

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

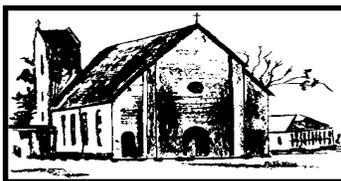
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

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
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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: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$7,564.00
Home Mission	\$353.00

Sick List

Jessica Berthelot, Inez Bueche, John David, Neil Daigle, Mary Decuir, Deborah Fountain, Earl Jarreau, Jr., Gail Metz, Dottie Purpera, Gwen Trabeaux, Sony Trabeaux.

-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; Jules Craig Major, Air Force.

Sympathy

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

Family of McKinley Brisco.
Family of Mary Decuir.
Family of Dorseline Nelson.

This Week at I.C.

- 5/8 Ladies Aux Mtg @ 6:30.
5/9 Ber. Peer Support Grp Mtg @ 5:30 Rm 2.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2018

Congratulations to the following students who made their First Communion on Sunday, April 22. Please keep these young students in your prayers.

Braden Babin	Chloe Cooper
Isabella David	Cameron Delapasse
Jolie Higginbotham	Kiptyn Jarreau
Gemma Jones	Sophie Landry
Caitlyn Lasseigne	Evan Lejeune
Chloe Lemoine	Brooklyn Little
Daniel Maya	Ryder Morales
Lane Mougeot	Nicholas Nelson
Slade Olinde	Branagan Ponthieux
Gavin Pourciau	Isabella Rome
Reagan Scott	Reid Soulier
Chloe Spillman	Ava Weatherford
Gabrielle Stanley	

Special thanks goes to Jaci Sadden, Taylor Gros, and Charlette Gros, our 2nd grade teachers and to Erica Paul our volunteer principal on Tuesday nights. We also thank the teachers and other volunteers who helped us prepare the children, Margaret Patin and Christine Patin.

Special thanks also goes to our Knights of Columbus and our Ladies Auxiliary who continuously support all of our Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation programs throughout the year. We could not do it without your help!

In Christ,

Last Saturday, April 28th, Archbishop Sample of Portland, Oregon offered a Pontifical High Mass at the Nation Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This is the liturgy that was more common prior to the Second Vatican Council. After the council a newer liturgy was implemented and has become the more common liturgy for Holy Mass that we see in most parishes. Thousands gathered for this Mass. It was offered in thanksgiving to God for Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 document *Summorum Pontificum*, in which the Holy Father authorized Catholic priests to celebrate the Mass according to the 1962 Missal more freely. The Mass was a beautiful occasion of the not often seen "old Mass," as some refer to it. It is also sometimes called the Tridentine Mass, the Extraordinary Form, the Traditional Latin Mass, and the *Usus antiquior* (ancient usage). In his homily Archbishop Sample made some important points which I'd like to share with you.

He acknowledged that the congregation was largely made of young people: *As we gather here today in this magnificent basilica, one cannot help but notice the very large presence of young people who have come to participate in this Holy Mass. [...] You are a sign – a great sign – of encouragement and hope for the Church tossed about these days on the troubled waters of secularism and relativism. As they say: you 'get it.'*

He went on to say that some are surprised by this: *...I have heard many in the Church (including priests and bishops) express puzzlement and dismay over why so many young people are attracted to this venerable form of the Roman Rite. The archbishop thinks a better way to ask this question is What is it that this form of the Roman Rite provides for them that their own experience growing up with the Ordinary Form did not provide?* Archbishop Sample said that, while there was and is legitimate development of liturgy in the Church, that *perhaps in the actual implementation of the council's directives not everything that occurred has borne good fruit. And certainly through liturgical abuses, other aberrations, or simply a poor ars celebrandi [art of celebrating], the Ordinary Form of the Roman rite has too often been disfigured and has been experienced as a rupture with our liturgical past.*

The archbishop is recognizing here that many young Catholics are attracted to the traditional form of the liturgy because their experience of the newer Mass has been wanting. The liturgical reforms implemented Since Vatican II were less than stellar, and leaves these

young Catholics seeking something more. He said *many young people have discovered this form of the sacred liturgy as part of their own Catholic heritage. [...] Maybe the experience of these young people growing up with the Ordinary Form did not carry with it the beauty, reverence, prayerfulness, sense of mystery and transcendence, or wonder and awe that the Traditional Latin Mass has provided for them.*

Perhaps the most important point of his homily is the connection, the continuity, between the Church's worship today to that of the past. Pope Benedict's hope with *Summorum Pontificum* was to bring about a reconciliation of the present and the past. The Archbishop said, *This reconciliation the pope emeritus spoke of involves learning from the experience of the Sacred Liturgy according to the usus antiquior, in order to better inform and shape our understanding and celebration of the newer Roman Rite. With both liturgies flourishing side by side, there could be a mutual enrichment of the two forms of the one Roman Rite, perhaps leading to further liturgical development and progress.*

As he concluded he emphasized this final point that the present culture and liturgy of the Church must not be seen as some completely new thing. It must be in continuity with the past. The Church of today is not a new Church. He said, *I believe this is a key to interpreting Pope Benedict XVI's desire; namely, that the flourishing of the more ancient form of the liturgy – with its beauty reverence and sacredness – will cause a natural development and enrichment of the way in which the newer Mass is celebrated. As he says there cannot and should not be a rupture between the two forms; one must be able to recognize the older Roman Rite in the newer. I often get the impression that many people in the church live their lives as if the church sort of hit a 'reset' button at Vatican II, and that the past no longer has relevance – especially regarding the Sacred Liturgy. There must be further liturgical growth and development along the lines of a hermeneutic of continuity with the past, and any experience of rupture must come to an end. May it be so.*

Please pray that more young people will rediscover the beauty of Catholicism through reverent and holy liturgies, whether it be the "new" or "old" form.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd