

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16th 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

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

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| Monday – September 17th | – 5:00 PM –
– 5:30 PM – | Rosary for our Country
Choir Practice |
| Tuesday – September 18th | – 6:30 AM Mass –
– 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Special Intentions
Confirmation |
| Wednesday – September 19th | – 6:30 AM Mass –
– 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
– 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Special Intentions
Eucharistic Adoration
CCD 9 th & 10 th Grade |
| Thursday – September 20th | – 6:30 AM Mass – | Special Intentions |
| Friday – September 21st | – 6:30 AM Mass – | Emile Richard Family,
Grace Richard, |
| Saturday – September 22nd – | | |
| 4:00 PM Mass – Lois & Claude Blanchard, Jack Thibodeaux, Aubrey Soileau, Felton & Ena Meche, Donald T. Jones, Belle & Lionel Lafleur, Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Martin, McKenzie Dupre, Poke Courville & Deceased Family, Louis Stephens Family, | | |
| Sunday – September 23rd – | | |
| 7:00 AM Mass – Clyde Soileau, Brian T. Ortego, | | |
| 9:00 AM Mass – For the People | | |
| 10:00 AM – CCD 1 st through 8 th | | |
| 11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners | | |



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**"Could you not wait one hour with me?
Do you not know that I thirst for your love?"**



Please join us for Adoration this Wednesday, September 19th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient, prayerful devotion believed to be in existence as early as the 4th century with St. Basil. It is the coming in prayer before the Real Presence of God found in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a "monstrance" (gold stand) so that the Host is clearly visible to all who come to pray. Jesus wished to remain physically with us until the end of time. At Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated on the altar by the words of Our Lord in the hands of the priest. The bread and wine cease to exist in essence, and in their place, Jesus gives us His body, blood, soul and divinity! This is Eucharist! The Eucharist isn't simply a symbol or sign of Christ. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist under the appearance of bread and wine. Outside of Mass, we come to Adoration to be with Jesus in the Eucharist (Blessed Sacrament), to pray to Him, to listen to Him, to rest in Him, and to keep Him company.

OC CORNER

It is Homecoming Week! Congratulations to Mrs. Claire Speyrer and Mrs. Barbara A. Fontenot (AIC 1959) who will lead the Homecoming Parade as Grand Marshals on Thursday at 5:45 pm. The Homecoming Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 8:40 am; Pep Rally at 1:35 pm; and the game at 7:00 pm with a pre-game presentation of past alumni at 6:30 pm. Another important event this week includes "Founders' Day" on Wednesday celebrating OC's rich history. Three special dedications will be announced at the 1:15 pm mass in St. Landry Catholic Church ... the school chapel to the late Msgr. Louis Melancon; the cafeteria to the memory of Mrs. Betty Savoie; and a commemorative plaque in remembrance of Coach Isabelle Perry in the school gym. So many blessings!

FESTIVAL DE LA GRAND EGLISE "FESTIVAL OF THE BIG CHURCH"

Enjoy a celebration of our Catholic faith in southwest Louisiana at St. Landry Catholic Church, "Mother Church of Acadiana" on Saturday, October 6, 2018. St. Landry Catholic Church is the church parish from which most Catholic Church parishes in Acadiana were established. The celebration begins with the Evening of Entertainment, Wednesday, October 3 at Delta Theatre. The church fair and festival will take place on Saturday, October 6. The events begin at 9 AM and continue all day culminating with the Eucharistic celebration at 4 PM.

ROSARY RALLY

Our annual Rosary Rally will be held on our rectory lawn on Saturday, October 13th at 12:00 noon. Parking will be available in front of the parish hall.

In case of inclement weather, the rally will take place in church. The rally will take place on the same day as the Fall Antique Fair. Come pray and stir the local economy too!



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of, and to benefit, our neighbor. He suggests that faith in Jesus Christ is demonstrated most profoundly in our care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor?

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 world violence. Invite your friends and family.



Pray for America

9/29/2018 4:00PM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Ruth Montgomery Catherine Courville Jane Thibodeaux READER Jan Tehurn USHERS Marlene Beauxis Herman Bidstrup Marcus Decou Merlin Valin ALTAR SERVER Matthew Vidrine	9/30/2018 7:00AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sis Ortego Winn Plattsmier Albert Ortego READER Carl Fontenot USHERS Donnie Vidrine Phillip Dardeau Allen Vidrine Pauline Vidrine ALTAR SERVER Elliot Landreneau	9/30/2018 9:00AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Freida Dejean Don Simoneaux Jim Soileau READER Yvette Howard USHERS Jessie Howard Nicky Dejean Mike Vidrine Bruce Courville ALTAR SERVER Michael Darbonne
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COME TO THE WELL

Today's fast-paced society provides little time, space or support for those who have suffered loss. "Come to the Well" is a day of hope for those suffering the loss of a loved one, including loss by suicide, accidental death, infertility, miscarriage, illness, stillbirth, AIDS, adoption placement, abortion, and any other life losses. The day is filled with prayer utilizing meditation "Living Scripture", music, journaling, and personal sharing to honor and acknowledge the reality of shared loss. "Come to the Well" offers opportunities for retreatants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision. The team of volunteers and facilitators include professional counselors and those who have suffered various life losses. "Come to the Well" will be held November 10, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. followed by Mass and Reconciliation. It will be held at the Immaculata Center at 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA 70501. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP with payment by November 2, 2018. Checks are to be made payable to DOL-Office of Marriage, Family, and Pro-Life Activities. Guest Speakers for the day are Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel and Camille Pavy Claibourne, RN, PhD.



REAL MEN PRAY THE ROSARY

An apostolate based in southern Texas called Real Men Pray the Rosary (RMPTR) promotes praying the Rosary "in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives" Founded in March 2009 by David Calvillo, a lawyer in McAllen, and his wife Valerie, RMPTR has flourished online - over 87,000 "likes" for its Facebook page to date - and continues as a vibrant movement with the publication of Real Men Pray the Rosary: A Practical Guide to a Powerful Prayer. RMPTR serves as a resource and as a catalyst to encourage praying the Rosary and for honoring our Blessed Mother. Check out their Face Book page Real Men Pray the Rosary and webpage <http://realmenpraytherosary.org/> for more information.

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 - Ms. Jane Dupre's Home
Contact her at 337-945-6881 for directions

For Parent Intercessors & CLJ Youth

Wednesday Evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Katie Fontenot's home
Contact her at 308-3541 for directions or the Church office 826-7396

* The youth group meets separately from the adults. If you have a teen who would like to join or just come by to see what it's all about give Katie Fontenot a call at 308-3541.



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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK...

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Ray Levaha, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, Donald Robertson, John E. Leblanc, Julie Mendel, Michelle Henry, Glenda Pitre, Liz Bourque Constantino, Charley Fruge Arnaud, Brian Olivier, Reid Latour, Emily G. Milke, Christy Stelly, Kathy & Jimmy Martin. Please call the office if you have any additions or deletions to the prayer list. Remember this list is for the sick, not for those who are in need of prayer.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Rev. Mr. Sal Istre

Monday: Luke Johnson

Tuesday: Andrew Killeen

Wednesday: Luke Kirk

Thursday: Hayden Lacour

Friday: Joshua LaFleur

Saturday: Alex Lancon

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PRIESTS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Rev. Richard Dale Broussard

Monday: Rev. Theodore "Ted" Broussard

Tuesday: Rev. Keenan Brown

Wednesday: Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown

Thursday: Rev. James J. Callahan, SJ

Friday: Rev. Floyd Calais

Saturday: Rev. Christopher Cambre

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.



PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our lands and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.



DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

"Due to her feast day on September 15, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

O Mary, most holy Virgin and Queen of Martyrs, accept the sincere homage of my filial affection. Into thy heart, pierced by so many swords, do thou welcome my poor soul. Receive it as the companion of thy sorrows at the foot of the Cross, on which Jesus died for the redemption of the world. With thee, O sorrowful Virgin, I will gladly suffer all the trials, contradictions, and infirmities which it shall please our Lord to send me. I offer them all to thee in memory of thy sorrows, so that every thought of my mind, and every beat of my heart may be an act of compassion and of love for thee. And do thou, sweet Mother, have pity on me, reconcile me to thy divine Son Jesus, keep me in His grace, and assist me in my last agony, so that I may be able to meet thee in heaven and sing thy glories. Amen.

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of September include:

Ethel Landreneau Elaine Fontenot, Ruth Montgomery and Catherine Courvelle

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.

