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The Epiphany of the Lord

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.
Tuesday 6:00 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.



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." · Mt 2:6b

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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, JANUARY 5

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, JANUARY 6

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM Sunday Nursery/Room 3-ELC
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA Session/Main Hall
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM RCIA-C/Small Hall/Room 2
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy of the Word/SH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rooms
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rooms
 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 Men's Cursillo Sp. Gp./Room 2

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rooms
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Young at Heart Luncheon/Main Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Room 1
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scout Daisy Troop #10812/T 16

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rooms
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #10749/T 16
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts #283/Pavilion

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rooms
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mighty Moms Food Distribution/PV
 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, JANUARY 13

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM Sunday Nursery/Room 3-ELC
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA Session/Main Hall
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM RCIA-C/Small Hall/Room 2
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy of the Word/SH
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church
 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Girl Scout Ministry/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

CHRISTMAS, 2018

AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Eucharistic Schedule for Christmas and its Octave

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord,
 Sunday, January 6; (regular Mass schedule)

The Christmas Season ends Sunday,
 January 13, 2019

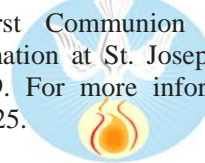
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
 We wish you a good and graced Christmas Season.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration
 25th & 50th, 65th and Over
 February 10, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.
 St. George; 7808 St. George Dr., Baton Rouge
 (more information in next week's Grapevine)

Adult Confirmation Classes Begin February, 2019 at Immaculate Conception

These classes are for those who were baptized Catholic, have received First Communion but have not been confirmed. Confirmation at St. Joseph's Cathedral will be held in May, 2019. For more information, contact Terri Badeaux at 933-4925.



Young at Heart Luncheon—will be held on **Wednesday, January 9** at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in the Main Hall.

If you have been thinking about joining, now is the time! Please bring a covered dish to feed 8 people. Looking forward to seeing you. For more information, call Linda Lopez at 665-3202.

Entering Canaan: Day of Prayer and Healing Saturday, February 2, 2019



Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. A Day of Prayer & Healing for women and men who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Elaine at 256-568-6004 or email EnteringCanaan@diobr.org. All inquiries are confidential. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge – Office of Marriage & Family Life.



Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Beginning Together

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In some translations it is called the Manifestation



of the Lord. Epiphany/Manifestation/Revelation. These words mean pretty much the same thing, but the meaning is clear – the Lord is being revealed, is revealing himself to the world.

What is he revealing? The Lord came to reveal and show us many things, but what they all come down to is the unconditional love of the Father for us his children. In 2016, Pope Francis, when writing his letter announcing the Year of Mercy, said that “*Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith.*” It is good that we have been called to share what was revealed by the Lord in special ways. We share the life and Spirit of the one who was revealed at Bethlehem, at Cana, and in the Jordan, so we also are empowered to be the “Face of the Father’s mercy” in 2019.

The Church through the centuries has celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord on three successive occasions: The



arrival of the Wise Men; the Marriage Feast at Cana, and the Baptism of the Lord. All three events have been celebrated as one Epiphany/Manifestation of the Lord. This is why some of the most traditional hymns of this season have a verse which mentions each occasion – the Wise Men, the

Marriage at Cana and the Baptism of the Lord. At each of the three manifestations, he must have deeply touched the lives of those who received him, the lives of those who recognized him. On this first Sunday of 2019, it is good to recall that the most important date we can mark on our calendars is this day, Sunday, on which we have the opportunity to have an encounter with the Lord who reveals himself, his will, and shares with us his strength. They saw and heard him, but we have the opportunity to receive him in Communion as well as listen to his word. Sunday worship networks us into the story God continues to tell us, a story of life and death, joy and sorrow, struggle and hope, and the bottom line of it all – grace, undeserved gift. We come each week to be renewed in that revelation and join all creation in praising Jesus as savior of the world.

The Wise Men traveled together encouraging each other along the way. They believed they were on the right track, but the finding of the Christ Child was possible only because they kept looking for him. They eventually knelt before him, but only because they never quit. And we must not either. It was risky, because Herod was not delighted to hear whom they were searching for. Worship can also sometimes be risky, as we might receive a call to follow that might be a bit uncomfortable to respond to. On this Sunday we have come to respond to the one who calls us, changes us and strengthens us for the journey.

This Saturday I will be at the Cathedral with our Confirmation candidates as we reflect on their call to be a full, adult member of the Church. Please keep them in your prayers. We think it is good for them to know a larger Diocesan Church as many, when they hear the word “Church,” think only of our parish. This is good, but they are also a part of a Diocesan, Local Church as well as a Universal Church. This gives them the chance to celebrate in the Bishop’s Church and learn a bit of our history as a Diocese. They celebrated their confirmation retreats at



Angola where prisoners witnessed to them what a difference the Epiphany/ Manifestation/ Revelation of

the Lord meant in their lives. They were good retreats and now they prepare to be leaders also as we journey together.



As we begin this new year together, let us remember them and all who travel with us in our prayers. Love,

John H.

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Formation ♦ Community



RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation of
Adults/Children

Adults and children preparing to enter the Catholic Church are dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. The Catechumens and Candidates depart from the Mass with their catechist to discuss and learn more about our Catholic faith. This will continue each Sunday until Easter when those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time.

"We teach that which has been taught everywhere in the Church, held by all in the Church, from the very origin of the Church in the teaching of Jesus' apostles."

St. Vincent of Lerins, 4th Century Bishop

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



Our childcare ministry is now available for children ages six weeks to four years during the 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday Masses in Room 3 of the ELC. Walk-ins welcome!

Registration form is available online at <https://www.icc-msh.org/sunday-nursery>. Contact Paulette Lopez at 504.252.6468.

Parish School of Religion

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- December 17-January 10.... Winter break for 6th-9th grades
- December 17-January 16..... Winter break for 10th graders
- December 17-January 23..... Winter break for 1st-5th grades
- January 14.....Classes for grades 6-9 resume
- January 16.. Confirmation Practice; 7:00 p.m. in the Church
- January 18.....Confirmation; 7:00 p.m.
- January 22..Classes resume for 10th grade Confirmation Yr. 1
- January 27..... Edge Mass/Uncorked 6-7:45 p.m.
- January 28.....Classes for grades 1-5 resume
- February 2.....7th Grade Retreat; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- February 4..First Eucharist Parent Mtg. @ 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- February 6..First Eucharist Parent Mtg. @ 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- February 24.....Edge Mass/Uncorked; 6-7:45 p.m.
- March 4-5Mardi Gras Holiday
- March 6.....Ash Wednesday

For more information, contact 225.665.5926.

The Early Learning Center will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.



Catholic Scouting Awards
Available for boys and girls

The ICC Scouting Ministry will host a **Catholic Scouting Seminar For ALL Scout Parents and Leaders** On Sunday, January 13 at 1:30 in the Parish Activity Center in the Small Hall Program materials, patches, and medals will be on display and Scout Leaders on-hand to answer your questions. For additional info, please contact Dee at dee.ardonne@gmail.com



Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors

The Knights of Columbus are seeking candidates for The Catholic Youth Leadership Award. Cash prizes are presented to high school seniors who show leadership in the church, school and community. The top prize is \$4000. Please call Danny Bennett with nominations at (225) 505-6062. Interested students and parents can obtain an application at <http://louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>. Deadline for submission is January 25, 2018.

\$500 Community Service Scholarship Award
Sponsored by: Catholic Daughters Court
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha #2331

This scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2019 to a graduating senior who will be attending an accredited college or university. Area high school seniors are encouraged to apply (male or female). Applicant must be a member of Immaculate Conception Church or the Sacred Heart Mission in Livingston. Deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, February 15, 2019. For application or information, please contact: Alice Tassin at 335.3789 or JoAnn Martrain at 324.2904.

Have you down-loaded the ICC APP?

We would like to hear from you! We have an opportunity with LPI to upgrade our present app (at no cost to us) and need to know if this ICC app is important enough to you. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing Elaine Matherne at elamath@icc-msh.org. We need to make a decision by January 7, 2019.



Congratulations and prayers to those who were baptized recently!

Gabriel Michael Foreman

Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Stewardship



January 5, 2019 -
January 13, 2019

SATURDAY: 01/05/19

4:00 p.m. Mark Falgout†; Myrtle Lococo†; Lacey Griffin†.

SUNDAY: 01/06/19

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. Kinsley King†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Sylvia Pulizzano†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Lynwood Stafford, Jr.†; Lawrence Lachney†.

11:00 a.m. Betty Watts†;

6:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory†.

MONDAY: 01/07/18

8:30 a.m. Bill Collier†;

TUESDAY: 01/08/19

6:00 p.m. Brent J. Villemarette†.

WEDNESDAY: 01/09/19

8:30 a.m. M/M Michael Pulizzano & Family.

THURSDAY 01/10/19

8:30 a.m. Sylvia Pulizzano†.

FRIDAY: 01/11/19

8:30 a.m. Madelyn Kelly.

SATURDAY: 01/12/19

4:00 p.m. Karen F. Merritt; Ron Rinker†; Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Linda Campagna†; Mary Brown†.

SUNDAY: 01/13/19

7:00 a.m. Mary Alyce Burnett†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Phyllis Hartman†

9:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Lynwood Stafford, Sr.†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Jr.†; Robert Adams, Jr.†.

11:00 a.m. Al Deranger†; Evelyn Gilcrease.

6:00 p.m. Open Intention.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 01/06/19—01/12/19

Burns in memory of **MARK G. FALGOUT.**

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 01/06/19—01/12/19

Burns for an **OPEN INTENTION.**



When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. — Lk 2:21

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Stump the Deacon!

In Matthew’s Gospel, Chapter 2, the Magi searching for the king of the Jews state “We saw his star at its rising...” and later, after they left King Herod, “And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” Was there really a Star of Bethlehem?

There have been numerous explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. One is that the Star was a one-time miracle that God placed in the heavens to lead the wise men to the Christ child.

There are other possible scientific explanations. When two planets align with each other in the sky (a “conjunction”) it makes for a remarkable sight. The two planets may seem to be one bright star. On August 12, 3 B.C., Venus and Jupiter did just that, coming within .15 degrees of each other as seen from the Middle East. Then on September 14, 3 B.C., Jupiter conjoined with the star Regulus, the “King Star.” This happened three times within that astronomical year. In December, 2 B.C. Jupiter became stationary (or “stopped”) directly over Bethlehem, pointing out the exact location of the new born King for the Magi. This might seem impossible, but it is not. Due to movements of the earth and the planets, at times a planet may seem to be stationary. For a detailed explanation of this event and what it meant to the Magi, google: **Chapter 4: The Real Star of Bethlehem.**

Even if the Star of Bethlehem was the result of the conjunction of planets and stars, we must remember that God created the universe. He knew when these events would take place and could have planned that His Son be born at the precise moment in time.

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

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



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Respect Life Upcoming Events

Baby Bottle Campaign: We are hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign once again, to benefit the Women's New Life Center. Last year we collected almost \$5,000! The baby bottles will be available after all Masses on the weekend of January 12/13, 2019. We ask that you return them on the weekend of January 26/27, 2019. The Women's New Life Center is a non-profit professional counseling center and medical clinic serving women and families struggling with unplanned pregnancies. They offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and professional counseling for unplanned pregnancies and for those struggling with a past abortion. Since its opening in 2001, nearly 2000 babies and families have been saved from abortion, and your contribution will help them continue their mission to save lives. Women's Life Center believes in empowering women by providing them with support that they desire and the resources that they need. Women's New Life Center; 760 Colonial Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; phone: 225.218.4862; women'snewlife.com.

Cemetery for the Unborn: As we approach the 45th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22nd, let us focus our attention and prayers on the unborn. On the weekend of January 19/20, 2019, we will, once again, create a cemetery for the unborn after all Masses. White crosses will be available for any family who would like to participate as they come out of Mass to place a cross at the designated marker in front of the Church and pray for the unborn.



Mighty Moms Food Distribution is held every second Sat. (1/12/19) from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Pavilion for families in need. For more information, call 225.435.9195 or visit: <https://www.mightymomsgo.org/>

Readings for the week of 01/06/19

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

-Liturgical Publications

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We need ADORERS for the following hours:

- Tues. midnight-1 a.m.
- Wed. 10-11 a.m.
- Wed. 8-9 p.m.*
- Friday mid.-1 a.m.
- Friday 6-7 p.m.
- Friday 9-10 p.m.
- Sat. 11-midnight**
- Sat. 1-2 a.m.



*prayer partner needed

**every other week

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: The 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 Priests. Please join us.



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The chalice will be received by the Nicholas family (Donna & Raymond) on January 13, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Julie Panek at 225.610.6975.

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