

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.

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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 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-
21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28;
Lk 10:38-42

Your Stewardship

Collection \$11,918.00
Building Fund \$2,494.00

Sick List

Dina Bello McAdams, 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, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Adeline Bonaventure, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Leroy Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, 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, Shirley, Hymel, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, 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, Bernadine Moore, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Patricia 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, Devin Powell, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Joseph Richardson, 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, Tracy Viola, Joyce York.

This Week at I.C.

7/12 Ladies Aux Mtg @ 7pm.
7/13 Peer Brev. Grp Mtg @ 5:30pm.

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Edgar Saizan, Jr. from his wife and children on the anniversary of his death and birthday.

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

REVELATION

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.

—St. Augustine

In Christ,

This Monday the 11th the Church celebrates St. Benedict. He is considered to be the father of western monasticism. He lived in the 6th century and he drew many men and even women to the secluded life of the monastery. He wrote the ever important and still used today “Rule of St. Benedict” which is the primary source of how monastic life is to be lived. He is known for great personal asceticism while offering great hospitality to any guests to his monastery. He is invoked often for protection against the works of demons, and his Benedictine cross and medals are still used today by many Catholics as a tool against evil.

Aside from all of this, St. Benedict’s role of planting the seeds of western monasticism became critical in history. During the Middle Ages in Europe, when there was political and culture unrest, the monasteries offered a much needed stability. It was the monasteries that became the economic, agricultural, artistic, academic, and spiritual centers of society. It is not an exaggeration to say that what St. Benedict started with his monastic life saved the western world from falling into cultural oblivion. We have much to be grateful for in this regard, as we still have access to many academic and spiritual works that were preserved almost solely by Catholic monasteries.

The motto of Benedictine Monasticism is *Ora et Labora* – Pray and work. The motto is a simple one that monks are expected to live by. As a monk once explained to me, the two are not separate or opposed to one another, but are really one and the same. “Our prayer is our work, and work is our prayer,” a monk might say. They have specific time for both formal prayer, and for working. But the prayer should continue throughout the work day, and the prayer is itself the most important work they do.

St. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians “Pray without ceasing.” Monasteries always have some type of work in which they do to provide for themselves and others. This can include

agricultural products, crafts, art, teaching classes, or leading retreats. But this work, if done in accordance with St. Paul’s teaching and the Benedictine motto, should not be a break from the prayer. Work done well can be an offering to God, making it a prayer.

We can all learn from this example of St. Benedict and his monks. We should make our entire day one of prayer, even while we are working. When we do everything, no matter how menial, with the best possible effort for the sake of offering it to God, then we will find that we not only move closer to God, but do a better job of our work. This type of approach to life can help us to have professional success, and more importantly, spiritually bear fruit that lasts forever, just as monasteries have done for ages.

St. Benedict, pray for us.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

