

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

June 9th, 2019

- * **Father Matthew will be out of town this week, therefore the weekday Masses on Tuesday, June 11th through Friday, June 14th will be cancelled.**
- * **Any Mass intentions for the week will be moved to the following week.**

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

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| Monday – June 10th | – 5:00 PM – | Rosary for Our Country |
| | – 5:45 PM – | Choir Practice |
| Tuesday – June 11th | – 6:30 AM Mass – | No Mass |
| Wednesday – June 12th | – 6:30 AM Mass – | No Mass |
| | – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – | No Adoration |
| Thursday – June 13th | – 6:30 AM Mass – | No Mass |
| Friday – June 14th | – 6:30 AM Mass – | No Mass |
| Saturday – June 15th | | |

4:00 PM Mass – M/M H.L. Martin, McKenzie Dupre, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Jack Thibodeaux, Louise & Willis Soileau, Emma & Edgar Bacon Sr., Aubrey Soileau, Charles Ruffino, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, The Sonnier Family Living & Deceased members, The Darbonne Family Living & Deceased members, Germaine Fontenot,

Sunday – June 16th - The Most Holy Trinity

- 7:00 AM Mass –** Ashley Doucet Boyd, E.A Dardeau Sr., Clyde Soileau, Janice Olivier, Voorhies Brown, Lillian Ainsworth,
9:00 AM Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

In today's first reading we encounter the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost came rushing in over Jesus' followers like a powerful wind. It must have been a frightening experience for them. But their great acts of prophetic witness began when the Spirit drew them out of their "comfort zones." Jesus said the Holy Spirit, like the wind, blows where it will; into the lives of good stewards, empowering them to perform wondrous acts of healing, reconciliation and evangelization; encouraging them to proclaim the Gospel with boldness and confidence. All of that is a little beyond the comfort zone where most of us live our lives. This week, reflect on how the Holy Spirit may be calling you out of your personal comfort zone.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

A novena of prayer for all fathers living and deceased will start this 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.

NOVENA

Loving Father, you created me, sent your Son to die for me, and have given me new life in your Spirit. You, O Lord, have made yourself known by creating, redeeming, and sanctifying your people. O' Eternal Father, you have revealed your love to us through the incarnation and passion of your Son. You also chose and honored your servant Joseph with the task of raising your Incarnate Word in times of persecution and confusion. We now look to Joseph as an exemplar of fatherhood for protecting, providing for, and spiritually leading the Holy Family. Father in Heaven, help all earthly fathers to realize the responsibilities and privileges of serving you by caring well for their families and being an example of virtue to others. I now pray for my own father, for all spiritual and biological fathers. Increase your presence in them and let them be joyful examples of loving your Son. I ask you to look kindly upon all deceased fathers, and grant them a place in your kingdom. [You may add your special intentions.] I make these petitions through the intercession of St. Joseph in the name of your Son and my Savior. Amen.



UPCOMING CHANGES

Changes
are
Coming...

Please be on the lookout for upcoming changes to our Catechism program. A new day and time will be announced in a few weeks. Also, if you or someone you know would like to volunteer this coming year please contact the office. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

WEDDING CONGRATS

Congratulations to **McKenzi Soileau & Damon P. Comeaux**, who were married on Saturday, June 1st, 2019. Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham presided at their wedding. Congratulations and blessings!
 Congratulations to **Hollie Zerangue & Hayden Watkins**, who were married on Saturday, June 1st, 2019. Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham presided at their wedding. Congratulations and blessings!



6/15/2019 (4 PM) EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Evelina Soileau Catherine Courvelle Clara Darbonne READER Janice Deshotels USHERS Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou Merlin Valin Volunteer ALTAR SERVER Matthew Vidrine	6/16/19 (7AM) EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Freida Dejean Mary Alice Blanchard Pauline Vidrine READER Donna Dardeau USHERS Allen Vidrine Nicky Dejean Donnie Vidrine Phillip Dardeau ALTAR SERVER Elliot Landreneau	6/16/19 (9 AM) EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Don Simoneaux Bonnie Darbonne Jerelyn Mayeux READER Pam Landreneau USHERS Jessie Howard Gary Wilson Mike Vidrine Gregory Doucet ALTAR SERVER Michael Darbonne
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DIOCESAN & OTHER LOCAL PARISH EVENTS:

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.

Fete-Dieu du Teche

F te-Dieu du Teche, a Eucharistic Boat Procession down the Bayou Teche, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Thursday, August 15, 2019! Join us as we celebrate the 254th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Catholic Faith to Acadiana and the 202nd Anniversary of St. Martinville! To sign up to participate or to get more information call Father Michael Champagne at 337-394-6550 or visit www.fetedieuduteche.org

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 5:00 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.

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

Warren Soilleau, Melissa Fontenot, Greg Billeau, Emma Fontenot



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Cole Laurent
Monday: Jacob LeBlanc
Tuesday: Bret Lee
Wednesday: Calvin LeMaire

Thursday: Seth Lemaire
Friday: Joseph Marcantel
Saturday: Riley Maturinnarians

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. Francis Damoah, SVD
Monday: Rev. Hampton Davis
Tuesday: Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc
Wednesday: Rev. Michael DeBlanc

Thursday: Rev. Edward Degeyter
Friday: Rev. Michael Delcambre
Saturday: Rev. Mark Derise

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 JUNE – The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The devotion to the Sacred Heart (also known as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Sacratissimum Cor Jesu* 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

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.



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.