

## 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  
[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: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;  
Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:  
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,  
11-12; Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;  
Lk 20:27-40  
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## Your Stewardship

Collection \$ 9,238.00

## Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allement, LaDawnia Amond, Leonard Andre, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Elouise Aucoin, Gary Aucoin, 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, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Juanita Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Gary David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, James Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Debra Fountain, Jerome Fontenot, Zane Gabor, Joshua Gaspard, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremillion, Moise Galtier, Jeremy Gremillion, Andy Gremillion, Carol Gros, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Brandon Holden, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Nadia Jarreau, Bert Jarreau, Jr., Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Kayla Kinler, Adaam Kleinpeter, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Bonne LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Jo Ann McGowan, Margje Marioneaux, 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, Sharron Ristroph, Barbara Rizet, Debbie Rock, Mary Roubique, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven, Amil Snell, 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

# This Week at I.C.

No Religion Classes for week of Nov 20th-22nd  
No RICA Class or Bible Study for Nov 23rd .  
11/24 Happy Thanksgiving Day.  
Parish Office Closed.  
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## Sympathy

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

Family of Robert Jarreau.  
Family of Yvonne Mathis.  
Family of Russell Iverstine.

## THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Nov. 22nd Regular 8am Mass.  
And Thanksgiving Mass  
At 6pm.  
Nov 23rd No Mass.  
Nov 24th Regular Mass Schedule.

## GIVING TREE

The angels are on the Giving Tree and waiting to be picked up. Please return gifts with Angels by Dec 10th. You can place them under the tree. A list is on the back of the Angles but are only suggestions. Gift cards can be purchased also. Thanks for your generosity in advance. Sponsored by Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary .

## Food Bank Thanksgiving

ICC Food Bank is preparing for Thanksgiving. Any one wanting to donate a turkey or money please contact Kris Chustz at 225-620-7507 by November 20th.

In Christ,

In 480 B.C. a military alliance of Greek city-states confronted the invading Persian Empire at The Battle of Thermopylae. The battle ground was a narrow coastal pass that acted as a corridor to critical Greek cities. Despite a huge disadvantage – 7,000 men against the Persian’s 100,000 – the Greeks managed to defend the pass for seven days before they were eventually defeated after one of history’s most famous last stands. As legend has it, King Leonidas of Sparta, accompanied by 300 of his finest warriors and a group of soldiers from Thespieae and Thebes, held the pass to allow for the rest of the Greek army to retreat, fighting until the last man was killed. It is estimated that over 20,000 Persians were killed at Thermopylae, where as the Greeks, thanks in large part to Leonidas and his 300, lost less than half of their original 7,000.

While the Battle of Thermopylae was a defeat for the Greeks, it was a moral victory. Encouraged by the Spartan’s example, the surviving Greeks were able to recruit more men to fight with valor against the Persians in later battles. Eventually, in 479 B.C., the Greeks claimed victory against the Persian invaders, thus defending the Greek peninsula. Many scholars attribute the eventual Greek triumph over the Persians to the Spartans’ defense at Thermopylae. Had the Spartans not held as long as they did it is likely that every Greek soldier would have been killed, and few others would have had the courage to stand up to the Persians. This event in history shows the importance of courage, training, and tactical advantage against overwhelming odds.

As Christians we might feel like we face a similar situation. There seems to be legions of enemies of Christ who attempt to overpower His eternal truths and the objective moral realities founded on Divine Revelation and nature. Nothing is sacred to those who disregard the importance of faith and morality. From among our loved ones the casualties stack up in this battle against secularism. No doubt we all know someone who has surrendered to this onslaught against faith and morals.

While it is easy to become despondent at times like these, our Lord calls us to fight: *one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one* (Lk. 22:36). Like the 300 Spartans, we can fight with courage, training, and tactical advantage. Our swords are made, not of steel, but of faith, good works, and reason. Faith is our courage because we know God is for us and our homeland is heaven; good works is our training because it helps us to resist surrendering to sin and pierces the pride of the enemy; and reason is our tactical advantage because our

enemies despite their great numbers, promote ideas that are weak and unsound.

Faithful, morally upright, and orthodox Christians have been outnumbered before. In the first six centuries after the Lord’s Ascension Christians were greatly outnumbered by groups with political connections who denied the divinity of Jesus. For centuries Christians suffered for the truth. They were threatened even with loss of life, but they remained steadfast in their faith. Though many died before seeing the faith flourish, like the 300, they fought long enough to inspire others to the same type of faith, the faith spread, and the Church was preserved. Where the enemy used violence and slander, the Church used faith, piety, and reason to hold the line.

We are the Church Militant. We can do the same in our day to defend Christianity. Courageously believe what the Church believes based on Divine Revelation. Train in the disciplines of the moral and prayer life of the Church.

Embrace the advantage of knowing the faith by studying what the Church teaches based on sound reason. These are our weapons and they have never failed the Church when used with skill.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## **Nursing Home Visit** **Donations Needed**

Our Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders hold an annual drive to collect socks for our nursing home residents. They are asking for your help to collect “plenty” of warm socks.

Please drop off socks  
in the box at the  
Office of Christian Formation by  
**Sunday, December 3, 2017.**

\*\*\*If you are interested in making a monetary contribution instead of a gift, please place it in an Envelope labeled Nursing Home and drop off in mail slot at Office of Christian Formation.

Thank You!