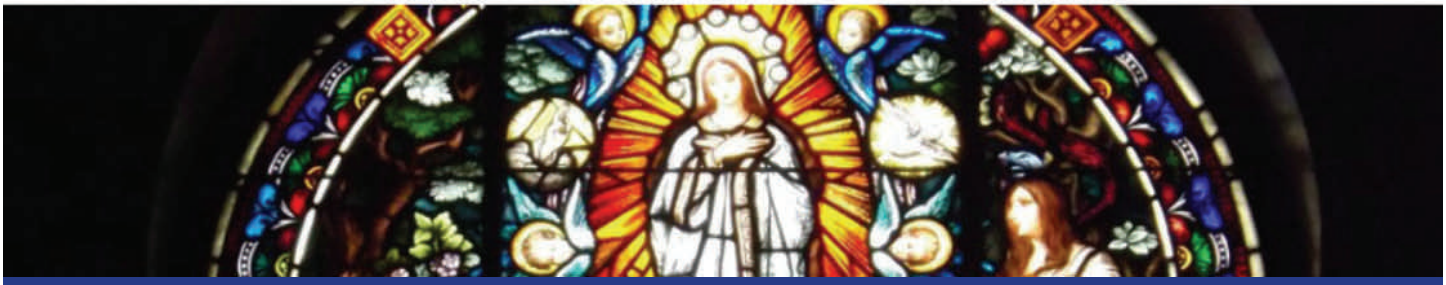

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

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

Care of the Sick: For emergencies, please contact the priest immediately. Communion is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

MARK 10:23

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Teaching*, Anglo-Saxon, c. 1000

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Sympathy

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

Family of **David Cooper**.

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Brody Dayne Allement, child of Gary Paul Allement, III & Mariah LaCour Allement.

Your Stewardship

Collections	**$**	12,429.00
Building Fund	**$**	1,774.00

God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Jordan Todd Aguillard, Air Force; Jules Craig Cifreo, Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Daniel Allemond, Tim Amond, Roy Ancona, Evelyn Babin, Linda Beauvis, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Jewel K. Cutrer, Brilynn Davis, Betty Decou, Mary Doris Deculus, Alcide Delapasse, Carroll Devillier, Malachi Engen, Deborah Fountain, Anna Grace Fremin, Elizabeth Gosserand, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, James Joseph, Judy Joseph, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Corey Patin, Christine Patin, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Nancy Racca, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Jackie Scott, Anna Graves Smith, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

10/10 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 9th-11th**
@ 9:30am.

10/11 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 6th-8th**
@ 5:15pm.

10/12 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 1st & 2nd**
@ 5pm.
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
@ 6:30pm.

10/13 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 3rd-5th**
@ 5pm.

ICC
Comfort Makers Fundraiser

Comfort Makers is a non-profit Catholic ministry which provides hand stitched quilts to seriously ill children in our area and at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge.

When: Saturday, October 16th 2pm - 6pm
Sunday, October 17th 8am - 2pm

Where: Immaculate Conception Church - Lakeland

Handmade Quilts, Holiday Gifts and much more.

Raffle tickets will be sold **this weekend** after the 9am and 11am masses for a chance to win a hand stitched 78"x 91" log cabin patterned quilt.

Blessing of the Graves
Saturday, October 30th

Morning mass will begin at **8am** at Chenal Cemetery (weather permitting). Blessing of the Graves at **9am**. Lakeland Cemetery immediately follows.

All Saints' Day
Monday, November 1st

Mass

12 Noon & 6pm

All Souls' Day
Tuesday, November 2nd

Mass

6pm

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

If you were to visit most if not all priest residences, one of the common things you will find is religious art. In many instances the things on the walls in the rectory are not the personal property of the current priest. They belong to the parish and were there when he got to the parish. I have mostly left the decoration of the rectory in our parish as I found it eight years ago. There is one place, however, where you will usually find the priest's personal taste and devotion on display; his personal chapel, altar, or "prayer corner." Many priests will establish for themselves a place designated for prayer and study in the residence. Thankfully I was able to turn one of the guest rooms in our rectory into a simple chapel. There I have a small altar and tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament in it for adoration. On some occasions I will offer Mass there, but I mostly use it for personal prayer, adoration, and spiritual reading. If I'm honest, I also take the occasional unplanned nap there.

While the religious art around the house is important and beautiful decoration, the chapel still plays a more critical role. The chapel is not just decorative or something I see around the house that might raise my mind to some prayer while doing something else. I see an image of the Last Supper as I go to eat in the dining room and an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help as I sit in the living room to watch a ball game, but when I go to the chapel it is for one purpose. It is the place I go to enter into intentional and active prayer. It is a sanctuary of sorts, set apart from the ordinary activities of living.

This is a practice that I would strongly encourage all our parishioners to have. Firstly, I would hope you all have some religious art around your house. These things sanctify your home life. A blessed crucifix (not just a cross without the Body of our Lord on it) above major doors and every bed is a must of any real Catholic household. Images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary are traditionally in a prominent place in some Catholic homes. The Last Supper is appropriate near the dining table. And both the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Francis of Assisi are easy to find in many Catholic yards.

This, though, is not enough. Like the rectory, you too need a place that is set apart. A space that is not merely something you see as you go to cook, eat, watch TV, or sleep. But a location that is set apart as the place you and your family go intentionally to pray, read scripture, meditate on the life of Christ, and worship God. This place can become a sanctuary in your life which will help you learn through physical association to quiet your mind, rest your heart, and center in on Jesus.

Not everyone has the space that a celibate priest has in his rectory. Of course you cannot have a tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament in it (this is a privilege given by the bishop to priests). Most of you probably do not have a spare room to dedicate as a chapel. If you do (even if it is an outside room) then I'd strongly encourage you do so. But even if you don't that doesn't mean you cannot have a space like this in your home. It can be almost any place where you have some wall space to put a small table with a crucifix, maybe some special holy images, and room to keep your bible and prayer books. Make it your own with saints that are special to you and your family members. A blessed candle would be a good idea if safe to have lit when praying there. You can change the decoration to fit the liturgical seasons. And if possible have it situated in such a way that you do not look into the rest of the house while praying. Have some seating that faces the wall or corner if necessary so that the center of attention is your prayer corner. It can serve as the "altar" where your family gathers to offer yourselves to God on a daily basis.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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