

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4th, 2018

- \* Fr. Matthew will be away Tuesday, November 6th through Friday, November the 9th. As such there will be no Masses at Immaculate Conception this week.
- \* Today's Second Collection: *Building & Maintenance*

## 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

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM  
November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



<b>11/10/2018 4:00PM</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b> Jane Thibodeaux Ruth Montgomery Catherine Courvelle <b>READER</b> June Inhern <b>USHERS</b> Raynold Soileau Merlin Valin Marcus Decou Marlene Beauxis <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Matthew Vidrine	<b>11/11/2018 7:00AM</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b> Albert Ortego Sis Ortego Winn Plattsmier <b>READER</b> Norma Plattsmier <b>USHERS</b> Donnie Vidrine Allen Vidrine Pauline Vidrine Phillip Dardeau <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Elliot Landreneau	<b>11/11/2018 9:00AM</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b> Freida Dejean Jim Soileau Don Simoneaux <b>READER</b> Charlotte LaHaye <b>USHERS</b> Jessie Howard Nicky Dejean Mike Vidrine Bruce Courvelle <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Michael Darbonne
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\* Mass Intentions for this week will be moved to next week.

**Monday – October 5<sup>th</sup>** – 5:00 PM – Rosary for Our Country  
 – 5:45 PM – Choir Practice  
**Tuesday – October 6<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – No Mass  
**Wednesday – October 7<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – No Mass - No CCD Class  
**Thursday – November 8<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – No Mass  
**Friday – November 9<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – No Mass

**Saturday – November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM Mass** – Jack Thibodeaux (Anniversary Mass, Aubrey Soileau, J. Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Ortego Sr., Willie Chelette, Ticky McClelland, Edgar Bacon, Jr., Mike Wartelle, Jack Wartelle Anniversary Mass, Neeceie Wartelle, Edwin Vidrine Anniversary Mass, Murylin Vidrine, Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Martin, McKenzie Dupre, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Louis Stephens Family, Claude & Lois Blanchard, The Alton Joubert Family, Marie Sonnier, Rose Huguet,

**Sunday – November 11<sup>th</sup> – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 AM Mass** – Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau Carlos, Ray Macip & Russell Humphries, Clyde Soileau, Brian T. Ortego, Clyde Doucet, Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Raymond Dupre,

**9:00 AM Mass** – For the People

**10:00 AM CCD** – 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM Mass** (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners

**Stewardship: 10/28 \$2,561.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And, love your neighbor as yourself. Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent and treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him. The use material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond. When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

## OC CORNER

School mass will be held on Wednesday at 9:10 am in St. Landry Catholic Church to honor our veterans.

The annual "Grandparents' Day" is set for the morning of November 14, beginning with a Prayer Service and followed by classroom visits. Grandparents are invited and encouraged to attend!

Family and friends ... please remember the 2018-2019 Angel Appeal Drive now in progress. Gifts will benefit development of the new Media Center on campus and the Foundation Trust Fund. Gifts may be mailed to the OC Advancement Office, 428 East Prudhomme St., Opelousas. May God bless our angels!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Altar Society will hold their annual Membership Drive meeting **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

If you would like to become a member Then please join us and bring a friend along with you!

**Thank you Altar Society for all you do!**



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE DATES

Our next practice dates will be as follows:

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am - 12:00pm  
Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00am - 12:00pm  
Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am - 11:00am

children's  
program



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

Prayer Request



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, Kim Byrd, 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.

## LOVING THROUGH LOSS

On Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Pious Catholic Church in Lafayette is hosting a marriage workshop for couples who have experienced the loss of a child of any age. Check in is at 8:30am and the workshop begins at 9:00am. Registration fee is \$40 per couple and this fee will include Book, Lunch and a crucifix. Babysitting service will be provided for those with young kids. You can email Red Bird Ministries at [Kelly@redbird.love](mailto:Kelly@redbird.love) or call 337-962-3994 to register.

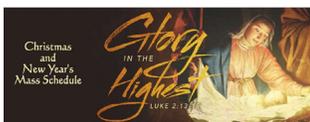
## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

**You're Invited** Our Parish Social will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after 4PM Mass. We hope you and your family will be able to join us in the parish hall that evening for some fun times and great food.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm IC  
Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am IC  
& 10:00am HT



## Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm IC & 6:00pm HT  
Christmas program begins at 3:00pm

Christmas Day Mass on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:00am IC & 10:00am HT

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm IC  
Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am IC & 10:00am HT  
New Year's Eve Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm IC  
New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am IC & 10:00am HT



**REAL MEN**  
PRAY THE ROSARY®

## REAL MEN PRAY THE ROSARY

An apostolate based in southern Texas called Real Men Pray the Rosary (RMPTTR) 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, RMPTTR 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*. RMPTTR 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.



## 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.

## 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  
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – In the parish Hall

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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

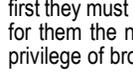
**Sunday:** Luke Johnson  
**Monday:** Andrew Killeen  
**Tuesday:** Luke Kirk  
**Wednesday:** Hayden Lacour  
**Thursday:** Joshua LaFleur  
**Friday:** Alex Lancon  
**Saturday:** Cole Laurents

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:** Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
**Monday:** Rev. Joel Faulk  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Kendal Faulk  
**Wednesday:** Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez  
**Thursday:** Rev. Thomas Finley  
**Friday:** Rev. Sam Fontana  
**Saturday:** Rev. Brian Garry, SJ

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.



**NOVEMBER DEVOTION: THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**  
Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Prayer:** Christ Jesus, Lord of life and Redeemer of the world, grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed. Let my relatives and friends whom you have called from this life attain their eternal home. Reward our departed benefactors with eternal blessedness. Grant your departed priests and religious the recompense for their work in your vineyard. O Lord, receive into your peace the souls of our brothers and sisters who labored for peace and justice on earth. Accept the sacrifices of those who gave their lives out of love for you and their fellow human beings. Look with mercy on all who showed good will to others, and grant them the piece they deserve. O Lord, through the bloody sweat which you suffered in the garden of Gethsemani; through the pains which you suffered while carrying your Cross to Calvary; through the pains which you suffered through your most painful crowning with thorns; through the pains you suffered during your most cruel Crucifixion; through the pains which you suffered in your most bitter agony on the Cross; through the immense pain which you suffered in breathing forth your blessed soul; grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed.

## CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of November include:  
Ethel Landreneau, Gail Valin, Lee Valin and Joy Pitre.

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](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.