

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**

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: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Your Stewardship

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| Collection | \$8,545.57 |
| Building Fund | \$564.00 |
| Catholic Comm | \$502.00 |

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, LaDawna Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Roland Armstrong, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Elouise Aucoin, Gary Aucoin, Paul Baker, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Mel Bueche, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Debra Fountain, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gauto, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, 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, Randy Jarreau, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, 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, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, 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, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Sharron Ristroph, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven, Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Lydia Vancal, 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

This Week at I.C.

7/19 **KC Officers Mtg @ 7pm.**

7/20 **Bible Study @ 6pm.**

Sympathy

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

Family of Marshall Honore', Sr.

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Agnes Berthier and Laura Chustz Flatt from their family.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Be included in the Immaculate Conception Church Directory. Schedule your family's photo session. Scheduling will take place after each mass for the weekends of July 1st, 2nd, July 8th, 9th, and July 15th, 16th. Scheduling location will be outside the parish hall

Available photo session dates and times:

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| Friday, July 21 | 2 pm - 9 pm |
| Saturday, July 22 | 11 am - 5 pm |
| Sunday, July 23 | 10 am - 3 pm |
| Monday, July 24 | 2 pm - 9 pm |
| Tuesday, July 25 | 2 pm - 9 pm |
| Friday, July 28 | 2 pm - 9 pm |
| Saturday, July 29 | 11 am - 5 pm |
| Sunday, July 30 | 10 am - 3 pm |
| Monday, July 31 | 2 pm - 9 pm |
| Tuesday, August 1 | 2 pm - 9 pm |

You can also schedule an appointment by contacting: Karen Robinson, kjwrobinson@gmail.com or 573-8774, or Lisa Honore, lhonore11@cox.net or 362-4818

Online scheduling is available, Monday-Friday.

Visit: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y19k92sm/>

In Christ,

We live in a consumer culture. One of the byproducts of a consumer culture is that if there is a demand for anything, there can be made a market for it. This is potentially dangerous because there is always a demand for even sinful things. Furthermore, there is a danger because the human person's misdirected and sinful desires are insatiable. No amount of a certain thing is necessarily going to satisfy indefinitely, as long as there is still more to be consumed. One of the ways the market has taken advantage of this flaw of human nature is by constantly producing upgrades and newer, better models of their product. This has played a large part in turning our society into a throwaway and over indulgent culture.

The consumer mentality has had another less obvious but terrible effect on some Christians and Catholics. We have been so formed to be consumers that we are even consumers in the practice of our religion. The *consumer Catholic* approaches the faith as if it were something that ought to serve us, rather than the practice of faith and religion being our service to God. This has become all the more evident in relation to Mass. There seems to be some notion that the Mass ought to be offered in such a way that people in the pews are treated like paying customers – patrons of a business. If the Mass fails to entertain or has some flaw from the point of view of the customer then it must be fixed. The customer is always right, after all.

Every priest I know, including myself, has had someone threaten to leave a parish, find another place to go to church, if some problem is not fixed. I call this the "I'll take my business elsewhere" threat. Usually these threats aren't for something legitimate, like heretical preaching, or irreverent and illicit ways of offering the Mass. Usually it is something more like not being able to hear or understand clearly every word spoken, or when they don't like the music, or when it is not a perfect temperature to suit them, or when the Mass or preaching is boring or too long, or ever worse, the priest actually tries to offer the Mass in a reverent way according to the rubrics established by the Church rather than a flamboyant and comical way.

In general the consumer Catholic's complaints are based on their perception of not getting their money's worth, rather than concern that God is not getting His due. There is a prideful delusion among some who

think that the priest's primary concern ought to be their presence and money – like a restaurant needing customers. This self-entitled consumer attitude is deadly to a person's soul. It lacks humility, gratitude, and a proper sense of worship of God. This consumer sentiment coupled the pragmatism of our time, and the trend since the 1970's to make the Mass more about the people by dumbing down liturgical tradition has helped deform some Catholics into ungracious and disrespectful philistines (i.e. a person who is hostile or indifferent to culture and the arts, or who has no understanding of them).

It is right and appropriate for Catholics to *respectfully* convey concerns to their priest. This way he can correct the issue if possible, or correct the person if necessary. For Catholics to ungraciously threaten to leave, to "take my business elsewhere," is not Christian and does more damage to the soul of that person than it does to the priest or parish church.

Everything that we do, both in the market and in church, ought to be directed towards the greater glory of God – not merely satisfying some human need or desire. Anytime we become exclusively consumers we fall short of being disciples of Jesus Christ, who emptied and humbled himself by taking on human nature, even human death on a cross (cf. Phil 2).

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

FAIR REPORT

Income:

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| Raffle Income (\$5 tickets) | 29,379.00 |
| Raffle Income (\$100 tickets) | 16,000.00 |
| Sunday Dinner | 3,337.50 |
| Donations | 5,500.00 |

Expenses:

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| Winnings Pd Out (\$5 tickets) | (1,000.00) |
| Winnings Pd Out (\$100 tickets) | (6,500.00) |

Net Profit 46,716.50