

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: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

This Week at I.C.

1/26 Rel. Ed Grades K-2nd @ 5:30pm.
1/27 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
Choir Practice @ 6pm.
1/28 Bible Study @ 8:45am Rm 1.
1/29 Confirmation @ 7pm.
1/31 RCIA/RCIA/C.

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$7,694.00
Building Fund	\$139.00

Sick List

Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, 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 Gremilion, 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, Margje 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, Irvis 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.

Sympathy

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

Family of Dale Mayeaux.

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

ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

In Christ,

As hard as it is to believe, Lent is only two and half weeks away (17 days!). Not that we aren't happy to move into this special time, but it seems like we just put the Christmas decorations away. While Lent is always a season to reflect on God's mercy, during this Year of Mercy there will be a special emphasis. Pope Francis wrote, *"The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19)."*

As we have come accustomed to in our parish, we will remember and pray for God's mercy with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for nine weeks on Tuesday nights starting with Mass at 6PM. The first of these nine Tuesdays is **February 2nd**. I especially want to encourage everyone to make use of this time to pray to God's Divine Mercy this year. The Holy Father has asked pastors for this special work during this Lent when he wrote, "May pastors, especially during the liturgical season of Lent, be diligent in calling back the faithful 'to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace' (Heb 4:16)."

Heeding the Holy Father's instruction, I am inviting each and every parishioner in our parish to come to the throne of grace. Come to God's Divine Mercy by making extra time for the sacraments and prayer this Lent. Over the next two weeks please invite someone to join us on Tuesdays, and make the commitment yourself. It is a work of mercy to call others to God's mercy and helps us attain mercy ourselves – "My brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20).

In addition to the praying of the chaplet after Mass, I will offer extra time for confessions before the Mass. Starting at 5PM I will be in the confessional every Tuesday waiting for you. I expect every parishioner of our parish to go to confession this Lent. As the Holy Father has mentioned, reconciliation with God is made possible *through the mediation of the Church*. The only sin that is unforgivable is to reject the Holy Spirit's gift of reconciliation, as the Catechism says: "There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss" (CCC 1864).

May these next two weeks be a time for us to prepare for Lent, and invite more people to the throne of God's mercy.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

2016-2017

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Immaculate Conception Preschool Learning Center will be taking applications for the upcoming 2016/2017 preschool year. The program offers a "hands-on", age appropriate pre-k curriculum for children ages 3, 4 & 5. (children must turn 3 before Dec. 31, 2016)

**Preschool hours: 8:30-2:00 Monday,
Wednesday and Friday.**

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