

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 20th, 2018

WHY THERE SHOULD BE SILENCE IN CHURCH

Holy Mother Church proclaims it to be so. Paragraph 45 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states: "Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the Church, in the Sacristy, in the Vesting Room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the Sacred Action in a devout and fitting manner."

It is disrespectful. Talking in Church is considered disrespectful of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We are in the House of God, in the Presence of God Himself in the Tabernacle, not in a coffee shop. All our thoughts and words should be directed to Him.

It teaches disrespect. When children see adults talking, giggling, and laughing in Church, especially before, during and after the Holy Mass, instead of in prayer or in silent meditation it teaches them that it is acceptable behavior, thus further eroding respect for the Blessed Sacrament in the next generation. And it is hypocritical for parents to "shush" their children while they themselves continue to talk.

It is the Sacred and Holy of House of Almighty God. It is the Lord's Sacred House, which Jesus Christ taught was "a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose. It is unholy to turn the Holy House of God into a man-made place of socializing or gossiping. The Holy House of God, where dwells the Real and True Presence of God, must be treated with ongoing reverence. Talking in Church is a violation of justice against Almighty God, for Whom we should have the greatest reverence.

It is selfish. Talking while in the Church is a selfish act and it is a violation of the virtue of justice against neighbors who are trying to pray and meditate.

It is a violation of the virtue of Charity. Talking in Church is a violation of charity, since as Christians we should be going "out of ourselves" to look after others first. Unnecessary talk in the Church is a total disrespect for one's brothers and sisters in Christ who are trying to pray, and against the faithful who seek to grow in their spiritual lives. Talking in Church falls short of manifesting love, charity, kindness and self-control, which are fruits of the Most Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22) if a person crassly and knowingly disregards others trying to pray, or worst of all does so with malice or contempt, it could even be a mortal sin against charity.

Pray for a return to respect and reverence in the Holy House of God

- Monday – May 21st** – 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
Tuesday – May 22nd – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Wednesday – May 23rd – 6:30 AM Mass – Clyde Doucet
Thursday – May 24th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
Friday – May 25th – 6:30 AM Mass – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard,

- Saturday – May 26th**
 4:00 PM Mass – Lois & Claude Blanchard, Curry Landreneau, Aubrey Soileau, Velma Fontenot, Herman Hebert, Chip Ardoin, Poke Courville & Deceased Family,
Sunday – May 27th
 7:00 AM Mass – Alice Meche, Louis May, Clyde Soileau,
 9:00 AM – For the People
 11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners

Stewardship:
 5/13 \$2,214.00
Thank you for your generosity!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments in us?



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CENTENNIAL NEWS

■ **A New Carmel** - On May 16, 1936, the feast of St. Simon Stock, Bishop Jules Jeanmard joyfully celebrated the first Mass for the new Carmelite community in Lafayette. The new Carmel would be under the title of Mary, Mother of Grace. Originally situated on three acres of land on Old Spanish Trail in Lafayette, the community would eventually move near Immaculata Seminary. In 1956, the Sisters moved into their new and permanent home along Carmel Drive. Because of the force of their prayers, Bishop Jeanmard often called this community the "lightning rod" of the Diocese of Lafayette.

■ **Fete-Dieu du Vermilion** – will occur on the Vermilion this year on August 15th. Please mark your calendars and visit the Diocesan Centennial Webpage for more information. This year the boat procession with the Eucharist will begin in Abbeville and end at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.



OC NEWS

Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers during this final exam week. Parents are encouraged to attend the Elementary Award program (K-5) on Tuesday at 8 am in St. Landry Catholic Church followed by the church's Patriotic Rosary at 9 am. Awards for grades 6-8 will be presented on Wednesday at 8 am. On Thursday at 9:30 am, students will be dismissed for the summer break. May God bless all with a happy and safe summertime! OC is also asking for everyone's support of senior Bethany Guidry who is raising funds to attend this summer's National Beta competition in Savannah, Georgia. A download gift card with 16 spiritual songs by Bethany can be purchased for \$20 online at CDBABY.com by May 24. Thanks for helping Bethany!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Now begins a lifetime of drawing closer to Jesus through His greatest Gift, His Real Presence in the Eucharist! Special thanks Ms. Sharon Gautreaux and Ms. Stephanie Tompkins who prepared them for this Sacrament. Also, Thank you to the Ladies Altar Society for hosting the reception and for Lou's Sweet Tooth for baking a delicious cake. All of you ladies have been fantastic and a great blessing.

COME LORD JESUS ANNIVERSARY MASS

All parishioners are invited to attend the Come, Lord Jesus! Anniversary Mass to be held on Tuesday, May 29th at 6:00 PM here at Immaculate Conception Church. Mass will be celebrated by Father Conley Bertrand of Lafayette, founder of Come, Lord Jesus!

LIL' ANGELS' CAMP

Queen of Angels Lil' Angels' Camp is scheduled for July 9th thru July 13th, 2018 from 8am to 12noon. Registration will begin on May 1st, 2018 at the Parish Office. The deadline for registering is June 8th, 2018.

2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat hosted by Everyday Missionaries to be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Dupont, LA from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This year's theme is "Be They. Be Compassion." (Luke 5:19). A \$25.00 Registration fee will be accepted until June 3rd. There will be a limit so please register early. Lunch is included. Also, all are invited to attend 4:30 pm mass. For more information visit www.everydaymissionaries.com/retreats

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan Genocide survivor and New York Times bestseller, is coming to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Eunice, Louisiana August 3 and 4, 2018. Tickets are available at www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats

CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

You are invited to join Bishop Douglas Deshotel and other pilgrims as we travel to Nova Scotia on August 27, 2018, to rediscover our heritage and faith. It will be an unforgettable journey. Hope you can make it.

For more information:

E-mail: info@holyltravels.org Phone: 337.291.1933



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.

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 and our newest one for Parent Intercessors. 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 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – In the parish Hall
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Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Ms. Jane Dupre's home
You can reach her on her cell phone for directions at 337-945-6881

Newest Meeting: For Parent Intercessors

Thursday Evening from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Katie Fontenot's home
You can reach her on her cell phone for directions 308-3541 or the Church office 826-7396



UPCOMING CHANGES

Changes
are
Coming...

Please be on the lookout for upcoming changes to our Catechism program. A new day and time will be announced in a few weeks. Also, if you or someone you know would like to volunteer this coming year please contact the office. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

The purpose of the Prayer Blanket Ministry is to cover the recipient in prayers. Members of this ministry sew blankets in their homes while praying for those who will be receiving them. The Prayer Blanket will be blessed by Father and is a reminder of our parish's prayer for those who receive them.

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



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayer Request Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, Donald Robertson, Taylor Duplechain, John E. Leblanc, Julie Mendel, Michelle Henry, Glenda Pitre, Liz Bourque Constantino, Charley Fruge Arnaud, Brian Olivier, Reid Latour,

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.

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. Louis Allen Breaux **Thursday:** Rev. Ken Broussard
Monday: Rev. Joseph Breaux **Friday:** Rev. Rev. Patrick Broussard
Tuesday: Rev. A. Rex Broussard **Saturday:** Rev. Paul Broussard
Wednesday: Rev. Henry Broussard



MONTH OF OUR LADY

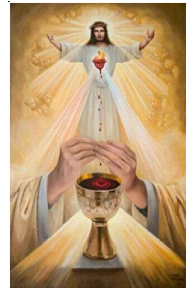
As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen"

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



PROPER ATTIRE FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Short pants, tank tops, flip flops, and tattered clothing are inappropriate for Sacred Worship of the Almighty Triune God. Thank you for cooperating in the effort to teach and return to modesty and reverence in the Holy House of Almighty God. Please be attentive to children's attire; we must teach the youth the importance of Sacred Reverence. Adults and children must never wear revealing tops, shorts, or tattered clothing while in God's Holy House. **"Certain fashions will be introduced which will offend our Lord very much..."** *Our Lady of Fatima in 1917*

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of May include: Jane Thibodeaux, Paula Splane, and Lois Bertrand, Thank you, ladies! If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, please contact the office or Mrs. Ethel Landreneau.



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 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.

