

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20th, 2019

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 – January 21st – 5:00 PM – Rosary for Our Country
 – 5:45 PM – Choir Practice

Tuesday – January 22nd – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 – 6:00-7:30 PM – Confirmation

Wednesday – January 23rd – 6:30 AM Mass – Claude Blanchard
 Anniversary Mass
 – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM CCD 9th & 10th Grade

Thursday – January 24th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

Friday – January 25th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

Saturday – January 26th

4:00 PM Mass – Aubrey Soileau, Brian T. Ortego, M/M H.L. Martin, McKenzie Dupre, Louis Stephens Family, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Rose Huguet, Lionel & Belle Lafleur, Millard Pitre Anniversary Mass, Anita Marks, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, J. Bailey, Jack Thibodeaux, Pam Shiver, M/M Hilray Soileau

Sunday – December 27th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass – Cline & Frankie Fontenot
9:00 AM Mass – For the People
10:00 AM CCD
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation. Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?

<p>1/26/2019 (4 PM) EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Vine Mayeux Clara Darbonne Evelina Soileau READER Madison Ardoin USHERS Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou Merlin Valin Volunteer ALTAR SERVER Matthew Vidrine</p>	<p>1/27/2019 (7 AM) EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Mary Alice Blanchard Freida Dejean Brenda Baque READER Donna Dardeau USHERS Phillip Dardeau Nicky Dejean Pauline Vidrine Allen Vidrine ALTAR SERVER Elliot Landreneau</p>	<p>1/27/2019 (9 AM) EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Pam Landreneau Jim Soileau Jessie Howard READER Yvette Howard USHERS Bruce Courvelle Gregory Doucet Benny Howard Gary Wilson ALTAR SERVER Michael Darbonne</p>
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Stewardship: 1/13 \$2,621.00
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OC CORNER

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationwide during the week of January 28-February 1. Let us pray for the growth of Catholic education for our future generations! Get your tickets for OC's Dinner & Auction, celebrating 20 years! This special year will offer a "buffet style dinner" catered by Joey & Paula Quebedeaux Catering and Lemelle's Catering of Opelousas. The February 7 event in the Opelousas Civic Center will include a Silent and Live Auction and a wonderful evening with family and friends! Registration for 2019-2020 begins February 11. However, new families must first apply for admission now by going to the school website at www.OCSvikings.com. There are limited openings in preschool, kindergarten, and grades 7 and 8.

- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 12th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass. 
- **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew **to be announced**
- **Confirmation Retreat** will be held Saturday, January 26th here at Immaculate Conception Church starting at 9AM.
- **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 PM

OUR PARISH LIFE:

Monday's at 5:00 PM - Group 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.



Monday's at 5:45 PM - Church Choir Practice

Do you love to sing? Join our Choir! Enjoy friendship with others as you serve our parish. We need you and welcome you both "veterans" and new members! Come for a practice or two and give us a try!

Wednesday's at 1:00 PM - Rosary Making Class

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.



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

We are blessed at Immaculate Conception to have four thriving Come, Lord Jesus! Groups already formed. Everyone is welcome and there is always room for additional people to join.

Tuesday: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – In the parish Hall
Wednesday: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – In the parish Hall
Thursday: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM – Mrs. Jane Dupre's Home
contact her at 337-945-6881



For Parent Intercessors & CLJ Youth

Wednesday: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – Katie Fontenot's home contact her at 308-3541

* 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

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

Marriage Anniversary Mass

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Holy Cross Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. Pre-registration by no later than February 4, 2019 is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2019.

Jubilee of the Word Marathon

Save the date! The Community of Jesus Crucified will host the Jubilee of the Word Marathon in the Town Square of St. Martinville beginning on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 12:30pm and concluding on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 4:30pm. Hear the Holy Bible read cover to cover in St. Martinville Square! 300 readers are needed. If you would like to volunteer to read a 20-minute portion, please contact Father Michael Champagne at 337-394-6550 or email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com. Join us as we marinate in the Word!

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 to register or to find out more information. To become a facilitator in your parish, please contact Kelley Chapman at 337-261-5653.

Companions Along the Journey

Companions Along the Journey is a Bereavement Support Group for those 18 years and older who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The group meets on the 1st Saturday of each month, from 9:00am-11:00am in the AV Room at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in Carencro, LA. Contact Karol Meynard at 337-257-9467.

Also on the 2nd Thursday of each month, from 6:30pm-8:30pm at St. Peter & Paul Church; 1110 Old Spanish Trail; Scott, LA. Contact Carla Oliver at 337-654-8917. For additional information about Companions Along the Journey, contact the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at 337-261-5607

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.

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.



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

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Ray Levaha, Margaret Laffeur, 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, 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. Michael Moody, SVD
Monday: Rev. Randall Moreau
Tuesday: Rev. Jason Mouton
Wednesday: Rev. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD
Thursday: Rev. James Bam Nguyen
Friday: Rev. Thomas Nguyen
Saturday: Rev. A. Gayle Nunez
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: Brent Didier
Monday: Casey Dugas
Tuesday: John Dugas
Wednesday: Tré Fontenot
Thursday: Andrew Furka
Friday: David Furka
Saturday: Jace Gyles
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.

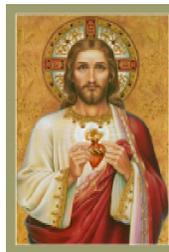
JANUARY DEVOTION:

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? This year, let's focus on each devotion month-by-month to grow in our faith and traditions! Make yourself notes, write it on your calendar, and pray a specific prayer each day of the month to remember. You could use a prayer already associated with the devotion or pray a personal one. This month is January, which is dedicated to His Holy Name and His Holy Childhood. Liturgically, this makes sense because we just celebrated Jesus' birth and continue to celebrate the season of Christmas!

His Holy Name should not be taken in vain. That's even a commandment: You will not take the Lord's Name in vain!

"Written by Genevieve Perkins"

Prayer: JESUS



*Glorious name, gracious name,
Name of love and of power!
Through you sins are forgiven,
Through you enemies are vanquished,
Through you the sick are freed from their illness,
Through you those suffering in trials
Are made strong and cheerful
You bring honor to those who believe,
You teach those who preach,
You give strength to the toiler,
You sustain the weary.*

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of January include: Pam Landreneau, Betty Fisher, Ethel Landreneau, Brooke Chehotsky and Jeannette Martin. 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 or Peter Watson at 985-868-6804.

