

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

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

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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.

GIVING TREE

Once again the Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring The Giving Tree. The tree with the ornaments is located in the Activity Center. All gifts **MUST** be returned, under the tree in the hall, by **December 9th**. Please return the ornament with your gift. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This Week at I.C.C.

- 11/26 Rel. Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 5:15pm.
11/27 Rel. Ed Grades 1st & 2nd @ 5:30pm.
11/28 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
12/1 KC's Christmas Social in Hall.

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.

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.

In Christ,

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This feast, established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, is a message to the world from the Church that there is only one true sovereign, Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church is his kingdom that cannot be submitted to any earthly authority. He wrote: “When we pay honor to the princely dignity of Christ, men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state; and that in fulfilling the task committed to her by God of teaching, ruling, and guiding to eternal bliss those who belong to the kingdom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power.”

The 19th and 20th centuries saw the rise of extreme utopian political philosophies – both right and left – that demanded citizens identify themselves based on their nationality first, rather than their relationship with Christ and his Church. The radical liberal and conservative have at least one thing in common: they divinize the state. This undermines the dignity of human beings and places the rights and good of the nation over the rights and good of individuals. The first half of the 20th century saw the most extreme example of this with the growth of Communism – such as the Bolsheviks in Russia – and Fascism – such as German National Socialism. Both viewed the Church as a threat to the supreme and autonomous authority of the state. Many faithful Christians – including religious, priests, and bishops – found themselves labeled as enemies of the state because of their loyalty to Christ and his Church.

Europe, once united as Christendom in the one faith, in the 20th century fell into the chaos of violent revolutions, civil wars, and two world wars. As Pope Pius put it, “as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.”

Unfortunately these errors seem to live on in the hearts of many today. Hostility continues to grow towards those who give their allegiance to Christ and his Church. Many are offended by and attempt to silence any public acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as Lord. Even some Catholics in the United States put their Americanism in front of

their Catholicism, conforming to the moral standards of the nation rather than the Church and rejecting external practices that help form Catholic identity.

This feast is a good time for all of us to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ as our King and to the Church as his kingdom. We are members of Christ’s perfect society, the Church, which has the right to perfect freedom and immunity from all worldly powers, including our own culture and opinions.

“If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.” — Pope Pius XI

Ave Christus Rex! Hail Christ the King!

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.