

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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**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: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; I Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$ 7,195.26
Building Fund	\$ 140.00

Sick List

David Pete Aguillard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, LaDawnia Amond, Leonard Andre, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, 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, 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, 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.

-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

This Week at I.C.

- 10/22 Halloween Party @ 5:30pm. See article.
Rel Ed Grades 9th-11th .
10/23 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @ 6:30.
10/24 Rel Ed Grades 1st--2nd @ 5:30.
10/25 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5 :30.
KC & Ladies Aux Memorial Mass @ 6pm.
10/26 RCIA/RCIA-C @ 6pm.
Bible Study @ 6pm in Hall.

Sympathy

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

Family of Mary Jo Saale.

BLESSING OF THE
GRAVES
SATURDAY OCT 28TH
9:00 CHENAL AND
LAKELAND
IMMEDIATLEY
FOLLOWING
PROOF OF LOVE

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

—St. Gregory the Great

In Christ,

This past week while driving home from New Orleans I saw a sign that said something to the effect of “Take the Challenge! #NoNegativity.” I think the sign was for a non-denominational Christian community. “No Negativity” is a catchphrase that can mean as little or as much as a person wants to read into it. It could mean that this faith community does not focus on or preach about the bad things in the world. It could mean they do not focus on the bad in themselves. It could mean that they only talk about the positive in life and faith.

I do not know anything about the people who put that sign up or their intentions. There is something refreshing, though, about being challenged to not be negative. I do not see it as a challenge to ignore the reality of evil. There is bad in the world and in our selves. We should not pretend that there is nothing to be negative about. However, we should not be consumed by negativity when we can instead live with joy. It reminds me of our Lord telling us to love our enemies. He assumes that we have enemies to love. He does not command us to “have no enemies.” It is a given for the Lord that if we are truly His disciples we are going to incur upon ourselves the malice of other people. The Lord does not ask us to do all that we can to not make enemies because that could mean jeopardizing our relationship with Him. He does not want us to compromise our faith life or morality for the sake of making friends. Sycophancy is not the way of the Lord and His disciples.

Nonetheless, He does want us to love those people no matter how much evil they do us.

I realize that there are people who refuse to be happy. Priests are regularly told “you can’t please everyone.” Unfortunately this is too true. It is like the story in the gospel when the Lord said people are like the children in the streets who sang “We played the flute for you, but you did not dance, we sang a dirge but you did mourn.” Some of us may be like this at times; content to be a malcontent. Pope Francis observed, “Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met.”

As Christians we have reason to always be joyful, despite the imperfections of life. Being agitated, annoyed, bitter, contrary, and critical is not conducive to holiness, and it is a good sign that we are not living in grace. God wants us to seek out salvation with joy. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which we experience when we live in such a way that we are disposed to His saving grace. If joy is lacking we cannot blame the world or the Church or the priest or parents or the job or the boss or the spouse. All of these things and people are imperfect and if happiness is dependent on their perfection then we will be unhappy forever. When we lack joy it is because we need to humbly acknowledge our own imperfection and sin, repent, and try to live a holy life. Living in grace will help us experience joy.

If the challenge of #NoNegativity is to be like the three monkeys who see no evil, hear no evil, or speak no evil; then I politely refuse. That is not Christian. Sin and injustice exists in the world and in me. Every Christian must admit this, repent, and seek redemption. But if this challenge is to not be always dissatisfied, angry, critical, skeptical, contrary, etc., then I think it is a worthwhile challenge.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. --- Galatians 5:22-23

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! – Philippians 4:4

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 22nd
5:30 PM

The Halloween Party will be held this year in the Parish Activity Center. Please wear costumes as judging will be held. Hot dogs will be served and kids will enjoy a hay ride. Please bring trick or treat bags.