

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
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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: I Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
I Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$8,741.10
Building Fund	\$672.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$877.00

Sick List

Dina Bello McAdams, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguiard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Verna Bankston, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Mary Grace Bernard, Adeline Bonaventure, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Leroy Chustz, Violet Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Mrytis Duhe, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremillion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Marie King, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Roderick LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Margie Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, Jacqueline Molina, Bernadine Moore, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Paul K. Patin, Mark Patin, Tren Patin, Sr., Jeff Plauche, Tricia Plauche, Haley Ponthieux, J.O. Porche, Gladys Porche, Irvy Pourciau, Leon Prevot, Jr., Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubiqueynn Rusk, 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, Joyce York.

This Week at I.C.

- 2/23 Rel Ed Grades K-2nd @ 5:30pm.
2/24 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
Choir Practice @ 6pm.
2/26 Stations 6pm.
2/28 RCIA/RCIA/C.

Sympathy

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

Family of Betty LeJeune.
Family of Shirley Bueche
Family of Ernest Jack.

CHENAL CEMETRY

On Saturday March 12, 2016, the church landscaping committee will be cleaning up Chenal Cemetery in preparation for Easter. All old, faded or seasonal flowers will be removed as well as any articles placed near the graves. We respectfully ask that if there are any items you would like to keep, please pick them up before the clean up day. We invite all parishioners to join us as we work to keep our cemetery looking neat and clean.

Prayer Request

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Timothy Harleaux, Marines; 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

In Christ,

Early in this season of Lent I have already heard a lot of grumbling about the use of Latin in Mass. I'll touch on a few points from what are common objections.

"We don't speak Latin...no one does!" This is true and a good point. We could also say "I don't wear colorful vestment in everyday life." Or "No one uses gold and silver chalices and plates at home for dinner." The same could be said about the use of elaborate candle stands, furniture, posture at Mass (stand, sit, stand, kneel, etc.), the bread, wine, and the music in general. None of this is "normal" to everyday life. The use of these make Mass stand outside of the norm. This isn't a bad thing but a good thing that is conducive to the highest form of worship we can offer. It sets it apart from personal prayer and daily life. These things raise the Mass above and beyond the norm. The same can be said with the use of the Latin language. It is helpful if embraced because it sets what we are doing apart. Its specific use in worship makes it sacred (the word "sacred" means "set apart").

"We're Americans, not Latinists. I don't even know what the words mean!" One of the great things about Louisiana is our Cajun French heritage. Regrettably the majority of people in Louisiana do not actually know the French language. This does not, however, stop anyone from using phrases such as *laissez faire*, *lagniappe*, *laissez les bon temps rouler*, *fais-do-do*, *cher*, *Ça c'est bon*, etc. Most people, including those saying them, could not actually break down these phrases and translate them. We simply know what they mean and how to use them. And we like to do this because it gives us an identity. It connects us to our history and heritage. I believe this can be related to our use of Latin in Mass. Maybe the average Catholic cannot explain linguistically the meaning of "Agnus Dei." But we know how to say it, what context it has in Mass, and thus what it means in general: "Lamb of God." Using Latin connects us to something beyond ourselves; something even bigger than the Louisiana identity. We are not merely the Catholic Church of Lakeland, or Louisiana, or even America. We are in fact members of the *Latin Rite*, Roman Catholic Church. In the occasional use of Latin for Mass parts we are nurturing our identity, our culture. We are not speaking with the voice of an individual person or group of people, but the voice of the whole Universal Church, using her official universal language to praise and worship God.

Finally, I'll just point out that the Church considers it to be important for her members to know how to pray in Latin. The Second Vatican Council's document on the liturgy says: "*Particular law remaining in force, the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.*" And "...Steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.

Please know that this is not done for the sake of novelty. The Latin is used to enhance the liturgy precisely because it is not novel. Remember that we are not an *audience* at Mass. We are participating in the timeless sacrifice of Christ, the perfect act of worship. It's true that the use of the vernacular is a blessing to help us participate; but this does not mean that Latin is an obstacle to that participation. It challenges us to move beyond ourselves. Approaching the Divine throne of God should not be a casual experience, and Latin is not a casual language.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

GOOD FRIDAY'S PASSIONATE WALK MARCH 25, 2016

BIG CHANGES TO THIS YEAR'S WALK. WE ARE BEGINNING THE WALK AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND WALKING TOWARDS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S CHURCH. PLEASE GO TO WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.
WWW.APASSIONATEWALKWITHJESUS.COM

FAIR NEWS

Craft Fair Reminder: To all who would like to make crafts for the craft booth. Please drop off at church office or contact Connie Carrier @ 225-287-9636. Thanks for your support.