

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19th, 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 – May 20 th	– 5:00 PM –	Rosary for Our Country
	– 5:45 PM –	Choir Practice
Tuesday – May 21 st	– 6:30 AM Mass –	Special Intentions
Wednesday – May 22 nd	– 6:30 AM Mass –	Special Intentions
Thursday – May 23 rd	– 6:30 AM Mass –	Brian T. Ortego
Friday – May 24 th	– 6:30 AM Mass –	Special Intentions
Saturday – May 25 th		
4:00 PM Mass –		McKenzie Dupre, Claude & Loise Blanchard, Herman Hebert, M/M J.B Hebert, M/M Albert Ortego, Sr., Aubrey Soileau, Janice Olivier, Charles Ruffino, Voorhies Brown, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family,
Sunday – May 26 th		Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:00 AM Mass –		Clyde Soileau, M/M Arthur Hinckley, Jr., M/M Lawrence Soileau, Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Lillian Ainsworth,
9:00 AM Mass –		For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)		

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ

Church volunteers please join us Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's Hall. We want to celebrate and recognize all of the hard work you do for Immaculate Conception Church!

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On Tuesday, May 28th, Fr. Matthew will be celebrating his 25th anniversary as a priest. Our Ladies Altar Society will be hosting a dinner following our 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 25th. Please join us for this special occasion and help congratulate Fr. Matthew on his years of service and dedication to all of his parishioners.

OC CORNER

Congratulations to our 52 OCS graduates who received their diplomas on Friday evening in a beautiful ceremony following a glorious mass in St. Landry Catholic Church! May God grant these young people many blessings in the future! Parents and family members are invited to awards ceremonies to be held this week. On Thursday, the Awards Program for grades 6-8 will be held at 8 am in the gym and the Awards Program for grades 9-11 at 1 pm in the gym. On Friday at 8:15 am, the Pre-K Ceremony will take place in the gym.

On an athletic note, OCS takes pride in Donovan Green, Regional Champion and State Runner-Up in the discus in track and field competition!



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love

others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those "others" we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command?

DIOCESAN & OTHER LOCAL PARISH EVENTS:



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.

Walk Bravely - Third Annual Woman's Day Retreat

Mark your calendars Saturday, June 8th 9:00am - 4:00pm in Dupont, LA at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The keynote speaker will be Sister Magdalena from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration forms can be found here in our Church or online at www.everydaymissionaries.com

5/25/19 (4 PM)
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Albert Ortego
Sis Ortego
Catherine Courvelle
READER
Carl Fontenot
USHERS
Raynold Soileau
Merlin Valin
Marcus Decou
Volunteer
ALTAR SERVER
Matthew Vidrine

5/26/2019 (7 AM)
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Pauline Vidrine
Shirlene Matt
Sheila Carrier
READER
Norma Guillory
USHERS
Donnie Vidrine
Philip Dardeau
Nicky Dejean
Allen Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER
Elliot Landreneau

5/26/2019 (9AM)
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Jessie Howard
Pam Landreneau
Jim Soileau
READER
Evelyn Hanna
USHERS
Bruce Courvelle
Mike Vidrine
Gregory J. Doucet
Benny Howard
ALTAR SERVER
Michael Darbonne

Catholic Daughters Fundraiser

Saturday, June 8th The Catholic Daughters will be holding an Old Time Bingo with Salad and Dessert event at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas. The event will take place in the Church Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please call Mrs. Pauline Vidrine if your interested at 337-826-3524

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!

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month 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 Immaculate Conception Church.



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

Join us every Wednesday evening for Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament From 6:00 PM until 8:00 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 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.



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

Warren Soileau, Melissa Fontenot, Greg Billeau, Liz Bourque Constantino, Emma Fontenot



**REAL MEN
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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:	Alex Cormier	Thursday:	Brent Didier
Monday:	Rev. Mr. Randy Courville	Friday:	Casey Dugas
Tuesday:	Myles Creek	Saturday:	John Dugas
Wednesday:	Tanner Darbonne		

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. Theodore Broussard	Thursday:	Rev. John J. Callahan, SJ
Monday:	Rev. Keenan Brown	Friday:	Rev. Christopher Cambre
Tuesday:	Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown	Saturday:	Rev. Corey Campeaux
Wednesday:	Rev. Floyd Calais		

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 MAY – The Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor. In his 1965 encyclical, "Mense Maio," Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus: "For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her? To Him men are to turn amid the anxieties and perils of this world, urged on by duty and driven by the compelling needs of their heart, to find a haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life." Pope Paul VI went on to write May is the month Christians offer the Virgin Mother more "fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." During the month of May, we honor her motherly and queenly majesty from every corner of the earth. Among the most prominent Marian feast days in May, according to the ordinary Roman Catholic Calendar: May 1, Queen of Heaven; May 13, Our Lady of Fatima; May 24, Mary Help of Christians; and May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer:

Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I venerate you above all the Angels and Saints in heaven as the daughter of the Eternal Father, and I consecrate to you my soul with all its powers.

Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I venerate you above all the Angels and Saints in heaven

As the Mother of the only-begotten Son, and I consecrate to you my body with all its senses.

Holiest Virgin, with all my heart I venerate you above all the Angels and Saints in heaven as the beloved Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and I consecrate to you my heart with all its affections.

Holiest Virgin, intercede for me with the Holy Trinity that I may obtain the graces I need for my salvation. To you I entrust all my worries and miseries, my life and the end of my life, so that all my actions may be directed by the Divine Plan. Amen.



CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of May include: Jane Thibodeaux, Paula Splane, Lois Bertrand, Allison Blevins. 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.