloud to God, on behalf of all, the common prayer, which concludes the Introductory Rites by offering the *collect* of the individual petitions. I strongly recommend that priests observe this moment of silence and not rush: 'Let us pray', and let there be silence. I recommend this to priests. Without this silence, we run the risk of neglecting the recollection of the soul."

Then Pope Francis points out that the priest offers this prayer with arms outstretched. "It is the prayerful manner practiced by Christians ever since the first centuries...to imitate Christ with his arms outstretched on the wood of the Cross." He explains that here we recognize that Christ is the One praying and the prayer itself. On the Cross with arms outstretched he is the real priest offering the prayer of himself to the Father in Heaven.

Finally, the Holy Father concludes by saying how rich these *collect* prayers are. They could be the source of beautiful meditations. He said, "Returning to meditate on these texts, even outside the Mass, can help us understand how to address God, what to ask and which words to use. May the Liturgy become for all of us a true school of prayer."

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

CONFIRMATION 2018

We would like to congratulate the following students who were confirmed by Bishop Muench on Friday, February 9. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they join us as fully initiated members of the Church.

A special thanks goes to our Confirmation Retreat Team: Glynette Jones, Phil Fontenot, Christie Monroe, Cindy Steib, and Kristian Steib. A special thanks also goes to the Knights of Columbus who cook for our Confirmation Retreats throughout the year. You all made Confirmation 2018 quite a success!

STUDENTS:

Randall Andre III
Ronald Campbell III
Presley Cicero
Sethan Daigle
Kirstyn Jarreau
Kennedy Lurry
Blair Ortis
Mason Pennington
Jarred Pourciau
Amber Schapatone

Hunter Antie
Cole Carpenter
Layton Cline
Hunter David
Breann Keowen
Josie Musso
John Patin
Ashton Porche
Lauren Rivett
Lexi Sellars