

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Becky Boudreaux

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
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 except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: I Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: I Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: I Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,
28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday: I Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: I Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; I Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Your Stewardship

Collection \$ 9,397.25
Building Fund \$2,294.00

Sick List

Dina Bello McAdams, David Pete Aguiard, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allement, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguiard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Andrea Bergeron, Mary Grace Bernard, Adeline Bonaventure, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Henrietta Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Nancy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Nathaniel Hill, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Barry Jarreau, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Emmett Jarreau, Sr., Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Mary Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Patricia Olinde, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Marie King, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Margie Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Katherine Myers, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Patricia Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Dottie Purpera, Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Joseph Richardson, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubiquey Rusk, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone, Connie Rozarto, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Tracy Viola, Joyce York.

This Week at I.C.

9/13 Aux. Mtg @ 7pm.
9/14 Ber. Peer Grp Mtg @ 5:30pm.

Sympathy

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

Family of Mary Jarreau.

Request for help with Registration Fees

We are asking for your help! Registration fees are \$25.00 per child, but of course, any amount you can consider giving will be greatly appreciated! Please drop donations off at the Office of Christian Formation or can mail. Thank you for your consideration!

NEEDED: TASTE FAIR AUCTION ITEMS

Please consider donating an item or a service to be auctioned at the Taste Fair. Please call Deidre Robert at 270-2591, LaDonna Green at 252-1492 or the parish office 627-5124. Examples include Paintings, Dinner for 4 people at your home for the winner, one month of grass cutting service, or a homemade cake per month for 3 months, etc.

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,

In last week's bulletin I wrote about the traditional way of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue. Now I'll explain how the trend of receiving on the hand came about.

The Second Vatican Council came to a close in 1965. While the council itself never said anything about changing this practice of receiving Communion on the tongue, some Catholic bishops in Northern Europe took advantage of the time of change and confusion as an opportunity to introduce Communion in the hand without permission from the Vatican, which was an act of disobedience. Due to the spread of this abuse in certain countries (Holland, Belgium, France and Germany), Pope Paul VI took a survey of the world's bishops to ascertain their opinions on the subject. In 1969 the Congregation for Divine Worship, the Vatican office in charge of liturgy, released the document *Memoriale Domini*, which reported on the findings of the survey: "From the returns it is clear that the vast majority of bishops believe that the present discipline [of Communion on the tongue] should not be changed, and that if it were, the change would be offensive to the sentiments and the spiritual culture of these bishops and of many of the faithful." And furthermore, "In view of the gravity of the matter and the force of the arguments put forward, the Holy Father has decided not to change the existing way of administering Holy Communion to the faithful." Finally, the document strongly urged bishops, priests and the laity to zealously observe this law out of concern for the common good of the Church. This was a definitive statement that the law of how to receive Holy Communion – on the tongue – will not be changed.

But one compromise was offered to those bishops and dioceses where the disobedient abuse of receiving on the hand *had already become common*. Paul VI offered a potential indult – exception to the normal law – under two conditions. First, the indult could not be given to a country in which Communion in the hand was not an already established practice; second, the bishops in countries where it was established must approve of the practice "by a secret vote and with a two-thirds majority." At the time the only place where this could apply was in a few European nations. Nowhere else had this become an issue as of 1970.

Even though it was not a widespread practice in the U.S., as required to even ask permission, some U.S. bishops sought the permission anyway, which first needed the two-thirds vote. This motion was brought to a vote three times among the American bishops; in 1975, 1976, and finally in 1977. All three times the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) failed to garner the needed two-thirds of the bishops to vote in favor of receiving Communion in the hand. This, however, did not end the matter. After the 1977 vote, the main proponent of this issue, Archbishop Bernardin of Cincinnati, decided to (unlawfully) begin gathering "absentee votes" from any bishop he could find – including retired bishops who no longer administered any dioceses. Consequently, the number was adjusted to finally meet the two-thirds majority. Even though the practice became popular after the Church had forbid it, after three failed votes...and an adjustment, the request was sent to Rome. The indult was granted to the Church in America in June of 1977.

With the indult, the Holy Father set down seven regulations concerning communion in the hand; failure to maintain these regulations could result in the loss of the indult. The first three regulations were: 1) "the new method of administering communion should not be imposed in a way that would exclude the traditional usage" (of receiving kneeling and on the tongue), 2) maintaining the laity's proper respect of the Eucharist, and 3) strengthening the laity's faith in the real presence. I would personally argue that all three of these regulations have been broken in our nation.

There are a great number of abuses to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament today that could be avoided by the people receiving on the tongue such as dropping Him on the ground, walking off without receiving Him out of ignorance, less than careful attention to particles of the Sacrament on our hands, and even intentional sacrilege by those who practice occultism. I agree with the 20th century German Catholic theologian and philosopher Dietrich von Hildebrand when he said, "There are really no serious arguments for Communion in the hand. But there are the most gravely serious kinds of arguments against it."

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd