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December 10, 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent



The Grapevine



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:50 p.m.
Friday.....8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

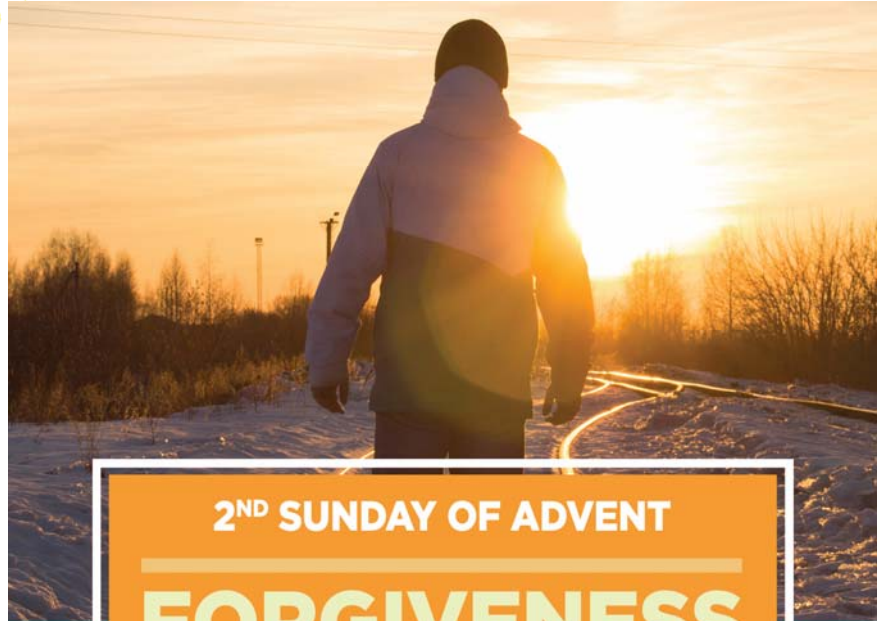
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 225.665.1424.

Information or news for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FORGIVENESS

John the Baptist appeared
in the desert proclaiming
a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness
of sins. - Mk 1:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

This Week at a Glance



Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIC/Main Hall/ELC 3
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass-Child. Liturgy/Church/SH
 12:15 AM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Praise Band/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Baptism Seminar/Small Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:30 PM - 5:50 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Nov.-Bene./Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Soul Core/Small Hall
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Young at Heart Luncheon/M Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flood Victim Support Group/SH
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir/Main Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scout #10812/T16
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Ushers Meeting/Main Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #10749/T16
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ISM-High School/Youth Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy-Cub Scouts/Pavilion/T building
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM That Man is You/Room 2
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts #12616/T16

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM That Man is You/ Small Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM High School Christmas Party/Y-Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass-Child. Liturgy/Church/SH
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PARISH FAMILIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

8:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

We will begin from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church. We are asking parishioners to join our effort to pray for every family of the parish.

- Choose the time that fits best into your schedule—stay as long as you like.
- When you arrive, we will give you a number of prayer cards. You specify how many.
- These prayer cards have a prayer for healing, a picture of the Holy Family and the name of an ICC family and its members.
- Sit in church, in the presence of Jesus, and pray for each family by name.
- The prayer takes less than 30 seconds to read making it possible to pray for 30 to 60 families in one hour.

If you can commit to this day of prayer, please notify us by either calling the office at 665-5359 or email pcowart@me.com.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

"The Light is On for You"

Wednesday, December 13 & 20, 2017

from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception

(also available at 2 area churches

Our Lady of Mercy and St. Aloysius, Baton Rouge)

Tuesday, December 12 and 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15 at 8:00 a.m. and

Saturday, December 16 at 2:45 p.m. at

Immaculate Conception

Communal Reconciliation Services

Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Baton Rouge, LA

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Looking Forward

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, Isaiah speaks a beautiful word from the Lord – “Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.”



As we move through the Advent Season we see so many ways in which we can offer comfort and hope. We are grateful to the many parishioners who bring Communion to the home-bound and serve in many

ways. We appreciate our outreach ministries to many.

As we celebrated the long Thanksgiving weekend, family and friends of Wilson and Vernola Fung gathered to surprise them with a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration in the parish hall. I had the privilege of sharing the afternoon with them by offering the Church’s



Prayer of Blessing for their anniversary. **Both bring comfort to God’s people in different ways as both are very involved in ministering with and to the parish,** Wilson as a greeter at the front door at the 11:00 Eucharist, and Vernola, signing at the 11:00 Eucharist for the hearing impaired. Vernola has ministered at the 11:00 Eucharist for over twenty years. It was a good afternoon and we are grateful for their ministries among us and the comfort they offer.

Another way in which comfort and hope is offered is through the Angel Trees in the church foyer. Early on two trees were set up and completely filled with information

about boys and girls, their ages and other specific needs and wants. Within a week, the trees were empty of tags and people were asking about them. Well, the trees were filled again, and again emptied of names, ages, etc. **Ricky and Tina Guillory have headed this ministry over the past few years,** making the tags to be picked up, and then



picking up the gifts when they are returned. They have been making many trips to pick up gifts, but last Sunday I had to take this photograph. Their back seat, the floors and the trunk was filled, and Ricky had the remaining gifts on his lap while Tina was preparing to drive. I asked them to pose for this photograph as it speaks so much about the comfort parishioners wish to share with younger members of our community. Gifts should be returned by December 16th.

Last Saturday family and friends of Ora Anison gathered in the large hall to celebrate her 90th birthday.



I had the occasion to sit by her for a while and it was a pleasure to see children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren coming up to her. She would pick up the infants, and every infant came to her with arms outstretched. She touched bases with grandchildren who were coming in from out of town and you could see their joy in sharing a few moments with her

and updating her on their lives. One can only imagine how much comfort she must have dispensed over the years, both in the home and in the parish family.

As we continue through Advent, let us pray to recognize more and more ways to bring comfort and strengthen each other in hope. Love,

John H.

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Parish Life ♦ Community



RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation of
Adults/Children

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic or who has been away from the Church to attend Mass with you during this season.

For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 225.665.9631 or tjackson@icc-msh.org.

Parish School of Religion News

Classes for 1st – 10th grades have ended for the first semester! Classes will resume Monday, January 22, 2018.

Confirmation Day of Prayer is Sunday, January 7, 2018 beginning with noon Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

Confirmation Practice is Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Confirmation is Friday, January 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.; Candidates and Sponsors are to arrive in the Main Hall for 5:45 p.m.

Please follow ICC's Parish School of Religion AND Youth Ministry TOGETHER as



on social media!



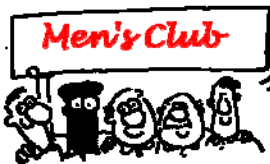
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Upcoming Activities

12/15/17Cleaning Prayer Garden Fountain @ 7:00 a.m.

12/16/17Set up stage and Nativity @ 8:00 a.m.

1/13/18Hang pictures in Admin. Building @ 8:00 a.m.

Anyone who would like to join in the fun is more than welcome. Contact Deacon Rudy for details 665.5359.



Prepare Him Room!



A middle school Advent series
Wednesday nights @ 6pm



**Middle School
New Years Party!**
Sunday Dec 31st
7pm-midnite!
**Contact
Kevin
for details!**

For more information on all youth events, contact Kevin Acord, Youth Minister, at acordkp@gmail.com.

Ushers Meeting (for all ushers)
Wednesday, December 13, 2017; Main Hall
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming an usher or would like to know more about this ministry, please feel free to attend.



Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon—will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in the Main Hall. If you have not received your meal ticket yet, please call Linda Lopez at 665.3202.

Parish Life ♦ Community



December 9, 2017
December 17, 2017

Stump the Deacon!

During Advent, priests and deacons wear purple vestments during Mass. Why the change from green?

The color of vestments changes throughout the liturgical year. The color sets a tone and indicates the nature of the feast or season.

Purple (or Violet) is worn during Advent to signify preparation for the coming of Christ and during Lent to signify penance.

White (or Gold) symbolizes joy, purity and hope, and is worn during the Christmas and Easter seasons, on many feasts days, and during weddings and funerals.

Red symbolizes the outpouring of blood and is used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and the feast days of the Apostles and martyrs. It also symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit, so it is worn on Pentecost Sunday and for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Green is a sign of life and hope and is worn during Ordinary Time.

Pink (or Rose) may be used instead of purple on the third Sunday of Advent and the fourth Sunday of Lent as a sign of joy. This is an option; many parishes continue to use purple vestments on these two Sundays.

—Deacon George Hooper

SATURDAY: 12/09/17

4:00 p.m. Constance Durand†; Rosalie Joubert†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Kathy Alello†; Rev. Tien Joseph Nguyen†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Mary & Virgil Brown†; Mark G. Falgout†; Lamy Chopin†.

SUNDAY: 12/10/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne†; Jeremy Berthelot†; Mickie Todd†; Michael LeBouef.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Beverly Morales†; Dolores Dodson†; Edward McKnight†; Bob Fennell, Sr.†; Rev. Vincent Dihn Nguyen†;

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Willis & Edmee Fontenot & Family†; Ed Rayner†; Marjorie Acosta†.

11:00 a.m. Parishioners.

6:00 p.m. Phillip John Bilski†.

MONDAY: 12/11/17

8:30 a.m. Sylvia Pulizzano†.

TUESDAY: 12/12/17

6:00 p.m. Jerry Valentine, Sr.†.

WEDNESDAY: 12/13/17

8:30 p.m. Byrle Sterba†.

THURSDAY: 12/14/17

8:30 a.m. Jennifer Langlois.

FRIDAY: 12/15/17

8:30 a.m. Alext Theriot, Jr.†

SATURDAY: 12/16/17

4:00 p.m. Elmic Leger†; Mark G. Falgout†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Kathy Alello†; Lamy Chopin†; Joann Hood†; Margaret Vidrine†.

SUNDAY: 12/17/17

7:00 a.m. Mickie Todd†; Craig Chapman, Jr.†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Pat Domka†.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Bill Collier†; Victor, Mary & A.J. Angona†; Phillip John Bilski†; Beverly Morales†; Joseph Didier†; Kert Guidry†; Rosalie Joubert†; Rev. Joseph Than Vu†; Dolores Dodson†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Robert, Bobby & Sherri Vigil†; Robert Adams†; Caleb Rushing†; Marjorie Acosta†.

11:00 a.m. Clyde Meyers, Jr.†; Jean Meyers†; Fr. Vincent Dufresne; Alice & Shelley James, Sr.†; Audrey Piper†.

6:00 p.m. Parishioners.

December 2/3, 2017 Stewardship UPDATE

Identified offertory givers:	\$	22,835.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	1,800.31
Christmas Offering:	\$	5.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	998.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception:	\$	12.00
All Saints:	\$	2.00
Total Collected:	\$	25,657.31
St. Vincent de Paul & Thanksgiving:	\$	345.00
Building Maintenance:	\$	5,239.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$	15.00
St. Joseph Abbey:	\$	5.00

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:
12/10/17—12/16/17 burns in memory of
THOMAS MAHER.

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT:
12/10/17—12/16/17 burns in memory of
ROSALIE JOUBERT.

WeShare Online Giving
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Parish Life ♦ Outreach



Worship ♦ Directory

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive

Food barrels are located at the entrance of the Church and the Main Hall for non-perishable food items during the holiday season. Items collected will be distributed for Christmas Food Baskets for the needy.



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We only have **TWO hours** to fill! Please continue to prayerfully consider an hour with Our Lord Jesus Christ.



* FREEZER FRIENDS—FREEZERS ARE LOW

With the holidays fast approaching, the need to have our freezers full is so important. This ministry is for the needs of individuals and families, **whether they are parishioners or not**, who may find themselves in situations where cooking and grocery shopping may be a temporary hardship. If you would like to donate meals, please prepare the meal, freeze it in a disposable container, label it including heating instructions, and bring to the church office during hours (M-F; 8 am-5 pm) or you can place the items in the Freezer Friends freezer. We do have containers available if you would like to pick them up during office hours. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE GIFTS

REMINDER: Please return all gifts **UNWRAPPED** with angel tree tags attached, to the church before December 18th.



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The chalice will be received by the Milton family (Matt, Amanda, Madison, Matthew) the week of December 17, 2017 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass (MSH). If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 225.665.3505.

Readings for the week of 12/10/17

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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The following two hours are still needed:

Sunday: Noon-1:00 PM
Friday: Midnight-1:00 AM

REMINDER: Noon-1:00 p.m. hour every Friday is for the unborn and praying for priests. We pray **ALoud** the Pro-life Rosary and the Chaplet for Priest. Please join us.

REMINDER COMMITTED ADORERS: Please contact your **hourly coordinator first** if you are unable to keep your hour and have tried to get a sub. If unable to reach them, contact the division leaders/assistants below:

12 Noon-5 PM—Melinda Mayeux-603.2932
6 PM-11 PM—Theresa Campagna-664.8823; Angela Hood-342.2292
12 Midnight-5 AM—Allison Renfrow-978.1892
6 AM-11 AM—Mary Toler-369.2814; Debbie Hargis-504.722.1874
 Substitute list and guidelines located at icc-msh.org, under worship.

If you would like to commit to an hour, call
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