

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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**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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31,
34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-
17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$8,508.00
Building Fund	\$1,877.80

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, Verna Bankston, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, 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, 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, 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.

5/11 **Choir Practice @ 6pm.**
Bereav. Grp Mtg @ 5:30pm.

Congratulations

To James Leonard and Cassie McAdams who were married here on April 22, 2016.

To Blake Laiche and Whitney LeBlanc who were married here on April 23, 2016.

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are donated by the Altar Society in honor of all mothers of the ICC Parish family both living and deceased.

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

MOTHER LOVE

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

—Chinese proverb

In Christ,

To all moms, happy Mother's Day! Thank you for your gifts of love, service, and guidance. It is most often you, our mothers, who teach us how to be faithful to Christ. We cannot help but remember in this the gift of St. Augustine's mother, St. Monica. While St. Augustine lived his early life away from the faith and participated in a sinful life, his saintly mother never ceased to pray for him and have hope. Her example and prayer was fruitful when God rewarded her perseverance with his conversion. This was not only a great gift for St. Augustine who moved to sanctity, but for the Church as well because he became one of the greatest theologians in the history of Christianity.

This example really shows not only the influence mothers have with their children, but even more so their responsibility. Moms have the responsibility of being examples of gentleness, prayer, humility, and hopefulness. Consider the example of another saint, the most important of all; Mary. The Blessed Mother is not merely the mother of Jesus but the mother of all Christians. Remember Christ's words from the cross to His beloved disciple: "Behold your mother." Mary is not the noisy and demanding mother who must be heard and seen. Rather she is the meek and humble servant who says, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." In this statement she allows Christ into the world, and continues to do so by directing all the faithful to Him. This is the perfect example of Christian femininity and motherhood. That is why Saint John XXIII's words in his first encyclical are so true: "The mother should form her children firmly and graciously by the mildness of her manner and by her virtue."

In no way does any of this mean that a mother does not have authority over her child, but rather that her authority is one that begins with receptivity before dominance. This can be seen even in the very physical act of procreation. Motherhood is a self-sacrificial and life giving relationship.

Even after birth this servant hood of the mother continues. While this is a physical reality, more importantly is the spiritual reality. A mother should be concerned with the spiritual life of her children. That is why Mary is most important not because she was physically Jesus' mother, but because she was faithful. Remember our Lord's response to the acclamation, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

This is the great beauty of motherhood. You have accepted and ushered the life of your child into the world physically. And more importantly, like St. Monica, you continue to be life-giving through your example of prayerful obedience to the will of God.

Thank you. I commend you to our Lord through the humble and yet powerful prayer of Mary, the Mother of God.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

