

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017

Second Collection: Building and Maintenance

Monday – March 13 –
 5:00 PM (IC) – Rosary for Country

Tuesday – March 14 –
 5:30PM (HT) Mass

Wednesday – March 15 –
 6:30 AM (IC) – Mass
 6:00 PM Catechism Class,
 First Confessions

Thursday – March 16 –
 5:30 PM (IC) – Carlton J. and Mona F. Sylvester

Friday – March 17 –
 5:30 PM (IC) – **Mass** – Brian T. Ortego,
 Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard
Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday – March 18
 4:00 PM (IC) – **Mass** – Elmer and Hazel
 Brooks, Emile and Jessie
 Dupre, Herman Hebert, Claude
 and Lois Blanchard, Curry
 Landreneau, Francis, Zim, and
 Chris Dupre, Leonce Lalonde, Jr.
 John L. Speyrer, Jude
 Thibodeaux, Aubrey Soileau,
 Jack Thibodeaux,
 Poke Courville Family.

Sunday – March 19
 7:00 AM (IC) – **Mass** – Brian T. Ortego, Rose
 and J.A. Latiolais, Jr., Raymond
 Dupre
 9:00 AM (IC) – **Mass** – Mary Landry
 11:00 AM – **(Holy Trinity) – Mass** –
 Parishioners

Stewardship:

Catholic Services of Acadiana: \$140.00
 3/5: \$2566.81
 Building and Maintenance: \$919.00

Thank you for your generosity!

3-18 - 4:00 PM
Eucharistic Ministers
 Vine Mayeux
 Anita Vidrine
 Gwen Dejean
Reader
 Ethel Landreneau
Ushers
 Raynold S.
 Herman B.
 Wallace S.
 Marcus D.

3-19 - 7:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers
 Pauline Vidrine
 Brenda Baque
 Joey Bordelon
Reader
 Donna Dardeau
Ushers
 Phillip D
 Allen V.
 Pauline V.
 Donnie V.

3-19 - 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers
 Freida Dejean
 Don Simoneaux
 Bonnie Darbonne
Reader
 Yvette Howard
Ushers
 Nicky D
 Bruce C.
 Gary W.
 Benny H.

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HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL

Timothy issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

MONDAY ROSARY

All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 5:00 pm at Immaculate Conception. Prayers will be offered for our country.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are temporarily shortened from 9AM to noon Monday to Friday.

MEATLESS FRIDAYS

- Every person 14 years of age or older **must abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent**. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.
- Should I host a delicious Crawfish Boil on Good Friday and invite my favorite people? **No**. The whole idea behind the church's teaching of abstaining from meat is that we are sacrificing something good. Going out to a nice restaurant and eating tasty meals or partying on Good Friday are not in keeping with this spirit of sacrifice. Father Jared suggests eating a nice meal on the other days of Lent and NOT Fridays.
- We shouldn't forget that all Fridays are considered penitential days in keeping with the fact that Jesus died on Friday. Catholics should do some sort of penance on every Friday during the year. The U.S. Bishops allow the substitution of some other form of penance instead of abstaining from meat on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. The obligation to do penance is a serious one.



Altar Servers

3-18 4:00 PM Matthew Vidrine
3-19 7:00 AM Elliot Landreneau
3-19 9:00 AM Michael Darbonne

ANGOLA BUS TRIP

The Diocese of Lafayette is offering a free bus trip departing from St. Paul's Church in Lafayette so that family members may visit their incarcerated loved ones at Angola Prison. To reserve your seat on Sunday, April 2nd or for more details, contact 261-5545.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A *Catholic Journey through Grief* retreat will be from 9:00am – 3:30pm on **April 2, 2017** at Immaculata Center. The cost of the event will be \$30.00 which will include your supplies and lunch. Pre-Registration is required, <http://www.diola.org/grief> to register.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our parishioners who were honored at O.C. Yvette Howard is Teacher of the Year and Charles Ruffino is Supporter of the Year! Thank you both for your commitment to faith and education.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

A class, for adults 18 and older, will be held at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501 on four Mondays from 6 to 8pm (March 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th). Call 261.5607 to register. Classes are free, but the workbook is \$15.

SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE

The death of a loved one is never easy and grief is experienced differently for everyone. A support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18. The group will meet on two evenings a month. Call 261-5653 for more information or to register.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

St. Mary Church in Lafayette now also offers a 6-week divorce recovery program based on The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. For further details please contact Trudy Trahan at trudydt@cox.net.

THE CHOICE WINE

The Choice Wine is a pathway to authentic marital happiness. Couples will learn how to virtually divorce-proof their marriages, experience the superabundant love and mercy of God and realize a foretaste of Paradise in their marriages and families. For a complete list of parishes participating in The Choice Wine or for more information, please visit <http://thechoicewine.org>.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit the website for more information and to register www.helpourmarriage.com.

PARISH BULLETIN INFORMATION: Contact the bulletin editor (parish secretary) or bring information to the rectory. All information must be in by Monday. If your family or business would like to help support the bulletin by taking an ad, or remember a loved one "In Memoir" Please call: John or Peter Watson at 985-868-6804.

SICK LIST



Mary LeDoux, Lyle Soileau, Baby Laura Savant, Mike Wartelle, Leslie Deroche, Mitzi Valin Brooks, Shane Richard, Patricia Ann Richard, Peter Merritt, Gage Bihm, Vern Dvorak, Donald Johnson, Clyde Soileau, Dannie Ardoin, Patricia Fontenot, Dirk Soileau, Juanita Stelly, Christopher Joubert, Mcall Thibodeaux, Betty Sparks, Ken Miller, Jimmy Bertrand, Lori Moreau, Connie Benoit

CATECHISM YEAR

The diocese requires a certain number of hours each year per grade level. We will have successfully reached that number by the end of the month and therefore Wednesday, March 29th will be the last catechism class for grades 1st through 10th for this school year. Thank you to the teachers and students for a great year. I especially want to thank Mrs. Ruth Montgomery and Mrs. Elaine Fontenot for their leadership.



PRAYER

What greater gift could we give ourselves during Lent than the gift of prayer? The fruits of developing a disciplined time of prayer are bountiful. Make plans for a prayer time each day. Do not wait until you "find time" but make a time of prayer your priority. This will involve sacrifice on your part – perhaps giving up some television viewing time, using part of your lunch hour, or getting up in the morning earlier than usual. Along the way, spend some time in extra prayer with the community: a weekday Mass, Stations of the Cross. Whatever you decide, resolve to spend more time with the Lord.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANERS

Norma Plattsmier, Merryle Soileau, Karen Ducote, Diane Wartelle

LENTEN MISSION

Father Taj Glodd, Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte, will be giving a Lenten mission on **Tuesday, March 21st at 6PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church** in Washington following the regularly scheduled 5:30PM Mass. We hope many will be able to attend. Fr. Glodd is a native of Crowley, Louisiana, spent 2 years as the associate pastor at St. Pius X in Lafayette.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Mass and reception of First Holy Communion for Immaculate Conception students will be Saturday evening, March 25th during the regularly scheduled 4PM Mass. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.
