

## 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

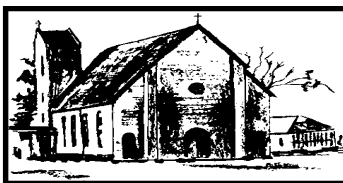
**Sat. Vigil:** 4:00 PM

**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	\$8,774.00
Building Fund	\$220.00

## 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, 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, Adaam Kleimpeter, 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.

1/23 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.  
1/24 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.  
1/25 RCIA/RCIA-C.

## Sympathy

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

Family of Mary Thelma Barnett.

## Congratulations

To Dylan Bergeron and Baylee Cifreo who were married here on January 12, 2018.

## 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,

This past December our beloved bishop, Robert Muench, reached the age of mandatory resignation for bishops in the Church. This means that he, and the diocese along with him, awaits word from the Holy See (i.e. the Vatican) regarding the date his resignation will be effective and who his successor will be. We should most certainly all pray in thanksgiving for his years of ministry to us and that he may be blessed with a fruitful and healthy retirement.

This is a critical time for our diocese, which has many needs. It is no secret that our diocese is struggling to maintain a balance between the number of parishes and the number of priests to serve in those parishes. While our diocese has been blessed with good priests, many of them are up in age. Like the Church all over the world, we are also seeing a decline of faithful Catholics who take their faith seriously. We are in need of bold and creative leadership willing to trust in unapologetic and uncompromising Catholicism.

For these reasons I invite all of you to join me in praying a 54 day Rosary Novena for three intentions related to our diocese: **that our next bishop be a holy, humble, and bold leader; for the sanctity of our diocese; and for more men to be called to and respond to God's call to the priesthood in our diocese.** We will begin this Wednesday, January 24th, and conclude on March 18th, the eve of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's Day is the feast day of our diocese. On St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, we will offer a special Mass for our diocese.

The 54 day Rosary Novena dates back to 1884. On March 3, 1884 a young girl named Fortuna Agrelli was graced with an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary and given this special devotion which she passed onto others. Fortuna had been ill with three separate incurable diseases and her doctors had given up on her case saying it was hopeless. In desperation, the young girl and her family turned to praying the Rosary. Our Lady appeared to the girl, sitting upon a high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, holding the Christ Child on her lap, and in her hand a Rosary. The sick girl asked the Blessed

Mother to cure her. Mary responded, "Child, you have invoked me by various titles and have always obtained favors from me. Now, since you have called me by that title so pleasing to me, *Queen of the Most Holy Rosary*, I can no longer refuse the favor you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to me. Make three novenas, and you shall obtain all." Once more, the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to the young girl and said, "Whoever desires to obtain favors from me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving." The young girl did as instructed and was healed and restored to perfect health. It has been reported that the miracle of Fortuna's cure made a deep impression on Pope Leo XIII. He went on to write 12 encyclicals on the Rosary and urged all Christians to love the Rosary and pray it fervently.

A novena is nine days of prayer. This tradition is rooted in the nine days spent in prayer by the Apostles and the Virgin Mary in the upper room between the Ascension of the Lord and coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Blessed Mother asks for three novenas of the Rosary offered with the petition, and then three in thanksgiving for her response. That comes to 54 days of praying the Rosary. If you recognize the need of our diocese, if you are interested in the good of our diocese, and if you trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession, please pray this novena. I beg all of you to join me in praying the Rosary every single day during this novena. Do as you would normally do, praying the mystery that corresponds with each day. Please see the cards which will be in the church to help you during these 54 days of prayer.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my  
gift back to God.

—Anonymous