

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: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wed. Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$8,043.00
Peter Pence	\$497.00

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, Margie 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, 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.

- 7/5 KC Mtg @ 6pm.
- 7/6 Baptismal Seminar @ 6pm Rm 2.

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

FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

—Abraham Lincoln



In Christ,

This Monday, July 4th, we celebrate our nation's independence. As I mentioned last week, our freedom is a great gift from God given to us, not so that we may do whatever we want, but so that we might freely choose to live for Him. This freedom for excellence is afforded to us not by our nation's government, but by our Creator. Government has the responsibility to respect this first freedom of its people: the freedom to do good and avoid evil. Throughout history states and governments have failed its citizens in this regard by compelling them to do evil. For instance, English citizens in the 17th century were required by law to renounce their Catholic faith. Anyone who would not do so would have to forfeit lands, property, status, and even their lives. This situation was what led to some Catholics coming to the New World, taking up residence in the American Colonies.

One of these English Catholic families who chose to leave their homeland rather than leave the Catholic Church was the Carroll family. The third generation of Carrolls in the colonies produced two important men of history. Charles Carroll III, representing Maryland, became the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence. And John Carroll, his cousin, became the first bishop and archbishop in the United States of America, and founder of Georgetown University.

As we celebrate our nation we should remember the role that these men played and how they found themselves in America. When we become concerned about the state of our nation, or the threats to faithful living, we should look to men like these who have given us a good example. The Carroll family story shows us the wisdom of God's providence and how, even when threatened by unjust laws, when we do the will of God first He leads us to great works both for the Church and for our society.

Thank God for the many blessings bestowed on our nation and for the great liberty we enjoy. May He give us the grace necessary to be faithful citizens who support just laws, and refuse to comply with any laws which require that we abandon the most important of freedoms: the freedom to do His will and live without slavery to sin.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

PEACE

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the "LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the "peace and mercy" on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.