

## 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  
[Immaculateconceptionlakeland.com](http://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: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33  
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

# This Week at I.C.

7/11 Ladies Aux Mtg.  
7/12 Ber Grp Mtg @ 5:30 Rm 2.  
7/13 Bible Study @ 6pm.

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome to our Parish Community:*

**Reid Lawrence Taylor**, child of Joel & Sara Taylor.

## Sick List

David Pete Aguiard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, LaDawnia Amond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Roland Armstrong, Craig Aguiard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Eloise 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 Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremillion, 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, Shirley, Hymel, Nadia Jarreau, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Dana Jarreau, 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 Marionaux, 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, Jskson Richard, Sharron Ristroph, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and 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*

## 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:

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](mailto:kjwrobinson@gmail.com) or 573-8774, or Lisa Honore, [lhonore11@cox.net](mailto:lhonore11@cox.net) or 362-4818

Online scheduling is available, Monday-Friday.

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

In Christ,

This Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates St. Benedict. He is considered to be the father of western monasticism. He lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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

## **A HUMBLE KING**

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today’s readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

## **HOPE**

Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.

—Anonymous