



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30th, 2019



* The Office will be closed this Thursday, July 4th
* Next Weekend's Second Collection will be 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..."** *Our Lady of Fatima in 1917*

Monday – July 1st – 5:00 PM – **Rosary for Our Country**
 – 6:00 PM – **Choir Practice**

Tuesday – July 2nd – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

Wednesday – July 3rd – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 – 1:00 PM – **Rosary Making Class**
 – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration**
 – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 Office Closed

Thursday – July 4th – 6:30 AM Mass – **Office Closed**

Friday – July 5th First Friday –
 – 6:30 AM Mass – Altar Society Living & Deceased
 Members, Brian T. Ortego
 – 7:00 – 8:00 AM **Adoration**

Saturday – July 6th First Saturday –
8:00 AM Mass – Special Intentions
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, Aubrey Soileau, Trent Richard, Janice Olivier, Charles Ruffino, Mike Wartelle Anniversary Mass, Brian T. Ortego, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Deceased members of AIC Girls Basketball Team, Coach Mrs. Earl Perry, Gnat Nicholson Sr., & Family,

Sunday – July 7th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 AM Mass – Clyde Soileau, Voorhies Brown, Lillian Ainsworth
9:00 AM Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

7/6/2019 (4 PM)	7/7/2019 (7 AM)	7/7/2019 (9 AM)
EUCCHARISTIC MIN	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	EUCCHARISTIC MIN
Evelina Soileau	Joey Bordelon	Jim Soileau
Ruth Montgomery	Freida Dejean	Pam Landreneau
Jane Thibodeaux	Brenda Baque	Jessie Howard
READER	READER	READER
June Inhern	Carl Fontenot	Albert Ortego
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Marcus Decou	Donnie Vidrine	Gary Wilson
Raynold Soileau	Phillip Dardeau	Tommy Leleux
Merlin Valin	Nicky Dejean	Bruce Courvelle
Volunteer	Allen Vidrine	Mike Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Matthew Vidrine	Elliot Landreneau	Michael Darbonne

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel reveals to us the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. We will journey with Jesus for many Sundays to come, and along the way he will teach us about the demands of discipleship. His instructions may seem harsh and unreasonable to our ears. His response to legitimate requests to postpone the journey reminds us that there are always justifiable excuses to defer the journey or put off the responsibilities of discipleship. Other important matters compete for our attention. Some of us must make heart-wrenching choices, but there is urgency about Jesus' mission to bring forth God's kingdom. His demand is that we proclaim the Kingdom of God now. Is this our first priority, or do we have other priorities?

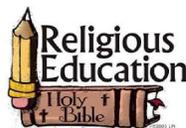


**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO ARE SICK...**

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

2019 - 2020 CATECHISM SCHOOL YEAR

Registration forms for the 2019 - 2020 school year are now available. You will find the forms on the back table in Church or on our website immaculate-conception-washington.org



Please Note:

All 1st through 9th grade classes will meet **Wednesday evenings** (6:00 - 7:00PM) in the Hall

The 10th grade class will meet **Wednesday evenings** (6:30 - 7:30PM) in Church office

Confirmation class (11th Grade) will meet on **Sunday evening** (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Volunteers Needed

Our Religious Education Program relies on our dedicated volunteers who serve as Catechists and Aides in our weekly classes. We currently need volunteers for the 2019-2020 School Year. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Katie Fontenot at 337-826-7396

DIOCESAN & OTHER LOCAL PARISH EVENTS:

Codependent Recovery Meetings

Codependent Recovery Meetings are for men and women, 18 years of age and older, whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. Meetings are held **each Thursday (except Diocesan holidays) from 12 Noon – 1:00 p.m.** at the Immaculata Center, Katharine Drexel Meeting Room, 1408 Carmel Drive in Lafayette.

For more information contact Trista Littell at 337-261-5607

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

Saint Pio Comes to the Diocese of Lafayette

The relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, affectionately known to Catholics as Padre Pio, are on tour in the United States and will make a stop in the Diocese of Lafayette. Padre Pio's relics will be at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette, La. on **Sunday, October 6, 2019**. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will celebrate Mass in honor of Saint Pio at 8am. Veneration of the Relics will be from 10am until 6:30pm.

Men of Jesus Retreat

Men of Jesus Retreat is a silent retreat presented by Father Michael Champagne and the Community of Jesus Crucified November 1-3, 2019, at Our Lady of Sorrows in St. Martinville. This retreat is specially designed to help men better understand and grow in their relationship with Jesus. The retreat is silent and will include meditations on the men in Jesus' life as presented in the Bible: St. Joseph, St. John, St. Peter, St. Paul, and others. There is no cost for the retreat but register early as space is limited. Call 337-526-1812 for more information.



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 6:00 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

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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 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

Thursday: 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 PRAY FOR THESE PRIESTS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Rev. Darren Eldridge
Monday: Pope Francis
Tuesday: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Wednesday: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Thursday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Friday: Rev. Peter Emusa
Saturday: Rev. Cyprian Eze

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Casey Dugas
Monday: Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians
Tuesday: Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations
Wednesday: Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians
Thursday: John Dugas
Friday: Tré Fontenot
Saturday: Andrew Furka

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.

DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY –

The Precious Blood of Jesus

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus, which was "shed for the many, for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). (The Feast of the Precious Blood, established by Pope Pius IX in 1849, is celebrated each year on the first Sunday of July.) Like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the subject of Catholic devotion in June, the Precious Blood has long been venerated for its role in our redemption. By the shedding of His Precious Blood, Christ saved mankind from our sins. In this prayer, drawn from the traditional Roman Missal, we ask God the Father to help us to recognize our debt and thus properly to venerate the Precious Blood.



Prayer:

Precious Blood of Jesus, infinite price of sinful man's redemption, both drink and laver of our souls, Thou who dost plead continually the cause of man before the throne of infinite mercy; from the depths of my heart, I adore Thee, and so far as I am able, I would requite Thee for the insults and outrages which Thou dost continually receive from human beings, and especially from those who rashly dare to blaspheme Thee. Who would not bless this Blood of infinite value? Who doth not feel within himself the fire of the love of who shed it all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this Divine Blood? Who hath drawn it from the veins of my Savior, even to the last drop? Ah, this surely was the work of love. O infinite love, which has given us this saving balm! O balm beyond all price, welling up from the fountain of infinite love, grant that every heart and every tongue may be enabled to praise Thee, magnify Thee and give Thee thanks both now and for evermore. Amen.



PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of July include: Toby & Amanda Bertrand. Thank you everyone! If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, Please contact the office or Mrs. Ethel Landreaneau.



CHURCH PRAYER BOOK

We have new prayer books in Church. These are to stay in Church for your prayer time. If you would like one we have some available in the Church office for a \$3.00 donation. For those who would like a larger quantity call the office to make an order.



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.