

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: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk
12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; 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]

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$9,639.50
Building Fund	\$2,062.00
Electronic	\$878.00

Sick List

Janelle Amond, Barbara Andre, Gertrude Bonaventure, Inez Bueche, John David, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Deborah Fountain, Ferd Fabre, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Reid LaComb, 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.

10/14 Rel Ed Classes 9th-11th @
9:30am.

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

10/16 1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg
@ 6pm in Activity Center.

10/17 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
KC Mtg.

10/18 Bible Study 9am or 6pm.
Rm 2 Activity Center.

10/21 Rel Ed Classes 9th-11th @
9:30am.
9th & 10th Grade Retreat.

Sympathy

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

Family of Angela Hoffman.

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In Christ,

This Sunday, October 14th, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Pope Paul VI, naming him a saint of the Church. He is known for many things, including being the pope who oversaw unprecedented changes in the Church, but it is ultimately his heroic virtue and holiness that qualifies him to be ranked among the holy ones of God.

Pope Paul was born Giovanni Montini in the Northern Italy town of Concesio in 1897. After becoming a priest in 1920 he served in several important positions for the Church. He served as a diplomat to Poland and in the Secretariat of State for the Holy See under Pope Pius XII from 1922 to 1954. This was a difficult time to work in the political sphere as many revolutions were happening around the world, and World War II was fought. It is recorded that, assigned by Pope Pius XII, Montini was one of the few men entrusted with private communications between Germans who resisted the Nazis and the allied powers, including plots to overthrow Hitler. He was made archbishop of Milan in 1954, and then a Cardinal in 1958.

When Pope St. John XXIII died in 1963, in the midst of the Second Vatican Council, Montini was chosen by his brother cardinals to become the next pope, and to see Vatican II to completion. After the council ended in 1965 he then took up the work of applying the council, which was not an easy task.

Pope Paul was known for his humility and care for the poor. He promoted, by example, care for the poor and laborers while embracing personal simplicity, which he also demanded of the rich. He wrote the encyclical *Populorum Progressio* in which he taught the need for an economic system ordered towards the good of all men, not just the profit of a few. He especially stressed the right to a just wage, the right to security of employment, and the right to fair and reasonable working conditions. These teachings demonstrate the kind of heart Paul VI had, as he himself embraced many changes that involved shedding certain trappings of the papacy. For example, he sold the Papal Tiara and gave the money to the poor.

Pope Paul's love for the poor and personal simplicity did not mean, however, that he did not love the tradition of the Church. Instead he tried to maintain a balance. It is recorded that on more than one occasion he lamented the overzealous nature of some "reformers" who wished the strip the Church of her liturgical patrimony. For example, in his apostolic letter *Sacrificium Laudis* he voices his concern that some want to throw off Latin in the liturgy, which was contrary to the council's wishes. He wrote: "The Latin language is assuredly worthy of being defended with great care instead of being scorned; for the Latin

Church it is the most abundant source of Christian civilization and the richest treasury of piety... We must not hold in low esteem these traditions of your fathers, which were your glory for centuries." Unfortunately the Holy Father and future saint's concern would be ignored by many in the Church. This would prove to be a common theme for this humble papacy.

Nothing exemplifies this more than *Humana Vitae*, written in 1968. This exceptionally courageous document was counter cultural and not widely accepted in or outside of the Church. This persists to this day. Paul VI knew well that many, even those close to him, would not agree with his reinforcing of the Church's already established teaching on contraception, but he chose to praise Christ with the truth, rather than be praised by human beings. Few things better exemplify the heroic virtue of a saint than this.

After a papacy of 15 years, seeing wars throughout the world, great political and social change and turmoil during the 60 and 70's, struggling to maintain faithful continuity in the Church's identity and ministry, promoting care for the poor and weak, and defending the Church's perennial teachings, Pope Paul VI died in 1978. His legacy has been only partly remembered and honored, while much of what he said and did is still overshadowed by erroneous notions of the Second Vatican Council. Nonetheless, he stands as a saintly example of persistence in holiness in the face of struggle.

Pope St. Paul VI, pray for us!

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SATURDAY, NOV 3RD

9:00 CHENAL

LAKELAND IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

THURSDAY, NOV 1ST 8AM, 12NOON, &
6PM.