

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: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32;
Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
I Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: I Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 6,658.52
Building Fund	\$ 275.00
Electronic	\$ 705.00

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.

11/4 8th Grade Retreat.
11/5 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @5:15pm.
11/6 Rel Ed Grades 1st & 2nd @5:30pm.
KC'S Meeting.
11/7 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
11/8 Bible Study @ 9am & 6pm.
11/10 First Reconciliation Retreat @ 9:00am.

Sympathy

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

Family of Lucas Dipuma, Sr.
Family of Bonnie Landry.
Family of Richard Barrios.

Remember To Turn Back The Clocks

Sunday, Nov. 4th

THANK YOU!!!

Comfort Makers would like to thank everyone for making our fundraiser and Open House a huge success. The winner of the raffle quilt was Marie Debetaz. Congratulations, Marie!

In Christ,

The week of midterm elections is finally here. I'd like to hope that, no matter how the votes goes, we will get a break from all the political diatribes and pandering. Unfortunately I'm not so confident of that. Political discord has become increasingly vitriol, lacking substance and relying mostly on ad hominem attacks. Rather than arguing about opinions and agendas, many have resorted to trying to convince voters that their opponents are evil people. This lacks both logical maturity and charity. It is designed to evoke emotional reactions from voters rather than well informed and rational decisions. It "poisons the well," making it impossible to have legitimate discourse and debate. At times like this we are always reminded to pray for our nation, voters, candidates, and elected officials.

During this unsettling time where we may not particularly care for elected officials and the many events happening around us my mind turns to St. Augustine's timeless work *The City of God*. The saint wrote this book as the city of Rome fell to the invading Visigoths. This caused something of a double devastation to Christians because not only had the great city fallen, but also because many who preferred the Roman pagan religion were claiming that Christianity was to blame. St. Augustine hoped to write a work that would refute this anti-Christian belief while at the same time give resolve to Christians.

There is one primary point that may be encouraging to us in our current situation. St. Augustine stresses that God's providence is the ultimate guide of all human history, even though there is a constant war going on between His kingdom and the kingdom of evil. Nonetheless, we already know who wins the war. Though the battles wage on in hearts of men, in cities, states, and nations, in entire cultures of people; we already know that the City of God has victory. If we are citizens of the City of God then we will eventually know victory; if not in this life, then in the next. Until then, the Lord helps us in the difficulty. Augustine writes "What grace is meant to do is to help good people, not to escape their sufferings, but to bear them with a stout heart, with a fortitude that finds its strength in faith."

Do not lose confidence that, no matter how wicked things seem to get, God can and will turn anything to work in the favor of his holy ones. St. Thomas Aquinas once wrote "There is nothing to prevent human nature's being raised up to something greater, even after sin; God permits evil in order to draw forth some greater good. Thus St. Paul says, 'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.'"

Finally, if you find yourself tempted to either excuse the sins of other or to hate others because of their sins remember these words from *The City of God*, "The man who lives according to God, and not according to

man, ought to be a lover of good, and therefore a hater of evil. And since no one is evil by nature, but whoever is evil is evil by vice, he who lives according to God ought to cherish towards evil men a perfect hatred, so that he shall neither hate the man because of his vice, nor love the vice because of the man, but hate the vice and love the man."

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING

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.

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://immaculateconceptionlakeland.weshare.org>.

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