

## 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  
[Immaculateconceptionlakeland.com](http://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: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;  
Mk 1:14-20

## Your Stewardship

Collection \$11,465.90  
Building Fund \$2,069.77

## 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, 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, Joshua Gaspard, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Jeremy Gremillion, Andy Gremillion, Carol 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, Aadam Kleimpter, 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.

1/16 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.  
1/17 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.  
KC's Mtg.  
1/18 RCIA/RCIA-C.

## Sympathy

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

Family of Marshall Gosserand.

Family of Loretta Fabre.

# PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**2018/2019 Deadline: Feb 6, 2018**

Immaculate Conception Preschool Learning Center will be taking applications for the upcoming 2018/2019 preschool year. The program offers a "hands-on", age appropriate pre-k curriculum for children ages 3, 4 & 5. (children must turn 3 by Dec. 31, 2018)

Preschool hours: 8:30-2:00 M/W/F

Application forms can be found near side door of Office of Christian Formation and must be received by Feb. 6, 2:00pm. For more information contact Skye Johnston in the Office of Christian Formation at 225-627-5819.

In Christ,

Picking back up this week with Pope Francis' catechesis on the Mass, in his 5<sup>th</sup> talk he begins to reflect on the parts of the Mass. The Mass is divided into two main parts which are "so closely connected to each other that they form one single act of worship," the Holy Father said. Those two parts are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Mass also includes rituals at the beginning and conclusion which, his holiness said, all together "forms a single body and cannot be separated, but for clarification I will try to explain its various moments, each of which is capable of touching and engaging a dimension of our humanity." The pope believes that in order to experience the Mass fully and benefit from its beauty one must know all these holy signs.

The Mass begins with the Introductory Rites: the Entrance, Greeting, Act of Penitence, *Kyrie Eleison*, Gloria and the Collect Prayer. According to the *Roman Missal* the purpose of these Introductory Rites is "to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily." Stressing the importance of everyone experiencing the entirety of the liturgy the Holy Father explains that the Mass begins with these Introductory Rites, "because there we begin to adore God as a community." He continues, "And for this reason it is important to make sure you do not arrive late, but rather early, in order to prepare the heart for this rite, for this community celebration." The church ought to be silent before Mass to allow everyone this time of preparation.

While the entrance is said or chanted the priest and other ministers approach the altar, and the priest kisses the altar and sometimes incenses it. The Holy Father explains this is done "Because the altar is Christ: it is the figure of Christ. When we look at the altar, we are looking exactly at Christ." This is an important belief that few comprehend today. It is for this reason that the altar ought to be treated with respect, revered even. It is not merely a "table" as I've heard it referred to and ought not be used for placing things on or leaning on. Because of this there is the custom of bowing every time we cross the altar's path. The Holy Father continues, "These gestures, which could pass unobserved, are highly significant, because they express from the very beginning that the Mass is an encounter of love with Christ, who, by offering his Body on the Cross, became 'the Priest, the Altar and the Lamb.'" It is important for all, ministers and congregation, to understand that we "gather around the altar, which is Christ," the Pope Francis says, "not to look at each other, but to look at Christ, because Christ is at the centre of the community; he is not distant from it." This is a beautiful explanation of Mass offered *Ad Orientem*, where the priest faces the altar with the congregation.

After reverencing the altar comes the sign of the Cross. The whole liturgical act is done in the name of the Holy Trinity, and we are all traced with the Cross of Christ. Here the Holy Father briefly addresses how children make the sign of the Cross. He implores, "Please, mom and dad, grandparents, teach the children, from the beginning – from a tender age – to make the sign of the Cross properly." Starting the Mass with the sign of the Cross places our prayer in the midst of the infinite community of the Trinity, from where the gift of Jesus' Paschal Mystery comes, "and the Eucharist flows ever from his pierced Heart." When we make the sign of the Cross we affirm that the liturgical prayer is the encounter with God in Jesus Christ, who became flesh, died on the Cross and rose in glory for us.

After the sign of the Cross the priest offers the liturgical Greeting and the congregation responds "And with your spirit". This dialogue shouldn't pass us by insignificantly. The pontiff said, "We are entering a 'symphony', in which various tones of voice resonate, including moments of silence, in view of creating 'harmony' among all the participants, which is to acknowledge that they are animated by a unique Spirit and for the same aim." The *Roman Missal* explains that by these greetings and responses "the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest." That is to say, the whole Catholic Church is made manifest; this isn't merely *our* liturgy or Mass, made up as we want, but rather it is the liturgy of the Universal Church, where the whole Church is made present in prayer. "In this way we express the common faith and the mutual wish to abide with the Lord and to live in unity with the entire community" Pope Francis explained.

Immediately this "symphony" moves into a very moving moment when we are invited to acknowledge our sins. "All of us are sinners;" the pope said, "and for this reason at the start of Mass we ask forgiveness." He concludes, "If the Eucharist truly renders present the Paschal Mystery, meaning Christ's passing from death to life, then the first thing we have to do is recognize our own situation of death in order to rise again with him to new life." Finally, Pope Francis said he would pick up here in his next talk.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
CALVIN & DOT SCHAPATON**

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
JOHN DAWSON**