

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Monday – February 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country

**Tuesday – February 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

6:00 PM – 7:30PM Confirmation

**Wednesday – February 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 AM Mass – Velma B. Fontenot

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice

**Thursday – February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

**Friday – February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:30 PM Mass – Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard

✠ **Followed by Stations of the Cross** ✠

**Saturday – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Aubrey Soileau, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Herbert Ortego, Jay Ortego, (Anniversary Mass) Lane Ortego, Jack Thibodeaux, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Mitzie Valin Brooks

**Sunday – February 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – Mass –Clyde Soileau, Velma Brown Fontenot, Frank S. Fontenot Family

9:00 AM – Mass – For the People

11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

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In today’s Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

### OC NEWS

Registration for new students may register beginning February 19 once application for admission has been accepted. With questions, contact Mrs. Briley, Admissions Director, at 942-5404 ext. 109 or email [brileyj@ocsvikings.com](mailto:brileyj@ocsvikings.com).

Catch the last performances of OC Drama Club’s Spring Showcase on Feb. 17 at 7 pm and then at 2 pm on Feb. 18 at the Opelousas Little Theatre. In addition, OC wishes the best to the drama students who will be competing in the University of Louisiana Drama Rally on Thursday.

**02 - 24 - 4:00 PM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Clara Darbonne  
Vine Mayeux  
Evelina Soileau  
**READER**  
Claudia Blanchard  
**USHERS**  
Marlene Beauxis  
Marcus Decou  
Merlin Valin  
Herman Bidstrup  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
Matthew Vidrine

**02- 25 - 7:00 AM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Mary Alice Blanchard  
Albert Ortego  
Sis Ortego  
**READER**  
Norma Plattsmier  
**USHERS**  
Phillip Dardeau  
Pauline Vidrine  
Allen Vidrine  
Donnie Vidrine  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
Elliot Landreneau

**02- 25 - 9:00 AM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Pam Landreneau  
Rick Ortego  
Jim Soileau  
**READER**  
Amanda Bertrand  
**USHERS**  
Gregory Doucet  
Jessie Howard  
Benny Howard  
Gary Wilson  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
Michael Darbonne

### CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **Death of Bishop Jeanmard** - On February 23, 1957, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard died at the age of 77. He served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette for over 37 years. In that time he oversaw incredible growth for the diocese. One of Bishop Jeanmard’s lasting legacies was his service to African Americans in the Diocese. In his will, he requested that his body be laid after his death at St. Paul’s before it was brought to the Cathedral for the funeral and burial. Jeanmard’s death made national news as *Time* magazine ran a picture of black parishioners offering their respects to Bishop Jeanmard, with the caption: “Last Homage to Negroes’ Friend.”
- **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).

### PENANCE: FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59<sup>th</sup> birthday begins your 60<sup>th</sup> year) **must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed, but when combined should not equal another full meal. For those who are pregnant, nursing, or frail, the strict obligation to fast is lifted.
- Every person 14 years of age or older **must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and 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.
- We shouldn’t forget that all Fridays are considered penitential days in keeping with the fact that Jesus died on Friday. 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.



### LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This event will be hosted by the Alumnae of Academy of the Sacred Heart Grand Coteau. Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 2:30pm in the Academy Chapel, Directed by Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC  
The spiritual Care Unit will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### 2018 DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel.

**Pre-registration by no later than February 15** is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate **25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2018.**

Couples may register online at <http://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass>



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## WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The Washington Garden Club invites you to a "Wonderful World of Tea" this wonderful event will be held Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Wolff Banquet & Reception Hall. Tickets are \$35 dollars.

### For more Information or to purchase Tickets:

Ardoin's Store – Washington, LA  
Sebastien's Jewelry Store, Opelousas, LA  
Ethel Landreneau – 826-7337 or 945-0948  
Ginger Fontenot – 543-7432 or 831-1055  
Catherine St. Cyr - 412-5042

## COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

The *Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years* is an extraordinary and unique way to celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Beginning on Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the Square of St. Martinville. The Marathon will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday at 4:30 PM. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will begin the reading from the first chapters of Genesis and Bishop Michael Jarrell will conclude with the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation. Over 300 lectors will be needed for 20 minute intervals. Lectors from churches throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen and *Marinate* in the Word! For more information or to register as a lector please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com) or 337-394-6550. More information is available at [www.fetedieuduteche.org](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org) and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

## CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.
- **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew will be during the children's regularly scheduled catechism class sometime in April.
- **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

## DIRECTED RETREATS AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center offers personally directed retreats. Participants may choose either a 5-day or 3-day option. The center specializes in these personally directed retreats, which are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Solitude and silence are important aspects of the retreat experience.

For additional details, including cost and registration information, please contact the center at 337-662-5251 or visit online at [www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org).



## LOCAL BIBLE STUDY

*Come, Lord Jesus!* Is a weekly journey to study and meditate on the Sunday Gospels.

We are blessed at Immaculate Conception to have three thriving *Come, Lord Jesus!* Groups already formed. Everyone is welcome and there is always room for additional people to join. Please call the office with any questions you may have.



### Our meeting times are as follow:

- Tuesday** afternoon at 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM – In the parish Hall  
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – In the parish Hall
- Thursday** morning at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Ms. Jane Dupre's home  
You can reach her on her cell phone for directions at 337-945-6881

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez

## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, like you we are members of the Father's family. We pray that our family love may reflect his love on its openness to all people. May we forgive even when not forgiven, and be patient with others' weaknesses. Jesus, give us peace, unity, and strength to meet the difficulties of daily living. May we use our family resources to improve the quality of life for ourselves and all people. Let us show joy in serving, for whatever we do for others, we do for you. Mary, inspire us, that our love may be strong but not possessive. Let our willingness to give depend on the needs of others rather than on the cost of giving. Joseph, help us to be attentive to the Father's will. Let us be ready, as you were, to act whenever her calls us.*



## WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

*Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**Sunday:** Rev. Anselm Ofodum      **Thursday:** Rev. Jose Padinjarepedika, CMI  
**Monday:** Rev. Paul Onuegbe      **Friday:** Rev. John Paul, SJ  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Paul Osterelle, SJ      **Saturday:** Rev. Donald Pelous  
**Wednesday:** Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ

## PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

*Prayer Blankets can benefit those suffering in body, mind, or spirit.*

For those interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Jerry Mayeux at 308-3325 or Jane Dupre at 945-6881. If you have fabric you'd like to donate, it would be appreciated.



If you or a loved one would like a prayer blanket please call the ladies mentioned above or the church office.

## MONDAY ROSARY



All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 5:00 pm in church at Immaculate Conception. Prayers will be offered for our country and an end to violence in the world. Invite your friends and family.



**Month of February:**  
Karen Ducote, Jill Soileau,  
Sheila Carrier & Tammy Pitre



## SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

The death of a loved one is never easy and grief is experienced differently for everyone. The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life have formed a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group provides a safe place for those who have lost a loved one to suicide to share their struggles, experiences, and pain as they struggle to regain hope and strength. The group is facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18 and meets on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337-261-5653 for more information or to register

## DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Office of Marriage and Family Life offers a 6-week divorce recovery program for those who have suffered from divorce/separation. Please visit our website, [www.diolaf.org/divorcerecovery](http://www.diolaf.org/divorcerecovery) to register or to find out more information.

## RETROUVILLE WEEKEND

Retrouville is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend provides a 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).



## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Church! We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form which can be found on our website [immaculate-conception-washington.org](http://immaculate-conception-washington.org) under "About, Contact Us" or you may come into the office. Please return the form either in the collection basket or to the parish office.

**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.