

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2<sup>nd</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..."** *Our Lady of Fatima in 1917*

**Monday – June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 5:00 PM – Rosary for Our Country  
– 5:45 PM – Choir Practice  
**Tuesday – June 4<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
**Wednesday – June 5<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
– 1:00 PM – Rosary Making Class  
– 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
**Thursday – June 6<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
**Friday – June 7<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – First Friday –  
Altar Society Living & Deceased Members, Brian T. Ortego,  
**Saturday – June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 PM Mass** – McKenzie Dupre, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Clyde Doucet, John L. Speyrer, J. Bailey, Fred & Edgar Bacon Jr., Ticky McClelland, Fr. Charles Soileau, Aubrey Soileau, Janice Olivier, Charles Ruffino, Hazel & Elmer Brooks, Poke Courville & Deceased Family,  
**Sunday – June 9<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost Sunday**  
**7:00 AM Mass** – Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau, Raymond Dupre, Carlos & Ray Macip, Russell Humphries, Bernadine & Don Wallace, Clyde Soileau, Buster & Edna Plattmier, Voorhies Brown, Lillian Ainsworth,  
**9:00 AM Mass** – For the People  
**11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)**

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus is praying for us in today's Gospel. We are those who have come to believe in Him through the Word of the Apostles, handed on in His Church. Jesus showed the Apostles His glory, made known the Father's name, and the love He has had for us from "before the foundation of the world." He revealed that He and the Father are one (see John 14:9). Jesus is the "first and the last" (see Isaiah 44:6), the root of David (see Isaiah 11:10; 2 Samuel 7:12), as today's Second Reading declares. Wrapped in clouds and darkness as God was at Sinai (see Exodus 19:16), He is "the king...the Most High over all the earth," as we sing in today's Psalm. Exalted at God's right hand, as Stephen sees in the First Reading, the Lord calls to us through the Church, His Bride. He calls us to "the tree of life," to communion with God. This is the goal of His love, His saving purpose from all eternity – that each of us enter into the life of Blessed Trinity, be "brought to perfection as one" with the Father and Son in the Spirit. The story of Stephen, the first martyr, shows us how we are to answer His call. Listen for the echoes of the crucifixion: Stephen, like Jesus, sees the Son of Man in glory and dies with words of forgiveness and self-offering on his lips (compare Acts 7:56-60; Matthew 26:64-65; Luke 23:24,46). We, too, are to commend our spirits to the Father, to pray and offer our lives in love for our brethren, awaiting His coming in judgment. We renew our vows in every Mass, coming forward to receive the gift of His life. We answer His call by crying out a call of our own: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" And in our communion we answer our Lord's prayer: "That they may all be one, as You, Father are in Me and I in You." *"Scott Hahn"*

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Money collected will be used for church improvements.



### DIOCESAN & OTHER LOCAL PARISH EVENTS:

#### Walk Bravely - Third Annual Woman's Day Retreat

Mark your calendars Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.everydaymissionaries.com)

#### Catholic Daughters Annual Bingo

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

6/08/19 (4 PM)	6/09/2019 (7 AM)	6/09/2019 (9AM)
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>
Sis Ortego	Joey Bordelon	Pam Landreneau
Albert Ortego	Sheila Carrier	Jim Soileau
Ruth Montgomery	Shirlene Matt	Jessie Howard
<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>
Madison Ardoin	Sheila Baham	Karl Reiners
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Merlin Valin	Nicky Dejean	Gregory Doucet
Raynold Soileau	Philip Dardeau	Benny Howard
Marcus Decou	Donnie Vidrine	Tommy Leleux
Volunteer	Allen Vidrine	Bruce Courville
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>
Matthew Vidrine	Elliot Landreneau	Michael Darbonne

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<b>Tuesday:</b>	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM –	In the parish Hall	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM –	In the parish Hall	
<b>Thursday:</b>	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM –	Mrs. Jane Dupre's Home	
		contact her at 337-945-6881	

### For Parent Intercessors & CLJ Youth

<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM –	Katie Fontenot's home contact her at 308-3541
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\* 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**

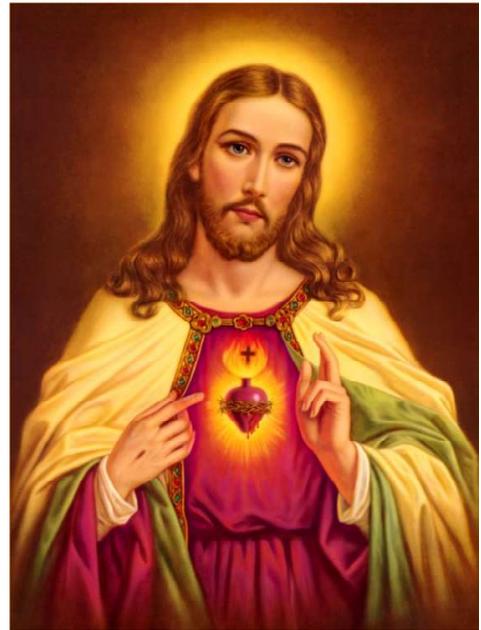
### REAL MEN PRAY THE ROSARY



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.

### 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.



### DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE – The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The devotion to the Sacred Heart (also known as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Sacratissimum Cor Iesu* in Latin) is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Roman Catholic devotions, taking the heart of the resurrected Body as the representation of the love by Jesus Christ God, which is "his heart, pierced on the Cross", and "in the texts of the New Testament is revealed to us as God's boundless and passionate love for mankind". This devotion is predominantly used in the Roman Catholic Church, followed by the high-church Anglicans, Lutherans and Eastern Catholics. In the Roman Catholic Church, the liturgical Solemnities of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, or 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. The devotion is especially concerned with what the Church deems to be the long-suffering love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The popularization of this devotion in its modern form is derived from a Roman Catholic nun from France, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions to her between 1673 and 1675, and later, in the 19th century, from the mystical revelations of another Roman Catholic nun in Portugal, Blessed Mary of the Divine Heart, a religious of the Good Shepherd, who requested in the name of Christ that Pope Leo XIII consecrate the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Predecessors to the modern devotion arose unmistakably in the Middle Ages in various facets of Catholic mysticism, particularly with Saint Gertrude the Great.

#### Prayer:

*Hail! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, and burning furnace of divine love. Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary, O my amiable Savior. Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Thine is ever inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy divine will be equally the standard and rule of all my desires and of all my actions. Amen.*

**Saint Gertrude**



### 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.



### Church News

**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.