

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23rd, 2018

* Office will be closed from December 24th and reopen January 3rd, 2019 *

***Please don't forget that our Mass times for next Sunday will be at 8:00 AM here at Immaculate Conception and 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity.**

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

Monday – December 24th Christmas Eve

– 3:00 PM Christmas Program

– 4:00 PM Mass IC – Curry Landreneau, John L. Speyrer, Jack Thibodeaux, Jay Sylvester, Carlos & Ray Macip, Russell Humphries, J. Bailey, M/M Herbert Ortego, Sr., Willie Chelette, The Henry Pitre Family, Lor & Atwood Soileau, Rita & George Buller, Donald T. Jones, Mike Wartelle, Jack & Neecie Wartelle, Edwin & Murylin Wartelle, M/M. H.L. Martin, Huey, Chip & Emma Ardoin, Ivan Ray & Deceased Family, Clyde Doucet, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Rose Huguet, Mrs. Addie Wartelle, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, M/M Arville Soileau & Arville Soileau, Jr., M/M John Howard & Shirley, Lou Alice & Bob Vidrine, The Barron Family, Joyce S. Dupre,

– 6:00 PM Mass IC – Special Intentions

Tuesday – December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

– 8:00 AM Mass IC – Office Closed – Brian T. Ortego, Felton & Ena Meche, Louis Stephens Family, Mary Bailey, Buddy Pierrel, Akman Soileau Family, Clifton Soileau Family, Clyde Doucet, Harry & Daphne Buller Simoneaux, Herbert Lafleur Jr., Bill Deshotels, W.J. & Edna Plattsmier, Winnie & Edith Plattsmier, Nicholas & Marie Gossen, Houston & Onezia Jones, C.J. & Mona F. Sylvester

– 10:00 AM Mass HT – For the People

Wednesday – December 26th

– No Mass – Office Closed

Thursday – December 27th

– 6:30AM Mass – Office Closed – Special Intentions

Friday – December 28th

– 6:30AM Mass – Office Closed – Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard,

Saturday – December 29th

4:00 PM Mass – Aubrey Soileau, Herman Hebert, McKenzie Dupre, Louis Stephens Family, Jay Sylvester, Lionel & Belle Lafleur, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Frankie Fontenot, Voorhies Brown

Sunday – December 30th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM Mass – Clyde Soileau, Brian T. Ortego, Cline & Frankie

Fontenot, Henry & Daphne Buller Simoneux,

10:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners

10:00 AM – No CCD

NEW YEARS MASS AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st

– 4:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, January 1st

– 8:00 AM at Immaculate Conception and
10:00 AM at Holy Trinity

Wednesday, January 2nd – There will be **No Mass.**

**Office will be closed all three days
and reopen Thursday, January 3rd**



GROUP ROSARY

We will not have our Rosary meeting on Monday, December 31st. Our regular schedule will restart on Monday, January 7th at 5:00pm. We hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? to show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: "Behold, I come to do your will?"

12/29/2018 4:00PM
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

Jane Thibodeaux
Catherine Courvelle
Clara Darbonne

READER

June Inhern

USHERS

Merlin Valin

Marcus Decou

Raynold Soileau

Marlene Beauxis

ALTAR SERVER

Matthew Vidrine

12/30/2018 8:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

Brenda Baque
Winn Plattsmier
Sheila Carrier

READER

Merryle Soileau

USHERS

Philip Dardeau





THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

OC CORNER

Congratulations to our varsity cheerleaders for placing in the top 5 in state at the recent LHSAA State Cheer Championship! OCS takes pride in their hard work and dedication. For Christmas, alumni, family and friends may consider a gift to the 2018-2019 Angel Appeal Drive in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. Donations may be made online through the OCS website at www.OCSvikings.com. May God bless our angels for caring about Catholic education! From the OCS family to the Immaculate Conception Church Parish family, may you have a Merry Christmas!



LOCAL FOOD DRIVE

This is the last weekend we will have a box set up in the Foyer for food donations. Anything helps and it will all go to local family's right here in Washington. Thank you for your support and generosity.

DOLL & TOY FUND

Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners for donating to this wonderful ministry!



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.

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 Intercissors. 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 Intercissors & 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.

ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S

The purpose of the Rosary Making Ministry is to make beaded cord rosaries, have Father bless them, and give them to ill people at the Opelousas General Hospital, prisoners at the St. Landry Parish Jail, and for the second grade communion students, at both Immaculate Conception Church and Holy Trinity. Ruth Montgomery and Pauline Vidrine will oversee the rosary making at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 pm **beginning on Wednesday, January 9th.** If interested in learning how to make the rosaries and providing your help, please come to our first meeting on January 9th at 1:00 pm. If you have any questions, call either Pauline Vidrine (337-945-0845) or Ruth Montgomery (337-849-5612).



ROSARY MAKERS

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

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bainsfater, Ray Levaha, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, DONAID 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, Trent Richard. 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PRIESTS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Rev. Jerome LeDoux, SVD
Monday: Chaplain Col. Louis Ledoux
Tuesday: Rev. Mark Ledoux
Wednesday: Rev. Austin Leger
Thursday: Rev. Lambertus Lein, SVD
Friday: Rev. Roland Lesseps, SJ
Saturday: Rev. James Liprie, OSB

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Alex Lancon
Monday: Cole Laurents
Tuesday: Cade LeBlanc
Wednesday: Jacob LeBlanc
Thursday: Brett Lee
Friday: Calvin LeMaire
Saturday: Seth Lemaire

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.



DECEMBER DEVOTION: The Holy Infancy

Adorable Child Jesus, in You wisdom resides, Divinity dwells, and all eternal riches are found. You are the beauty of heaven, the delight of the Angels, and the salvation of mankind. I hereby render to You my faith and my homage with the shepherds, and my act of adoration with the Magi. I give myself entirely and without restriction into Your powerful hands. O lovable Child, grant that as a result of my total devotion to honoring the mystery of Your Divine Childhood, I may have the happiness through the meditation of Your Holy Mother and St Joseph to live all the rest of my life in the same manner as You. May I live in You and for You, so that not one moment of my life deviates from Your will in any respect, but listens to it and faithfully follows it in every way. Amen

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of December include: Norma Plattsmier, Donna Dardeau and Lee Valin. Thank you everyone! 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.

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 Watson at 985-868-6804.