

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**\*Our Confirmation Mass will be this Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM with Bishop Douglas Deshotel**

#### 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..."**

<b>Monday – February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	– 5:00 PM – – 5:45 PM –	<b>Rosary for Our Country</b> Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday – February 19<sup>th</sup></b>	– 6:30 AM Mass –	Special Intentions
<b>Wednesday – February 20<sup>th</sup></b>	– 6:30 AM Mass – – 1:00 PM – – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Special Intentions <b>Rosary Making Class</b> Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thursday – February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	– 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – 6:30 AM Mass – – 6:30 PM	<b>CCD 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</b> Special Intentions <b>Confirmation Mass with Bishop Deshotel</b> Special Intentions
<b>Friday – February 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	– 6:30 AM Mass –	Special Intentions

**Saturday – February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**4:00 PM Mass** – Aubrey Soileau, McKenzie Dupre, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Rose Hugué, Lionel & Belle Lafleur, J. Bailey, Poke Courville & Deceased Family, Jack Thibodeaux, Hermand Hebert, M/M JB Hebert, M/M Albert Ortego Sr.,

**Sunday – February 24<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:00 AM Mass** – Ashley Doucet Boyd, Cline & Frankie Fontenet, Clyde Soileau, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**9:00 AM Mass** – For the People  
**10:00 AM CCD**  
**11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)**

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The prophet Jeremiah minces no words in today's first reading: "Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings ... whose heart turns away from the LORD." And the prophet's "beatitude" resembles that of Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel reading when he proclaims: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD." Good stewards understand that what the world values is not consistent with Gospel values. They realize that God has placed in their midst all the gifts, charisms, and resources needed to bring Christ to a world desperately in need of his loving presence. But to exercise good stewardship over God's gifts takes a great deal of trust. How does our stewardship reflect our trust in the Lord? What did we do today to give others hope in Christ Jesus?

<b>2/23/2019 (4 PM)</b>	<b>2/24/19 (7AM)</b>	<b>2/24/19 (9 AM)</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>
Ruth Montgomery	Sheila Carrier	Pam Landreneau
Sis Ortego	Shirlene Matt	Jessie Howard
Albert Ortego	Joey Bordelon	Jim Soileau
<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>
June Inhern	Shelbi Baham	Katie Fontenet
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Merlin Valin	Phillip Dardeau	Bruce Courville
Volunteer	Nicky Dejean	Gregory Doucet
Raynold Soileau	Pauline Vidrine	Benny Howard
Marcus Decou	Allen Vidrine	Gary Wilson
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>
Matthew Vidrine	Elliot Landreneau	Michael Darbonne

#### FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew to be announced
- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass here at Immaculate Conception Church.



#### OC CORNER

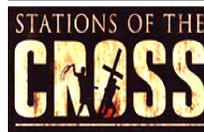
OC congratulates two seniors, both by the name of Madeleine! Madeleine "Maddie" Braham signed an athletic scholarship to become a member of the Spring Hill College Dance Team where she will major in Marketing/Public Relations; and Madeleine Sylvester will attend LSU-Eunice on a soccer scholarship. She scored over 100 goals in her high school career, recently setting a single season school record of 38 goals.

High school sophomores will be participating in the Sudden Impact program this week; and freshmen and sophomore students will take the Pre-ACT while juniors will take the ACT state and district testing. Good luck to our students!

#### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, which begins the Holy Season of Lent. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 AM (at Immaculate Conception)
- 12:00 PM (at Holy Trinity)
- 6:00 PM (at Immaculate Conception)



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday evening during lent as we walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary following our 5:30 PM Mass starting Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. **\*Please note we will not have a Friday morning Mass during the Lenten season.**

#### PENANCE: FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59<sup>th</sup> birthday begins your 60<sup>th</sup> year) **must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed, but when combined should not equal another full meal. For those who are pregnant, nursing, or frail, the strict obligation to fast is lifted.
- Every person 14 years of age or older **must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.** Abstinance forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.
- We shouldn't forget that all Fridays are considered penitential days in keeping with the fact that Jesus died on Friday. The U.S. Bishops allow the substitution of some other form of penance instead of abstaining from meat on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. The obligation to do penance is a serious one.



#### CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of February include: Karen Ducote, Jill Soileau, Sheila Carrier and Tammy Pitre. Thank you everyone! If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, Please contact the office or Mrs. Ethel Landreneau.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS:

### Catholic Engaged Encounter

**CALLING ALL NEWLYWEDS!** Mark your calendars: on **February 17, 2019** from 2-4 pm in the Holy Cross Mission Hall (415 Robley Dr.), Catholic Engaged Encounter of Lafayette is hosting a fun and enriching gathering, **"Walking Together,"** for couples married five years or less. Couples need not have attended a CEE weekend. Refreshments will be served, SEC childcare will be provided, and a date night prize will be awarded, all for **FREE**. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to bring in the new year focusing on walking together with your spouse and meeting with other newlyweds! Call 337-237-2597 or 337-349-1607 to register or for more information



### 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](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com). Join us as we marinate in the Word!



### Women at the Feet of Jesus

Is a silent retreat hosted by the Community of Jesus Crucified. The weekend is meant to help women foster a deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. Meditations will focus on the women in the life of Jesus. The retreat is Friday, March 22, 2019, through Sunday, March 24, 2019. For more information or to register call Cheryl Moss at 337-453-2385

### Men of the Cross Retreat

Is a silent retreat hosted by Father Michael Champagne and the Community of Jesus Crucified. This silent retreat is for men who desire a deeper understanding of the Christian meaning of suffering. It will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville, beginning at 6pm on Friday, April 5, 2019, and lasting through Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 3pm. For more information or to register, please contact Joey Dickerson at 337-526-1812.



## 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.



### Wednesday's at 6:00 PM - Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

We will begin having Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.



### Weekly Come, Lord Jesus! Groups Come, Lord Jesus!

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

**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.

## 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 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, Greg Billeaudeau, Debra & Clifford Campbell, Richard Bidstrup. 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 SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

**Sunday:** Seth Ransonet  
**Monday:** Michael Vidrine  
**Tuesday:** Nicholas Ware  
**Wednesday:** Cole Zaunbrecher  
**Thursday:** Dylan Allen  
**Friday:** Reed Bellingham  
**Saturday:** Rev. Mr. Donald Bernard

*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. Francis Renfro, SJ  
**Monday:** Very Rev. Louis Richard, VF  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Michael Richard  
**Wednesday:** Rev. Rusty Richard  
**Thursday:** Rev. William Rogalla  
**Friday:** Rev. Mario Romero  
**Saturday:** Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

*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.*

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Beau Wilson** and **Laura Manuel** who were married Saturday, February 9th, 2019 here at Immaculate Conception. Fr. Matthew presided at their wedding.

### FEBRUARY DEVOTION: The Sacred Passion of our Lord

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross; St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Catherine of Siena.



**Prayer:** *Dear Lord Jesus, by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion. You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross, Your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple. Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You. Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment, Take hold of me with Your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life. Amen.*

### 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.