

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
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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: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3;
Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: 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
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; I Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

This Week at I.C.

- 11/6 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 6:30.
11/7 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30.
KC Mtg @ 7pm.
Altar Society Mtg @ 10am Rm 2.
11/8 1st Reconciliation @ 6pm.
Ber. Peer Grp Mtg @ 5:30 in Rm 2.
11/9 RCIA/RCIA-C @ 6pm.
Bible Study @ 6pm in Hall.

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 6,827.00
Building Fund	\$65.00
Mission	\$47.00

Sick List

David Pete Aguiard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, LaDawnia Amond, Leonard Andre, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguiard, 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 Gremilion, 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, Randy Jarreau, 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS REMEMBER SUNDAY TO TURN CLOCKS BACK

LOVE NEEDED HERE

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.

—Anonymous

-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

In Christ,

One of the inner conflicts that every human must wrestle with is the one between ego and truth. Since the beginning, when Adam and Eve reached up for the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, human nature has struggled to distinguish between belief and truth. The Serpent told Eve that if she ate of the fruit “your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil.” The real temptation here was to no longer be dependent on God for the truth, but rather to know, or even declare, the truth for yourself. The authentic, Divinely designed, human desire to enter into the eternal life of God is perverted to become a craving for own godliness independent of the genuine truth of God.

At the heart of many difficulties, then, is the contest between belief and truth. Many a philosopher since the ancient Greeks have grappled with the issue of universal and objective truth verses the conceptions of the human mind. Unfortunately many people today have embraced the philosophies that believe there are no universal truths, but merely what we perceive in our own minds. This concept that “what I personally believe is true because I believe it” has wreaked havoc on the world and the Church. For instance, in the world many people today believe their very sexual identity is fluid and conforms to their belief. Many Christians are also fooled into eating the Serpent’s venomous fruit and believing that they are little gods whose belief makes something true, completely void of reason.

One of the most infamous of these little gods is a priest whose actions are still remembered 500 years later; Martin Luther. This past week marked the 5th centenary since Luther’s famous posting of the Ninety-five Theses that sparked the Protestant Revolt. Martin Luther, who spewed out certain opinions about Jews, women, and the papacy that are too scandalous to reprint here, is not a model of Christian thought seeking the truth.

Like many today who think they are being novel, Luther embraced the already old idea that something is true because he believed it. *Sola fide* (by faith alone) was his motto and he meant it quite literally. Not only did Luther hold that belief in salvation alone afforded one salvation, but he also taught that the Eucharistic host was the Body of Christ *IF* you believed it was. He had a similar way of approaching scripture, believing that each man must read and interpret the bible for himself and that only by this can he come to authentic faith (therefore *Sola Scriptura* - Scripture Alone). Ironically neither of these beliefs is taught in the bible.

Luther’s teachings were more rooted in the ego and a seriously flawed human psyche than they were on authentic desire for the truth of God. In a time where monuments of men are torn down because they are on the wrong side history, Luther should be among them. The things he said about Jews would have pleased and possibly inspired certain of his German brethren in the 1930’s. Rather than honor, he is worthy of our pity and prayer that God has had mercy on his soul.

The first step to Christian unity rooted in the truth of Jesus Christ is to admit that truth exists, whether we like it or not. We do not create truth; we find it, and we have no power to change it to our tastes. The Lord has two modes of allowing us to find the truth: Divine revelation – which itself is broken up into two types: Scripture and Apostolic Teaching (i.e. Tradition); and Reason. These two things, faith and reason, are neither contrary to one another nor to the truth. What is contrary to the truth is when we say “well that’s what *I* believe...” as if that were authoritative enough. Because we believe something doesn’t make it true. Our egos must decrease so that the truth of the Lord can increase.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd