

## 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  
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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: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30  
Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

# This Week at I.C.

7/18 4th Degree KC Mtg @ 6:30pm.

## Sympathy

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

Family of Patricia Dukes.

Family of Gregory Fabre.

## Your Stewardship

Collection	\$9,917.86
Building Fund	\$570.00
Catholic Charities	\$929.00

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome to our Parish Community:*

**Jaylee AnnMarie Sproles**, child of Robert Sproles & Jessica Cline.

## Sick List

Dina Bello McAdams, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguiard, 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.

## 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*

In Christ,

How often have you heard someone say, “Our world needs prayer”? Have you yourself said this or something like it? Well it is time to get to work.

This past week I announced that we would start as a parish to have **a Holy Hour of prayer every Saturday morning from 8AM – 9AM in the church**. This hour will include adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer, a rosary, a chaplet of Divine Mercy, and a consecration prayer. Every member of our parish who is not working or traveling at this time on Saturdays should be in the church for this hour. Will it require sacrifice of other things we could be doing at this time? Sleep, TV, sports, hunting, house work, etc.? Yes. And our Lord will repay us for that sacrifice, as He has assured in last week’s gospel about the Good Samaritan.

St. Thomas Aquinas gives two reasons why we ought to pray. The first is that it is effective. There are things that God wills to do and give but in His providence has deemed to give those things to us when we pray for them. We are not trying to *change* His divine will to make something happen, but are rather participating with His providence that our prayer should lead to that thing He wills. His divine will has actually made our prayer a part of a series. E.g. He wills that **A** (miracle) will happen if **B** (we pray). **B**, therefore **A**. No **B**, no **A**. With humility we have to accept that sometimes God does not will **A**, which is why our Lord taught us “Thy will be done,” and Himself prayed in the garden, “not my will but yours be done.”

The second reason we pray is humility. Praying is an acknowledgment that we are completely in need of God, that all good things come from Him, and that without Him we are nothing. Aquinas says that prayer helps us grow in the virtue of humility and increases our dependence on God.

When we do not pray we forget our need for God, lose our relationship with Him, and the potential good He wills from our prayer does not come to be. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, “When God is forgotten the creature itself grows unintelligible. Man is no longer able to see himself as mysteriously different from other earthly creatures; he regards himself merely as one more living being. . . . Enclosed in the narrow horizon of his physical nature, he is somehow reduced to being a thing, and no longer grasps the transcendent character of his existence as man. He no longer considers life as a splendid gift of God, something sacred entrusted to his responsibility and thus also to his loving care and veneration.”

This quote can explain many of the sad trends in our world like lawlessness, violent crime, abortion, greed that causes poverty of others, sloth, unnatural uses of sexuality, etc. These are all rooted in a failure to recognize human dignity and transcendence.

By spending time as a community in intimate prayer we will grow closer to God, remembering again our need for Him, and bring about whatever good fruit He wills from our prayer. Please join me in praying to God on Saturday mornings at 8AM.

Totus Tuus  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## **PRAY DAILY**

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales