

## 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

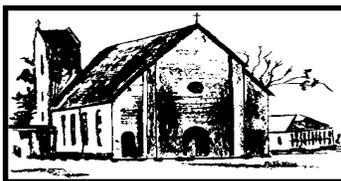
**Sat. Vigil:** 4:00 PM

**Daily Masses:**

**Wed-SAT** 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**

**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. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

# Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44  
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:  
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;  
Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Lk 20:27-40  
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;

## Your Stewardship

Collection	\$6,970.00
Building Fund	\$274.00
Electronic	\$930.00
Cemetery Fund	\$451.00

## Sick List

Janelle Amond, Gary Aucoin, Gertrude Bonaventure, Inez Bueche, John David, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Deborah Fountain, Ferd Fabre, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Kaci McCamy, Gail Metz, Linda Olinde, Dottie Purpera, Lou Sherman, Gwen Trabeaux, Sonny 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 Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy.*

# This Week at I.C.C.

- 11/19 No Rel. Ed Classes.  
KC's 4th Degree Meeting @ 6pm.
- 11/20 No Rel. Ed Class.
- 11/21 No Rel. Ed Class.  
KC's Officers Meeting.
- 11/22 No Rel. Ed Class.

## ***SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE***

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, saving, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit, [https://](https://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshare.org)

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If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account call our parish office 627-5124.

## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 21st, at 6pm.**

In Christ,

This coming Thursday our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving. We will offer Mass at 6PM the evening before in honor of this national holiday. That Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, happens to be the feast day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition tells us that Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were a faithful Jewish couple who had been unable to have a child. They prayed to God and promised to dedicate the child to his service if he were to bless them with one. Miraculously, in their old age, they did become pregnant and had a healthy baby girl. In keeping with their promise and faithfulness they brought the child to the Temple in order to offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and to present their daughter to God. It is appropriate, then, that this feast falls around the time when we as a nation give thanks to God.

Many of our shortcomings as a people come from our lack of gratitude for what we have, and an erroneous understanding that most of what we have is ours by right. Self-entitlement is a virus that kills the ability to be grateful for what we have. For many it also kills the fortitude to work for what is needed or wanted. Instead it is believed that "I have a right, am entitled to this, and therefore it ought to be provided for me, regardless of how I live and what I do." This kind of thinking about anything disregards the personal responsibility we all have to work for what we need, and to be thankful for what is given or earned. The parents of Mary understood that they did not have a right to have children. They were not entitled to it. Rather, they understood that children are a gift from God, and therefore if he were to give them one, that they would be thankful towards him. So many people forget to thank God for what they have, including their own children. Sts. Joachim and Anna exemplify to us how real thanks is shown to God: by dedicating the received blessing to the service of God.

This shows us how we are to offer thanks to God this Thanksgiving. By taking an evaluation of everything we have and all the people in our lives, and acknowledging that we are entitled to none of it. Even the things that we have worked for, we ultimately have had the ability to earn through gifts from God; our skills, talents, and the jobs that we work. And once we acknowledge

that all good things are from God, and that we do not really deserve his loving gifts, but that he gives them to us despite our many failings, then we can be grateful for them in a new light. Our new sense of gratitude should not stop at being thankful, but should show our thanks by dedicating all that we have to the service of God, as Mary was. Do we use our material possessions and skills and talents according to the will of God? Do we live out our relationships according to the love of God? If not, is it because we do not recognize that they come from him?

This Thanksgiving let us thank God for all that we have, acknowledging that even our "rights" in this nation are a gift from God, and are to be used with total gratitude by putting them into the service of his will. Happy Thanksgiving!

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD BANK**

The ICC Food Bank is making preparations for Thanksgiving. Each year we give the Food Bank participants a special Thanksgiving box that has a turkey. Anyone wanting to donate a turkey or money, please contact Kris Chustz at 620-7507, by November 20th. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **Nursing Home Donations Needed**

Our 1st and 2nd graders will hold an annual drive to collect socks for the nursing home residents. They are asking for your help to collect plenty of warm socks.

Please drop off socks at the Office of Christian Formation by Sunday, December 16, 2018. If you are interested in making a monetary donation instead, please place in an envelope labeled Nursing Home and drop off in the mail slot at the Office of Christian Formation.