

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

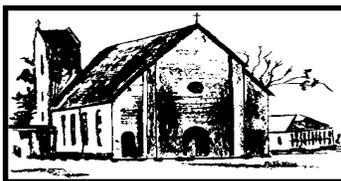
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

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: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of
readings for the Day of Prayer
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk
3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk
3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,
2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-
9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 119:8-10,
15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk
1:1-4; 4:14-21

Your Stewardship

Collection \$ 8,295.00
Building Fund \$ 50.00

Sick List

Barbara Andre, Gary Aucoin, Edward Babin, Jr., Inez Bueche, Mable Collette, John David, 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 Pickinson, Dottie Purpera, Horace Ransome, Vera 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.

- 01/20 KC Appreciation Gumbo @ 12pm.
01/21 KC 4th Degree Meeting @ 6pm.
01/22 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd @ 5:30pm.
01/23 Parish Council Meeting @ 5pm.
Rel. Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.

Sympathy

*The Sympathy Of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:
Family of Gertrude Bonaventure.*

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Robert Edward Grover, Jr., child of Robert Grover & Sarah Grover.

Brody Thomas Harrison, child of Elliot Harrison, II & Tia Dehon.

25th, 50th, 65th & Over Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a liturgy at **2pm on Sunday, February 10, 2019**, at St. George Catholic Church. The Bishop will be honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards at the KAC Parishioner Hall.

Couples wishing to attend should contact ICC parish office, at 627-5124, as soon as possible. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, January 30th**.

In Christ,

Recently I've seen commercials for a phone network provider which makes a great point: "Just OK is not OK." It goes through comical scenes where different services, such as mechanics, surgeons, tattoo artists, and others, are "Just OK," which rightly concerns the potential customer. Who wants their surgeon telling them, before a major surgery, that they're an ok surgeon, but not great? No one. While these commercials are meant to sell us a cell phone plan which claims to be better than "just ok," they make a point that can be applied to our life as Catholics.

It is likely that all of us concern ourselves with the quality of things we consider important. If we want important things to be better than ok, like our mechanics or doctors or our children's education, then shouldn't we want our worship of God to be better than just ok? Here's an honest question for all of us to consider: do we give as much attention to the quality of Mass, and do we put in as much effort at Mass, as we give and put into other things? Is "just OK" satisfactory for the Mass, but not for our health care? Do we concern ourselves with the beauty of Mass as much as we do our front yard?

The Second Vatican Council calls the celebration of the Eucharist the "Source and summit of the Christian life." If that is true, then it should be critical to us that it is better than just ok. If we believe that the source of all that is good in our Christian lives comes from the Mass; and all we do in life has its heights in the Mass, then this should be of the utmost importance to us. We should want the Masses that we offer in our parish to be exquisite, profound, and mystical. We should want to put a great effort into what we do at Mass.

Unfortunately I'm not sure we can all claim to have that desire. For some it is preferable to be able to come to Mass and get through it as quickly and easily as possible. We probably put more effort into our Sunday night dinner than we do our Sunday morning Mass. This has to change. For the Mass, more than anything else, just ok is not ok.

As we move back into Ordinary Time of this new year I invite and encourage everyone to join me in reevaluating the quality of our Mass,

and the personal effort each one of us puts into it. If we do not come into Mass with a serious intention, like a mission, to offer the absolute best worship, prayer, and sacrifice to God, then we are doing it wrong. We all have a role to play in Mass.

The word "liturgy" literally means "work of the people." Are we all putting in the work to offer God the best Mass possible? Are we singing? Are we praying? Are we paying attention? Do we become annoyed when the Mass is challenging? When it requires a little more effort because we have to *sing* the responses do we give up? When we *see* incense do we start fake coughing for no reason? When parts of the Mass are in the beautiful and universal language of the Church (i.e. Latin) do we complain because we do not want to have to look up the meaning of something, even though most of us use our smart phones to look up far less important things daily? We should all want the Mass to be so extraordinary that it is unlike anything else we do in life. Putting an effort in at Mass should not be exceptional to us. The Mass should be hard work – true *liturgia*. If "just ok" is not good enough for our cell phone service, then neither should it be for our worship of God.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Preschool Registration

2019/2020

Deadline: Feb. 5, 2019

Immaculate Conception Preschool Learning Center will be taking applications for the upcoming 2019/2020 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, 2019**)

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

Application forms can be found near side door of Office of Christian Formation and must be received by **Feb. 5th, 2:00pm**. For more information contact Skye Johnston in the Office of Christian Formation at 225-627-5819.