

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

\* **Father Matthew will be out of town this week and part of next, therefore the weekday Masses on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Monday – July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>– 5:00 PM –</b>	<b>Rosary for Our Country</b>
	<b>– 6:00 PM –</b>	Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday – July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday – July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	No Mass
	<b>– 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM –</b>	<b>No Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday – July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	No Mass
<b>Friday – July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>– 6:30 AM Mass –</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday – July 27<sup>th</sup></b>		

**4:00 PM Mass** – McKenzie Dupre, Claude & Lois Blanchard, J. Bailey, Jack Thibodeaux, Herman Hebert, M/M JB Hebert, M/M Albert Ortego, Sr., Aubrey Soileau Anniversary Mass, Charles Ruffino, Henry Pitre & Deceased Family, Mitzi Valin, Poke Courville & Deceased Family,

#### **Sunday – July 28<sup>th</sup> - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 AM Mass** – Clyde Soileau, Janice Olivier, Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Voorhies Brown, Lillian Ainsworth, Brian T. Ortego

**9:00 AM Mass** – For the People

**11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)**

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

#### 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](http://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

#### FR. MATTHEW WILL BE AWAY

Father Matthew will be out of town this week and part of next, therefore the weekday Masses on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled. Fr. Brian Carpenter of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish to speak at all the weekend Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

#### 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.

### 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](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org)

<b>7/27/2019 (4 PM)</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b> Ruth Montgomery Sis Ortego Albert Ortego	<b>7/28/2019 (4 PM)</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b> Brenda Baque Joey Bordelon Sheila Carrier	<b>7/28/2019 (4 PM)</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b> Don Simoneaux Jerelyn Mayeux Bonnie Darbonne
<b>READER</b> Jan Terhune	<b>READER</b> Donna Dardeau	<b>READER</b> Evelyn Hann
<b>USHERS</b> Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou Merlin Valin Volunteer	<b>USHERS</b> Allen Vidrine Nicky Dejean Donnie Vidrine Phillip Dardeau	<b>USHERS</b> Jessie Howard Benny Howard Gregory Doucet Tommy Leleux
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Matthew Vidrine	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Elliot Landreneau	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Michael Darbonne

## 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 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

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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 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

**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.

## PLEASE REMEMBER

### IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK...

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 Facebook page Real Men Pray the Rosary and webpage <http://realmenpraytherosary.org/> for more information.



## 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 Landreneau.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS THIS WEEK

**Sunday:** Joseph Marcantel **Wednesday:** Chad Peltier **Friday:** Seth Ransonet  
**Monday:** Riley Maturin **Thursday:** Connor Poirrier **Saturday:** Grant Thomas  
**Tuesday:** Stephen Melancon

*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. Joshua Guillory, JCL **Thursday:** Rev. David Hebert  
**Monday:** Rev. Jude Halphen **Friday:** Rev. Matthew Hebert  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Brian Harrington **Saturday:** Rev. T.J. Hebert  
**Wednesday:** Rev. Msgr. Russell Harrington

*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.*

## 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.



## 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.*

## STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR JULY – Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene is one of the most revered saints in the history of the Church and her discipleship emphasizes the complementary roles of women, Saint Peter and the other disciples as witnesses to the Risen Christ. From the New Testament, one can conclude that Mary came from Magdala, a village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. She was a friend of Jesus of Nazareth and a leading figure among those who were his disciples. She was one of the women who accompanied and financially supported Jesus and the twelve apostles which suggests that the women were respectable, well-to-do members of the community. At the time Jesus was executed on Golgotha, when the men in his company had already run away and abandoned him, Mary Magdalene is specifically identified in the Gospels as one of the women who refused to leave him. She was present at the Crucifixion and burial. What is by far the most important affirmation about Mary Magdalene, however, is that she is mentioned in all five of the Resurrection narratives of the Gospel tradition (Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 23:55-24:12, John 20:1-18, and Mark 16:9-20). In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John, she is the primary witness to Christ's Resurrection. All four Gospels explicitly name her as being present at the tomb and she was the first person to preach the "Good News" of that miracle. From other texts of the early Christian era, Mary Magdalene's status as a disciple in the years after Jesus' death is as prominent as the twelve apostles. For many centuries Mary Magdalene was the symbol of Christian devotion, especially that of repentance. However, Christian traditions that came after the New Testament era erroneously equated Mary Magdalene with both the sinful woman in Luke 7 who anointed Jesus and with Mary of Bethany in John 11 and Luke 10 who also anointed Jesus. The tradition that Mary Magdalene was a repentant prostitute has been dismissed by modern biblical scholarship as almost certainly untrue. Saint Mary Magdalene has been celebrated throughout Christian history in art and literature. Her feast day is July 22.



## 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.