

## 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: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;  
Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;  
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk  
6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;  
Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## Your Stewardship

Collection	\$7,044.85
Building Fund	\$234.00

## 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, 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 Kleinpeter, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Bonne LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDufft, 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, 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, Rami 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.

1/30 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.  
1/31 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.  
2/1 RCIA/RCIA-C.  
2/3 Confirmation Practice—after 4pm mass

## Sympathy

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

Family of Joseph Collins David.  
Family of Patsy Gautreaux.  
Family of Gertrude Fabre.  
Family of Marie Gremillion.  
Family of Mary Barnett.

# 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,

There is a well known and amusing quote of the famous biblical scholar and Anglican bishop, N.T. Wright: “Wherever St. Paul went, there was a riot. Wherever I go, they serve tea.” I’ve never found the context of this quote, so I can’t explain his exact meaning, but it is as poignant as it is funny.

Many priests can identify with Wright’s comment. It is not unusual for a priest to be invited to fundraisers and galas and banquets and breakfasts for one group or another. Sometimes we’re even invited to say a few words or a prayer at one of these things. It would be very unusual and even rude if a priest used one of these occasions to incite a commotion; though some people would probably not mind the departure from decorum. I’m sure Wright, being a good Englishman, would not consider the annual Geriatric Breakfast a good time for compelling people to riot. But I do wonder if there is something seriously amiss when the Church lacks ministers who upset the applecart.

Jesus said He did *not* come to bring peace but the sword and that He wants to set the world on fire. How did the Church become so domesticated? Human nature tends to take the path of least resistance. Most people prefer tranquility to commotion; peace to war; agreement to argument. There are those few, of course, who are rabble rousers. They like being contrary; they thrive during conflict. Perhaps the Church needs a little less of the former and more of the latter.

Between 1910 and 1967 every cleric was required to make the *Oath Against Modernism*. The first line of the oath says “I firmly embrace and accept each and every definition that has been set forth and declared by the unerring teaching authority of the Church, especially those principal truths which are directly opposed to the errors of this day.” This was a good way for the Church to continue the Catholic tradition of being contrary to the world. Among other things, the person taking the oath would affirm the impossibility “that dogma may be tailored according to what seems better and more suited to the culture of each age; rather, that the absolute and immutable truth preached by the apostles from the beginning may

never be believed to be different, may never be understood in any other way.” In other words, what the Church believed yesterday is what she will believe tomorrow, regardless of what people in the world think. Unfortunately, in an attempt to be more open to the world, the Church abandoned the strong language of this oath. Like the allied powers who signed the Munich Agreement, which allowed the Nazis to expand into Czechoslovakia in an attempt to appease them peacefully, so too the Church tried to appease the modern world. It has proven to be as successful as the Munich Agreement.

Catholics need to once more become comfortable with being counter cultural. In a culture that is as debased as ours, being counter cultural is the only path of life. If it is socially inappropriate to speak the truth, then a Christian must prefer being socially abnormal to being untruthful. If immodesty is fashionable, then Christians must prefer being unfashionable. If sexual liberality is celebrated, then Christians must enjoy being called prudes. If being traditional and holding things of the Church sacred is passé, then we must revel in being behind the times. Has abandoning our patrimony of the sacred and reverent actually bore any lasting fruit? Has “updating” the Church to fit in with the modern world caused the modern world to become more Catholic? Has preaching less about sin and judgment and hell filled our churches? When the Galatians started to slip away from the faith, St. Paul wrote to them, “O stupid Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?...Are you so stupid? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh?” That’s the voice of someone who prefers a rebellion to taking tea. That’s the voice of a Christian.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

If you haven't received your church directory or wish to purchase one they are available in the office. Books are \$20 each.