

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

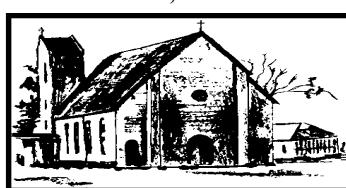
Daily Masses:

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: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

This Week at I.C.

- 9/30 Rel Ed Classes 9th-11th @ 9:30am.**
10/1 Rel Ed Grades 6th-8th @5:15pm.
10/2 Rel Ed Grades 1st-2nd @ 5:30pm.
Kc Mtg.
Altar Society Mtg @ 10am.
10/3 Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.
10/4 Bible Study 9am or 6pm.
Rm 2 Activity Center.
10/7 Rel Ed Classes 9th-11th @ 9:30am.
KC Vocation Fund Raiser in hall.

Your Stewardship

Collection	\$6,867.00
Electronic	\$1,339.00

Sick List

Janelle Amond, Tootie Amond, 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.

Cemetery Work Day

On Wednesday, October 3rd we will have a work day at Chenal Cemetery from 7:30-2pm. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Regina Caeli Academy Fall Open House 2018

Come join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy (www.rcahybrid.org) provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3- 12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes taught by trained tutors two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans for home days are included and optimized for in-home education. Location: 42021 LA 621, Gonzales, LA 70737. Come to the Regina Caeli Fall Open House on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 10:30am: visit live classes, attend a short info session, ask questions, and more! To RSVP: wbrandenburg.btr@rcahybrid.org or (225) 257-9165.

In Christ,

Often, as life becomes challenging and more chaotic, we become reactive to smaller imperfections of life rather than proactive about the most important things. Prioritization, identifying what is most important, helps us to refocus and start working on what we can control; to be proactive in achieving what matters instead of reactive to what does not. If this is true in our personal lives it is also true in the Church. It is estimated that there are 1.2 billion (1,200,000,000) Catholics in the world. There are many things the Church must concern herself with. It is easy for us, as the Church, to get distracted and forget what is most critical.

The Church's Code of Canon Law contains 1,752 laws covering everything from parish book keeping to papal authority, from teaching the faith to the discipline of clerics, and so much more. But the very last law (Canon 1752) states that *the salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one's eyes*. Nothing the Church does can be done without this priority: the salvation of souls. The Catechism also teaches this by quoting Vatican II: *As sacrament, the Church is Christ's instrument. 'She is taken up by him also as the instrument for the salvation of all,' 'the universal sacrament of salvation,' by which Christ is 'at once manifesting and actualizing the mystery of God's love for men.' The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one People of God, form one Body of Christ, and be built up into one temple of the Holy Spirit.'*

Unfortunately we do not hear this type of attention given to salvation of souls too often, today. We hear a lot about the environment and "social justice." We've heard a lot about ecumenism and tolerance towards others' beliefs and way of life. But have we heard much emphasis on working for the salvation of souls? Do we make bringing everyone into the Church our priority? Do we seek repentance from sins and conversion in our life and the life of every person we encounter?

Jesus began his public ministry by boldly proclaiming, *The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel*. His last words

to the Apostles of his Church before his Ascension were, *Go forth and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Repent, believe, go forth and baptize*. The essential mission is bringing people to life in Christ.

Many have reduced being a good and faithful Catholic to being nice, tolerant and doing good works. While material charity is essential to Christian living, there is so much more to the message of redemption in Jesus Christ. We must follow the Ten Commandments, avoid sin, and repent and seek forgiveness when we fail. Our eternal salvation depends on all these things, as Jesus himself taught. *If you love me, you will keep my commandments*. What good is cleaning the oceans and feeding the poor and making the sinner feel loved if everyone goes to hell anyway? *What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?*

Our mission, the "supreme law," is to seek the salvation of our souls, and to bring as many with us to Heaven as we can, only as God uses us as his instruments of grace and mercy. In times when we might get concerned about things we think important in the parish, or diocese, or Universal Church; when we are speaking to our family members and friends about matters of faith and morals; when we get dissatisfied or angry about the way something is being done or not done; we ought to remember this: the supreme law of the Church is the salvation of souls.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2018

Our Parish has committed to 2 days of public and peaceful prayer in front of Delta Clinic, 756 Colonial Dr Baton Rouge from 7AM to 7PM on September 30th and October 14th . There will be food and refreshments and shade available. Each family of our parish is asked a least briefly visit and say a prayer for end to abortion.