

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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..."**

<b>Monday – April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>– 5:00 PM –</b>	<b>Rosary for Our Country</b>
	<b>– 5:45 PM –</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday – April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	Brian T. Ortego
<b>Wednesday – April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	Special Intentions
	<b>– 1:00 PM –</b>	<b>Rosary Making Class</b>
		<i>(please note changes below)</i>
	<b>– 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday – April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	Special Intentions
<b>Friday – April 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday –</b>		
	<b>– 5:30 PM Mass –</b>	Altar Society Living & Deceased Members



**Saturday – April 6<sup>th</sup> First Saturday –**  
**4:00 PM Mass** – Joyce Fontenot, McKenzie Dupre, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Valerie Delafosse, Rose Huguet, Mrs. Addie Wartelle, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, Lionel & Belle Laffeur, J. Bailey, Jack Thibodeaux, Aubrey Soileau, Trent Richard, Gail St. Amand Landreneau, Poke Courville & Deceased Family, Charles Ruffino,  
 Sunday – April 7<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**7:00 AM Mass** – Cline & Frankie Fontenot, Clyde Soileau, Special Intentions for Jeremy & Carolyn Bedell, The Gantt Nicholson, Sr. & Family, Harry Floyd Kingsbury & Family, Janice Olivier,  
**9:00 AM Mass** – For the People  
**11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)**

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. Consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

<b>4/6/2019 (4PM)</b>	<b>4/7/19 (7AM)</b>	<b>4/7/19 (9 AM)</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>
Ruth Montgomery	Brenda Baque	Jerelyn Mayeux
Vine Mayeux	Joey Bordelon	Bonnie Darbonne
Catherine Courville	Sheila Carriere	Don Simoneaux
<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>
Janice Deshotels	Carl Fontenot	Karl Reiners
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Merlin Valin	Nicky Dejean	Mike Vidrine
Marcus Decou	Donnie Vidrine	Bruce Courville
Raynold Soileau	Phillip Dardeau	Gregory Doucet
Volunteer	Allen Vidrine	Benny Howard
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>
Matthew Vidrine	Elliot Landreneau	Michael Darbonne

#### OC CORNER

The dream of a Catholic education for your child could be possible! Find out more by going to [www.OCSvikings.com](http://www.OCSvikings.com) to look under Parent Resources and then Admissions. Financial aid may be available to those who qualify. Congratulations to the 51 ninth and tenth grade students who were recently recognized with "Pre-ACT College Readiness Awards" for their exceptional test results! Also acknowledged were those 11 sophomores scoring above a 22 composite and then those 28 students who scored a 25 or higher in individual subject areas. Outstanding! The community should mark calendars for the upcoming "Passion Play" to be presented by the OCS senior class on Sunday, April 14, at 7 pm in St. Landry Catholic Church.

#### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

**We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers in Memory of Loved ones.**



If you'd like to make a donation, please put it in the collection basket in an Envelope labeled Easter Flowers. Our deadline for accepting donations will be Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Telling the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people began making pilgrimages to the Holy Land, where they would follow the path that Jesus took to Calvary. During the middle Ages, when outbreaks of war made it impossible for people to travel to the Holy Land, people created a Via Dolorosa, or "Sorrowful Way," in their towns and villages. They erected paintings or sculptures depicting the Passion of Christ along a processional route or inside a church. By the mid-18th century, the number of stations was fixed at 14 and the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross, also called the Way of the Cross, became widespread. JOIN US, every Friday of Lent as we pray the Stations of the Cross immediately following the 5:30 PM daily Mass.



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

#### SPRING ANTIQUE FAIR & YARD SALE

Many visitors come to Washington for the Spring Antique Fair. Parking will be available at our church for a suggested \$5.00 donation in an effort to defray parish expenses. If you can volunteer the weekend of April 12th to welcome visitors, cook and serve, bake and sell desserts, direct parking, etc., then please contact Ms. Norma Plattsmier or the office at 826-7396

#### HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

- **Holy Thursday** (April 18<sup>th</sup>) – 7:00 PM Followed by prayer at (IC)
- **Good Friday Service** (April 19<sup>th</sup>) – 3:00 PM at (IC)
- **Easter Vigil** (Saturday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup>) – 8:00 PM at (IC)
- **Easter Sunday** (April 21<sup>st</sup>) 7:00 AM (IC), 9:00 AM (IC) & 11:00 AM (HT)



#### 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.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS:



### 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.



### Annual Mother's Day of Reflection

Will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive in Lafayette. The day will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. The cost for the day is \$25.00, which includes lunch and materials for the day. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Deshotel. Pre-registration is required no later than April 30, 2019. Visit [www.diolaf.org/marriage](http://www.diolaf.org/marriage) to register.



### Women of Grace Retreat

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette, La. will be the host of the National Women of Grace Retreat June 21-23, 2019. Join Johnette Benkovic Williams and women from around the country for a weekend of formation, fellowship, and fun! Discover God's plan for you as we explore our theme, "Embracing the Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit." Speakers include Johnette Benkovic Williams, Father Christ Decker, Jack Williams, Thomas K. Sullivan and Kathleen Beckman. For more information or to register visit: <https://www.womenofgrace.com/>

## 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, the men's shelter, the local nursing homes, 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. **Starting in April the classes will be every first and third Wednesday of the month.**



### 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 4:00 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

## 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 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.

## PERIODIC UPDATE

Help us update our parish sick list. If you yourself or someone you care about should be added to our 2019 sick list in our parish bulletin, please contact the rectory so we can begin a roster. As a reminder the sick list is for those who are ill and not intended for general prayer intentions. Thank you!



## 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 PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

**Sunday:** Nicholas Ware  
**Monday:** Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations  
**Wednesday:** Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians  
**Thursday:** Cole Zaunbrecher  
**Friday:** Dylan Allen  
**Saturday:** Reed Bellingham

*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:** Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF  
**Monday:** Pope Francis  
**Tuesday:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
**Wednesday:** Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
**Thursday:** Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
**Friday:** Rev. Thomas Vu  
**Saturday:** Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ

*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.*

## DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL – THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### Eucharistic Adoration By: St Pope John Paul II

"I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly the mystery at the heart of Christian life. I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord, who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth. The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the "summit of evangelisation" (Lumen Gentium) for it is the most eminent testimony to Christ's resurrection."



### Prayer before the Eucharistic Presence

By Bl John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

*"I place myself in the presence of Him, in whose Incarnate Presence I am, before I place myself there. I adore You, O my Saviour, present here as God and man, in soul and body, in true flesh and blood. I acknowledge and confess, that I kneel before the Sacred Humanity, which was conceived in Mary's womb and lay in Mary's bosom; which grew up to man's estate and by the Sea of Galilee, called the Twelve, wrought miracles and spoke words of wisdom and peace; Who in due season hung on the cross, lay in the tomb, rose from the dead and now reigns in heaven. I praise and bless and give myself wholly to Him, Who is the true Bread of my soul and my everlasting joy. Amen"*

## CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of March include: Sis Ortego, Kathleen Deprimo, Cathy Bacon-Callahan and Vickie Burgess. 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](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.



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