

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

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31
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 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$9,636.22
Building Fund	\$270.00

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Lynn Amond, LaDawnia Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Lynn Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Brandon Holden, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Mary Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Jo Ann McGowan, Margje Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Tuttle, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Jskson Richard, osep Richard, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Lydia Vancal, 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

This Week at I.C.

2/28 **No Religion.**
Parish Office Closed.
2/29 **No Religion.**
3/5 **RCIA/RCIA-C.**

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Charles Warren Porche by his family on the anniversary of his birthday.

Sympathy

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

Family of Clayton Jarreau.

**MARCH 1ST
ASH WEDNESDAY
MASSES
8AM, 12 NOON AND 6PM.**

FAIR NEWS

The ICC Country Carnival will be June 4th. The fair will only be one day and will still have band but new activities such as laser tag, hamster ball, gaming trailer.

Donations and volunteers are needed. Donations can be dropped off at church office.

In Christ,

Happy Mardi Gras! Ever since I was a small child I have loved going to Mardi Gras parades, eating King Cake, and listening to the marching bands. I've come to love not only the south Louisiana cultural expression of this celebration, but the deeper meaning it has in relation to our prayer life.

As you likely know already, Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") gets its name from the idea of eating all the sweets and more luscious foods before the fast of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. In the Church the day was once commonly known as "Shrove Tuesday." The word *shrove* is the past tense of the English verb *shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Both *Mardi Gras* and *Shrove Tuesday* emphasize what is about to happen, the beginning of the season of Lent.

Mardi Gras and Lent are so closely connected that if one does not know the connection, the meaning of Mardi Gras is lost. It becomes just another festival. Unfortunately that has happened for many people. But it is important for faithful Catholics and Protestants alike to know the connection and celebrate it properly. There is no sin in enjoying ourselves, taking part in the revelry, catching beads, and having good food. But if these things are done without purpose they *can* spiral into sinful behavior. I do not have to mention the types of gluttony and behavior that are linked to "Mardi Gras" today. This spiral happens when we forget that ultimately this festivity is in place so that we can prepare for something, not gorge senselessly.

What are we preparing for and what good does this type of prep do? As I mentioned already we are preparing for the season of Lent. On Wednesday Catholics around the world will receive their blessed ashes and be reminded of their mortality. It is through our mortality that Christ has brought us salvation when He entered into it Himself. We celebrate on Mardi Gras because we are still alive and have the God given freedom to enjoy the pleasures of life. On Wednesday we are also reminded that this freedom is not primarily for this pleasure, but for the ability to freely live lives united to the emptying out of Christ on the Cross. God wants us to live free from the slavery of sin: whether in the pleasures of Mardi Gras or the fasting of Lent.

Please join me in enjoying the festivities of Mardi Gras. Do so with every bit of joy you can. Remember that we are given a great gift from God to enjoy all the good things He has created, and this should be celebrated. But also remember that this freedom of ours should be made holy through the disciplines of Lent. As a Church we abstain from meat on Fridays in order to recall that Christ offered His Flesh and Blood for our life, and our own flesh often leads us to sin. Beyond that we should all embrace additional prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Finally, when the festivities have concluded, please join us on Tuesday night as we pray the second Chaplet of Divine Mercy of our Novena. The confessional will be open at 5PM for Shrove Tuesday, and then we will celebrate Mass and offer the Chaplet for all priest and religious. On Ash Wednesday we will offer Mass at 8AM, 12, and 6PM, with the distribution of ashes at each. Starting this Friday and on every Friday of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6PM. On Saturdays at 8AM we continue to have an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Make the best of the Lenten season.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT
THE BAPTISM SEMINAR
FOR MARCH HAS BEEN
CHANGED FROM MARCH
1ST TO MARCH 8TH.**

**KC/LADIES AUCILIARY
FUNDRAISER**

**MARCH 10TH
GARFISH BALL DINNER
ACTIVITY CENTER
\$8 PER PLATE
11AM UNTIL SOLD OUT**