

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7th, 2019

*** Today's Second Collection is for: 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..."**

Monday – April 8th – 5:00 PM – **Rosary for Our Country**
– 5:45 PM – Choir Practice
Tuesday – April 9th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
Wednesday – April 10th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
– 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday – April 11th – 6:30 AM Mass – Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester
Friday – April 12th – 5:30 PM Mass – Special Intentions

✠ **Followed by Stations of the Cross** ✠

Saturday – April 13th
4:00 PM Mass – McKenzie Dupre, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Clye Doucet, Jon L. Speyrer, Fred & Edgar Bacon, Jr. Ticky McClelland & Fr. Charles Soileau, Jerri & R.J. Morain, Aubrey Soileau, Janice Olivier, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Charles Ruffino,

Sunday – April 14th Palm Sunday
7:00 AM Mass – Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau, Ashely Doucet Boyd Anniversary Mass, Raymond Dupre, Cline & Frankie Fontenot, Carlos & Ray Macip, Russell Humphries, Bernadine & Don Wallace, Clyde Soileau, Buster & Edna Plattsmier, Voorhies Brown
9:00 AM Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?

4/13/2019 (4 PM)	4/14/19 (7 AM)	4/14/19 (9 AM)
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sis Ortego Albert Ortego Clara Darbonne	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Shirlene Matt Winn Plattsmier Pauline Vidrine	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jessie Howard Jim Soileau Bonnie Darbonne
READERS Karen Ducote (S Reader) Carl Fontenot (C Reader)	READERS Norma Guillory (S Reader) Donna Dardeau (C Reader)	READER Yvette Howard (S Reader) Pam Landreneau (C Reader)
USHERS Marcus Decou Raynold Soileau Merlin Valin Volunteer	USHERS Donnie Vidrine Phillip Dardeau Nicky Dejean Allen Vidrine	USHERS Gary Wilson Tommy Leleux Jessie Howard Mike Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER Matthew Vidrine	ALTAR SERVER Eliot Landreneau	ALTAR SERVER Michael Darbonne

OC CORNER

Congratulations to high school students recently elected to leadership positions for 2019-2020: Student Body President Katie Wagley; Senior Class President Jon Ross Miller; Junior Class President Ivory Luna; Sophomore Class President Jaren St. Clair; Freshmen Class President Carter Zerangue; and all Senators and Class Officers. Let us pray for their strong Christian direction!

The 2018-2019 Angel Appeal Drive is in progress through May 31. Your gift will allow the transformation of our school library into a modern Media Center benefiting all students (PK-12). Gifts may be mailed in or given online at www.OCSvikings.com.

Prepare for Easter by attending the "Passion Play" as presented by the OCS senior class on Sunday, April 14, at 7 pm in St. Landry Catholic Church.

The dream of a Catholic education for your child could be possible! Learn more by going to www.OCSvikings.com under Parent Resources and then Admissions. Financial aid may be available to those who qualify.

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 12th.



SPRING ANTIQUE FAIR & YARD SALE

Please join us next weekend 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 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 18th) – 7:00 PM Followed by prayer at (IC)
- Good Friday Service (April 19th) – 3:00 PM at (IC)
- Easter Vigil (Saturday evening, April 20th) – 8:00 PM at (IC)
- Easter Sunday (April 21st) – 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 12th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass here at Immaculate Conception Church.

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

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.diola.org/marriage to register.



Married Couples Retreat

The Married Couples' Retreat is a retreat presented by Father Michael Champagne and the Community of Jesus Crucified. It begins on May 31, 2019, and lasts through June 2, 2019, at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville. A preached retreat for couples consisting of talks and meditations pertinent to living out the sacrament of Matrimony. Fr. Champagne is the Retreat Director, with married couples also giving talks. For more information or to register please contact Cheryl Moss at 337-453-2385.



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 Johnnette 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 Johnnette 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

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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 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 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.

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Rev. Mr. Donald Bernard
Monday: Br. John Joseph Bourque, CJC
Tuesday: Alex Cormier
Wednesday: Rev. Mr. Randy Courville

Thursday: Myles Creek
Friday: Tanner Darbonne
Saturday: Brent Didier

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. Michael Wegenka, SJ
Monday: Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ
Tuesday: Rev. Kyle White
Wednesday: Rev. Travis Abadie

Thursday: Rev. Lawrence Abara
Friday: Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp
Saturday: Rev. Alexander Albert

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 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.