

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26th, 2019

**There will be no First Saturday 8:00 AM Mass Next Saturday, June 1st*

** Next Weekend's Second Collection: 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..."**
Our Lady of Fatima in 1917

Monday – May 27th – 5:00 PM – **Rosary for Our Country**

– 5:45 PM – **Choir Practice**

Tuesday – May 28th – 6:30 AM Mass – **Special Intentions**

Wednesday – May 29th – 6:30 AM Mass – **Special Intentions**

Thursday – May 30th – 6:30 AM Mass – **Special Intentions**

Friday – May 31st – 6:30 AM Mass – **Special Intentions**

Saturday – June 1st First Saturday –

4:00 PM Mass – Joyce Fontenot, McKenzie Dupre, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Valerie Delafosse, Mrs. Addie Wartelle, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Jack Thibodeaux, Aubrey Soileau, Trent Richard, Gail St. Amand Landreneau, Charles Ruffino, Voorhies Brown, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Mike Wartelle, Brian T. Ortego,

Sunday – June 2nd - Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM Mass – Louis May, Clyde Soileau, Janice Olivier, Lillian Ainsworth,

9:00 AM Mass – For the People

11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

On Tuesday, May 28th, our Pastor, Father Matthew P. Higginbotham will celebrate his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. We thank God for his ministry, and pray that he will have many more happy and healthy years of priestly service in the Church.



"The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you."

~St John Vianney, Curé of Ars

Happy Anniversary Fr. Matthew!

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

A novena of prayer for all fathers living and deceased will start on Saturday, June 8th through the Sunday of Father's Day, June 16th. There will be a petition for fathers during the intercessions at each Mass. If you would like to have your father remembered, please make a donation and return it in the collection basket. During Father's Day weekend we will include a bulletin insert with the names of the living and deceased fathers for whom we received a donation. Any amount may be offered. The deadline to have names printed on the bulletin insert will be Wednesday, June 12th. Money collected will be used for church improvements.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with his disciples before his death. He has already made it clear that his followers will show their love for him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells his disciples that he and his Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

6/01/19 (4 PM)

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Evelina Soileau

Clara Darbonne

Jane Thibodeaux

READER

Jan Terhune

USHERS

Marcus Decou

Merlin Valin

Raynold Soileau

Volunteer

ALTAR SERVER

Matthew Vidrine

6/02/2019 (7 AM)

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Mary Alice Blanchard

Freida Dejean

Brenda Baque

READER

Carl Fontenot

USHERS

Philip Dardeau

Donnie Vidrine

Nicky Dejean

Allen Vidrine

ALTAR SERVER

Elliot Landreneau

6/02/2019 (9AM)

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Jerelyn Mayeux

Don Simoneaux

Bonnie Darbonne

READER

Yvette Howard

USHERS

Jessie Howard

Gary Wilson

Tommy Leleux

Mike Vidrine

ALTAR SERVER

Michael Darbonne



Two Become One

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

Catholic Daughters Annual Bingo

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

Lil Angels Camp

Queen of Angels Lil' Angels' Camp is scheduled for July 15th through July 19th, 2019 from 8am to 12 noon. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. The deadline for registering is June 14th, 2019. Please call the CHURCH OFFICE with any questions.

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.

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of June include: Lorraine LeBlanc, Clarise Deshotels & Betty Stelly. Thank you everyone! If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, Please contact the office or Mrs. Ethel Landreneau.



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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

Sunday:	Tré Fontenot	Thursday:	Jonathan Harris
Monday:	Andrew Furka	Friday:	Evan Hebert
Tuesday:	David Furka	Saturday:	Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians
Wednesday:	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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PRIESTS THIS WEEK

Sunday:	Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD	Thursday:	Rev. Nathan Comeaux
Monday:	Rev. Gregory Chauvin	Friday:	Rev. Gregory Cormier
Tuesday:	Rev. Durel Blaine Clement	Saturday:	Pope Francis
Wednesday:	Rev. Ugochukwu Cletus, 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 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.



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.



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.