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Easter Sunday



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.
Wednesday: 6:00-7:30 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.

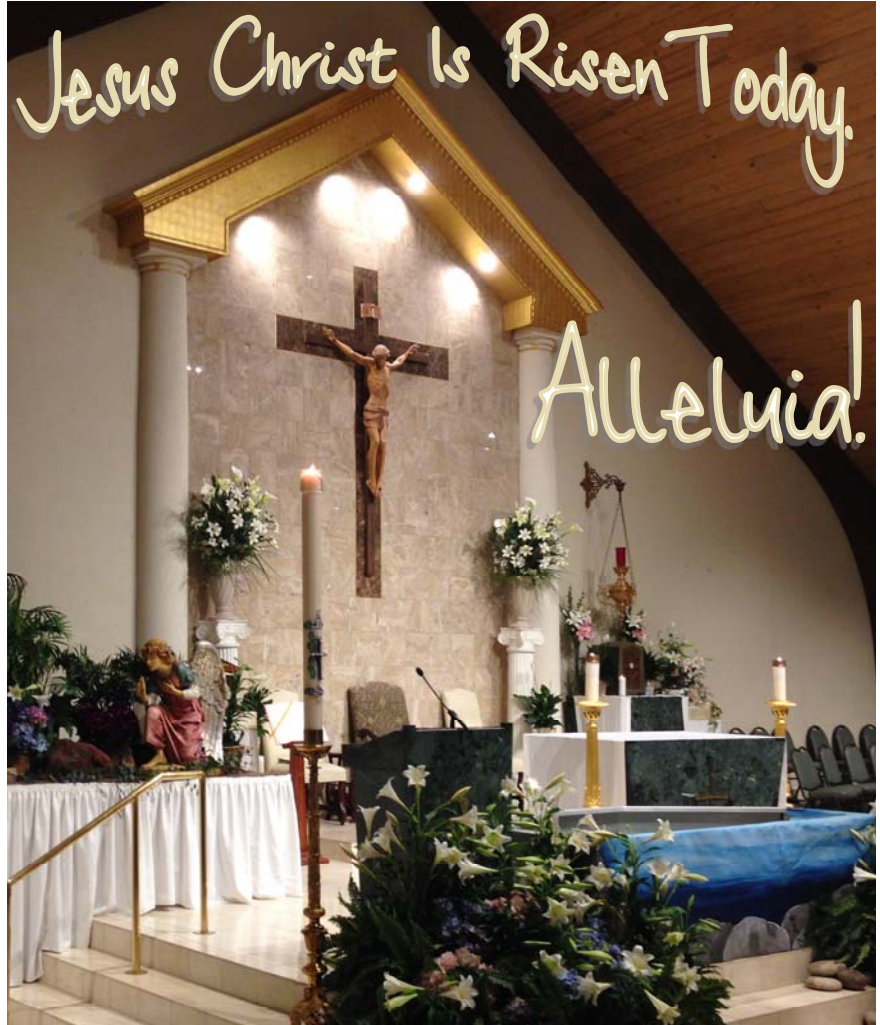
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

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.



The Staff of Immaculate Conception Wishes You and Your Families a Blessed Easter Season!

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31—HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 AM-11:00 AM RCIA Practice/Church
 12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass/Church
 9:30 PM-11:00 PM Easter Vigil Reception/Main Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 1—EASTER SUNDAY

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/Church
NO 6:00 PM MASS
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Evening Prayer/Adoration Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 2—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Launch Sewing/Main Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

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
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Cry Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Threads of Love Sewing/Main Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Matter of Balance/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's Spiritual Grouping/Rm. 2
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Church
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Catholicism/Small Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Study: Follow Me/FFC
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scouts #10843/T 16
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ISM-High School/Youth Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM That Man is You/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts #283/Pavillion

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts #12616/T 16
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM That Man is You/Small Hall
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Soul Core/Small Hall
 12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Cry Room
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIA-C/Main Hall/ELC 3
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass-Child. Liturgy/Church/SH
 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Baptisms/Church
 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Retrouvaille follow-up/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

Easter is a celebration of

NEW

Our Parish School of Religion is asking for
NEW VOLUNTEERS to be a part of a **NEW**
PROGRAM to form our middle school students!

Introducing...

I C C
EDGE
 Catholic Middle School Ministry

If you are interested in a NEW experience that will help form and guide the NEW GENERATION of the Church, please contact Gwen Richard or Kevin Acord in the PSR office at 225-665-5926 or gcrichard@icc-msh.org.

Save
 the
 Date

World Marriage Day (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60)

Anniversary Mass Celebration

Saturday, June 2, 2018

4:00 p.m. Mass and Reception

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: An Easter People

As we gather this Easter Sunday, we gather as St. Augustine said, “as an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song.” As we celebrate Christ’s resurrection we are



reminded that the good Lord said, I am the resurrection, not I will be. He rose from the grave, and is here every day to help us, through his Divine Spirit, to rise from the challenges, the hurts, the fears, all that would seem to threaten us. Let us today and everyday as we celebrate his resurrection, rise with him with new hope, renewed faith, and deeper love. It is great to begin the celebration of Easter with you

again this year as an Easter People. The painting above was given to me by Cardinal Decourtray, the Archbishop of Lyon, back in the early 90’s when I was at the Cathedral. I keep it in my office as a great reminder of how the Risen Lord picks us up each day.



As Easter people we are called to be the yeast that can help others rise. Not an easy or clear-cut task ... but our world badly needs the hope that Easter brings. So, bring in the new yeast and maybe by remembering we are all God’s children, we will be able to help our broken brothers and sisters who have given up hope. Now that would be another Easter miracle!

Many thanks to those who have helped us move through Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum into Easter. We thank the Men’s Club who built the platform and helped move some of the bigger things into the church, as well as doing a bit of cleaning up outside the church. Thanks to the musicians, choirs and all Liturgical Ministers who contributed so much of their time and energy to helping us celebrate the sacred mysteries of Easter in such a good and graced way. Your ministries are greatly appreciated.

We all extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners who celebrated the Easter Sacraments of Initiation with us at the Easter Vigil. This Easter would not be the same without you. You bring a lot into our community and we appreciate you being with us and we with you. Many thanks to the sponsors and R.C.I.A. team who walked with them over these past months, who were ready to answer their questions and point them in good directions. Your ministry is so important and valued here in the parish.

As we begin the 50 days of Easter, we recognize those who will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on the Solemnity of Pentecost.



They are (left to right) Nicole Aubin, Adam Olsen, Lacey Levert, & Claire Perkins. *Not pictured: Audrey Deville & Kaylee Kestler & Kaitlyn Vince.

We thank Terry Badeaux who ministers each year to the adults seeking Confirmation.

It is good to remember that the celebration of Easter is fifty days, not one Sunday. I remember when I was young, next Sunday was called the First Sunday **after** Easter. Now the Church has restored next Sunday as the Second Sunday **of** Easter. The Easter Mystery contains too much to be absorbed into our Christian lives for one Sunday, thus 50 days. Many great things will be happening during the Easter Season. Many of our younger parishioners will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, usually known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because of the Gospels for this Sunday. We will conclude the celebration of Easter on the Feast of Pentecost, this year, on May 20.

We thought it would be great this year to celebrate “The Grill Is On for You” on May 20, the day of Pentecost. It can be a big birthday celebration for the Church, for you and me, giving thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who brought (and brings) us all to life. Happy Easter. Love,



Parish Life ♦ Formation

Parish Life ♦ Community



RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation of
Adults/Children

On the holiest of all nights—the VIGIL of EASTER—when Christians everywhere celebrate Christ’s NEW LIFE through DEATH and RESURRECTION, the Church celebrates the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism/Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist.) These liturgical rites are at the heart of our EASTER celebration. In prayer, symbol and ritual (dating to earliest Christian times), the Christian community welcomes into our faith assembly, 21 adults and 7 children—our “new” Catholics; of this group 7 adults and 4 children were baptized. We will list the names of our new Catholics in next week’s Grapevine.

Parish School of Religion News

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year—Parents can register at the religious education office during the work day or during class time. Tuition is due at the time of registration (cash, checks, credit or debit). If you need a particular day/time, please register soon. FFC office hours through May 9th are Mondays and Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.

- April 14..... First Eucharist Retreat; 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Main Hall & Church)
 - April 22..... First Eucharist; 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. Masses
 - April 30..... Last day for PSR registration; Late fee after April 30 (\$10 late fee)
 - June 18-22 Vacation Bible School; 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- VBS Registration—April 23-May 30. Registration form for VBS can be printed from the church website (icc-msh.org/formation). No VBS registrations accepted after June 8.

For more information, call 225.665.5926.

ICC’S EARLY LEARNING CENTER--REGISTRATION



Registration for **2018-2019** has begun for new students!
REGISTRATION FEE \$150.00
All classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds will be a five (5) day program, Monday through Friday, 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ICC’S EARLY LEARNING CENTER SUMMER CAMP!

Camp Dates: June 4-July 27

Registration is ongoing.

5-day program only; 9:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

For more information contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968.



Bible Studies on the Horizon

Great Adventure Bible Study
Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Thursdays 9:30-11:45 a.m.; FFC Room 211
(fellowship at 9:00 a.m.) Starting April 12, 2018

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew’s Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven.

Great Adventure Bible Timeline:
The Story of Salvation

Mondays 12:30-2:45 p.m. (fellowship at noon)
starting April 19, 2018
in the Faith Formation Center; Room 211

You Can Understand the Bible! Reading the Bible should bring us close to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible and *The Bible Timeline* makes it easy. *The Bible Timeline* is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word.

If you would like to attend any of the above Bible studies, you may order your book online at www.ascensionpress.com and have it shipped to your home for your convenience. For more information, please call the church office at 225.665.5359.



Dance, Dance, Dance Spring Fling (K) Nights
Saturday, April 28, 2018
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Music by Big River Express 7-10 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church | Main Hall
865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs
Tickets \$20 each

Jambalaya, Beer, Wine, Water, and Soft Drinks
Available for Purchase

Contact Olin Hall (590-4634) or Henry Pulizzano (938-6493) by phone or text

Parish Life ♦ Community

Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



March 31, 2018
April 8, 2018

SATURDAY: 03/31/18

8:00 p.m. NO MASS INTENTIONS.

SUNDAY: 04/01/18

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. Broussard-Todd Families†; Mary Guidry†; Bob Fennell, Sr.†; Phillip John Bilski†; Kert Guidry†; Butch Calmes†; Ernestine Muller†; Mary Ann Bergeron†; Dorothy Long†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Marjorie Acosta†; Edwin Lohr†; Thelma Griesinger†; Donald Polcyn†; JoAnn Chiasson†

11:00 a.m. Al Deranger†; Marie & John Sterba†; Mark Falgout†; Dolores Dodson†; Ashlynn Ashmore; Deacon Pete Schlette†.

MONDAY: 04/02/18

8:30 a.m. Toney Stikeleather†.

TUESDAY: 04/03/18

6:00 p.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†;

WEDNESDAY: 04/04/18

8:30 a.m. Lamy Chopin†.

THURSDAY: 04/05/18

8:30 a.m. Bro. John Keplinger, OMI†.

FRIDAY: 04/06/18

8:30 a.m. Barbara Fossier†.

SATURDAY: 04/07/18

4:00 p.m. George Sterba†; Sam Guzzardo†; Gerry Buquoi†; Rita Mangano†; Mark Falgout†; Kathy Alello†; Dan Pennison†; Peter Lan Nguyen†; Ken Badeaux†; Al Berthelot, Jr.†; Carol Hyman†; Al Berthelot, Sr.†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Debbie Gomez; Vertie Young†; Teddy Anderson†; Kathleen Blanco.

SUNDAY: 04/08/18

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Millie Dirienzo†; Russell Dietrich, Sr.†; Gerline Miller†.

9:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Marjorie Acosta†; Robert Vigil†; Darlene Bell†; Thelma Griesinger†; Donald Polcyn†; Norma Lott McCray†; Helen Lott Barber†.

11:00 a.m. Clyde Meyers, Jr.†; Butch Calmes†; Ernestine Muller†; Lynn Hayes†; Ashlynn Ashmore; Deacon Pete Schlette†; T. J. & Betsy Reiprecht; Dominic Khuyen Nguyen†.

6:00 p.m. Phillip John Bilski†.



We express our sympathy and prayers to Leonard Verbois on the death of his son, **DAVID JUDE VERBOIS**; to Ovide McKendall, Sr. on the death of his wife, **CEOLA MCKENDALL**; and to Ovide McKendall, Sr. on the death of his wife, **CEOLA MCKENDALL**.

Stump the Deacon!

I have heard the term “Paschal Mystery.”
What does that mean?

You may not realize it, but every time at Mass when you recite the Nicene Creed, you acknowledge the paschal mystery of our salvation. There are three parts to the paschal mystery:

- Jesus’ passion and death;
- His resurrection;
- His ascension into heaven.

In the Nicene Creed we pray:

“For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.” (Jesus’ Passion and death)

“[He] rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. (His resurrection)

“He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.” (His ascension into heaven)

Because there are three distinct parts to this paschal mystery, the church gives us a lot of time to experience it, to “bask in the moment,” you might say—about 50 days from the beginning of the passion until the celebration of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. During this time, the Lord prepared his followers, and now prepares us, to share in this mystery by proclaiming it, sharing it, and celebrating it.

—Deacon George Hooper; ghooper@icc-msh.org

March 24/25, 2018



Contributions will be posted in upcoming bulletins due to the Easter Holidays.

If you would like to sign-up for WeShare online giving, follow these simple steps:

- Go to icc-msh.weshareonline.org.
- Click on any collection or event.
- Select your donation amount and frequency.
- Enter your account and payment information.
- WeShare will immediately send you an email with a temporary password which you may reset.
- You now have access to WeShare through our website, computer and our future parish app on your phone or tablet. **It’s safe. It’s simple. It’s convenient.**



NOTE: WeShare now has Holy Days and Special/ Second Collections listed for your convenience.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 04/01/18—04/07/18

Burns for an **OPEN INTENTION.**

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 04/01/18—04/07/18

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Parish Life ♦ Outreach



Divine Mercy Novena Continues

Come join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Novena at ICC every evening at 7 p.m. in the Church (except Tuesday when we will be in the Cry Room) starting Monday, April 2.

In a vision to St. Maria Kowalska in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say—the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy—and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it. Jesus said: “**My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. ...Write that, when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior**” (*Diary, 1541*).

“**There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy**” (*Diary, 369*).



Young at Heart Luncheon—will be held on **Wednesday, April 11** at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in the Main Hall. Please bring a covered dish to feed at least 10 people. Our guest speaker will be Jo Schumate from Denham Springs Marshall’s Office. The date for the upcoming Casino Trip to Silver Slippers will be May 26. Anyone fifty years or older is welcome to come and join Young at Heart. If interested, please call Linda Lopez at 665-3202.



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The chalice will be received by the Nichols family (Raymond & Donna) on April 8 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 225.665.3505.

Readings for the week of 04/01/18

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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Worship ♦ Directory



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We have **TWO** hours needing to be filled:

- Saturday; 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Saturday; 11:00 p.m.-midnight

Thanks so much to all our Adorers!

Prayerfully consider an hour with Jesus. We are still in need of prayer partners and substitute adorers.

If you would like to commit to an hour, call Allison Renfrow at 978.1892 or arenfrow05@bellsouth.net

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.

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