

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.

**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: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

This Week at I.C.

11/28 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 5:15pm.
11/29 Rel Ed Grades K-2nd @ 5:30pm.
11/30 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30 pm.
Choir Practice @ 6pm.
12/1 RCIA/RCIA/C.
12/3 KC Christmas Social @ 6pm.

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, 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, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Sherry Comeaux, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, 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, Nathaniel Hill, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Earl Jarreau, Jr., Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Mary 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, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Margje Marionaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Joseph Richardson, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubique, 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, 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,

Nursing Home Visit Donations Needed

Our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd 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 11, 2016. (We are especially in need of lady’s socks this year.)

***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!

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TUESDAY, NOV 29TH**

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MADE IN PARISH OFFICE**

In Christ,

There are times when words are thrown around so much that they lose their original meaning and become something much more, or less, than they once were. This has been happening quite rapidly as of late thanks to the current sociopolitical climate. Words like liberal, conservative, progressive, traditional, rigid, close-minded, bigot, snowflake, gender, xenophobe (and any other kind of “phobia” you can think of) have all come to be something other than what they used to be. This is intentionally done in some cases, and in other cases it is out of ignorance. It is often fueled by disdain for the opinion and views of others.

We have come to a place in history where people do not use their God given gift of intellect to make rational arguments, but instead make use of *ad hominem* (i.e. “against the man”) attacks. That is, they attack the person rather than the idea or opinion. Many a people find it easier to discredit the integrity, compassion, or intellect of a person rather than take up an argument against the positions they hold. Hence we have a populace full of crooks, bigots, and idiots. All these compete with one another to point out the evil of their opposition and to silence their influence.

Unfortunately this modern trend of caricaturing our enemies leads to such polarization that when we find ourselves on one side or the other we are incapable of considering the legitimate ideas of the “other side.” As the two sides push away they truly do become radical. Some on the right, once wrongly accused of fascism, do in fact become fascists; and some on the left, once wrongly accused of communism, do in fact become communists. This extremism cannot be the practice of those who claim to be Christian.

As Christians we must be able to pierce through all this and see the human being, created in the image and likeness of God. Even if indeed that person is a proponent of evil things, they are themselves still not evil. When a person sins they are harming themselves and others. We should not contribute to that wound by classifying them simply based on the sin they are guilty of.

Sadly, polarization of people is not foreign to the Church. Like in the political world, so too in the Church we have “conservatives” and “liberals.” We have those who might be labeled as progressive and open-minded; and those who are traditional and strict. Once shackled the chains of labels are hard to throw off. Unfortunately these too cause extremes that are incapable of openness to the other. I do not suggest, either in the world or in the Church, that either “side” needs to abandon their legitimate concerns or opinions; but rather that we be capable of self-criticism, and consideration of the other’s point of view.

Both in the world and the Church we must take care not to categorize human beings based on their preferences or style, which makes us blind to their humanity. Our only aim should be at the service of charity and truth. We ought to disregard our egotistical need to be right at all costs. This frees us from the error of thinking that something is true because I believe it, and permits us to instead believe something because it is true. Christians must always be self-critical, uncompromising with the truth, and flexible with that which is licit and not contradictory of the truth.

Totus Tuus,
Fr Todd Lloyd

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Connor Charles Boudreaux, child of Jonathan & Brittany Boudreaux.

August Marie Gradney, child of Martin & Anna Gradney.

Casen Mikell Polotzola, child of Ernest Polotzola & Brittany Jarreau.