

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
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**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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
or I Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: I Sm 1:9-20 or I Sm 1:1-8 and I Sm 1:9-20;
I Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk
1:21-28

Wednesday: I Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: I Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: I Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: I Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: I Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
I Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

This Week at I.C.

- 1/9 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.
Ladies Aux Mtg @ 6:30pm.
- 1/10 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
Peer Ber. Grp Mtg @ 5:30 Rm 2.
- 1/11 RCIA/RCIA-C.

Congratulations

To Trace Duhon and Brianna Andre who were
married here on December 29, 2017.

Your Stewardship

Collection \$ 7,220.22

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allement, LaDawnia Amond, Leonard Andre, Linda Armand, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Eloise 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, Sr., 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, Adaan Kleinpeter, 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 Pascal, 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.*

Sympathy

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

Family of Barbara Olinde.

Family of Rowena Manchester.

Announcement—Save the Date

2018—25th & 50th, 65th and Over

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

February 25, 2018—2 p.m.

St. Aloysius Church
2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge

Registration coming soon.

In Christ,

Now that we are in the New Year, 2018, I'd like to share with you some thoughts I've had about the plans for our parish the first half of this year. Most certainly we offer ourselves and our parish in this new year to the Lord God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Mother.

As I mentioned last week, we're introducing a new youth program for anyone between the 8th and 12th grade. I am confident that the videos, *The Catholicism Project*, will be very enlightening and the discussion stimulating for anyone who joins us on these Sunday evenings.

As some of you may already know, Bishop Muench has reached the age of resignation for bishops in the Church. This means that he is awaiting word from the Pope on the effective date of his resignation and also who his successor will be. I strongly encourage everyone to join me in prayer for Bishop Muench, both in thanksgiving to God for his ministry to us, and that he have a healthy and fruitful retirement. This is also a good time to pray for our diocese and next bishop, whoever he may be. For this reason I'm inviting the whole parish to join me in a 54 day Rosary novena for three intentions: 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 on January 24th, which puts the last day on March 18th, the eve of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. St. Joseph Day is the feast day of our diocese. I'll explain the significance of 54 days when we get closer to its start. We'll offer a Mass for these intentions on that feast day, March 19th.

Lent is not far out, as Ash Wednesday is February 14th; only five weeks away. This means that our regular novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will begin on February 6th. Last year for each Tuesday night I focused on a different saint who exemplified the message of Divine Mercy. This year I'd like to use that time to offer a catechesis on the sacraments of the Church, in relation to the Divine Mercy of God. I strongly encourage everyone to join us as we

offer ourselves and our loved ones to the Mercy of God, and we reflect on his merciful gift of the sacraments.

Easter is April 1st. As of right now we have our spring parish family festival scheduled for Sunday, April 15th. June 8th is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will offer a novena that week and then renew our parish consecration to the Sacred Heart on the following Sunday, June 10th.

Finally there are two things I'd like to focus on in July. July 25th is the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*. This is the famous encyclical in which the Holy Father expressed the Church's long held teaching on procreation and reaffirmed the Church's teaching on artificial contraception. While this encyclical letter is known *about* by many people, unfortunately few Catholics are familiar with the actual content of this important document. There will likely be attention given to it this year by people in and outside the Church – some of it will be erroneous, misleading, and unfaithful. Leading up to the 50th anniversary I'll encourage everyone to read it and I'll prepare some bulletin articles, as well as possibly talks and time for discussion in our parish on this critical document for those who have read it.

At the end of July and into August the Sunday gospel readings will come from John chapter 6: The Bread of Life Discourse. This will be a good time for reflection on what we believe about the Eucharist and what the Mass is and how it is offered.

Pray that whatever the Lord wills for our parish, we achieve with the help of his grace.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd