

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Second Collection: Building and Maintenance

- Monday – March 20 –**
5:00 PM (IC) – Rosary for Country
- Tuesday – March 21 –**
5:30PM (HT) – Mass
6:00P– 7:30P – Confirmation Class
- Wednesday – March 22 –**
6:30 AM (IC) – Mass – Felton Meche,
 Lois Blanchard Anniversary
6:00 PM – Catechism Class
- Thursday – March 23–**
5:30 PM (IC)
- Friday – March 24 –**
5:30 PM (IC) – **Mass** – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard
 Followed by Stations of the Cross
- Saturday – March 25 –**
4:00 PM (IC) – **Mass of First Holy Communion**
 – Brian T. Ortego, M/M Delta
 Vidrine, Francis and James
 Vidrine, Claude and Lois
 Blanchard, Vernon “Peck” Fisher,
 Ann Tate, Leonce Lalonde, Jr.,
 Aubrey Soileau, Poke Courvelle
 Family, Charles Edwards
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- Sunday – March 26**
7:00 AM (IC) – Mass –Buster and Edna Plattsmier
9:00 AM (IC) –
11:00 AM – (Holy Trinity) – Mass – Parishioners

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3:12: \$2606.00

Black and Indian Missions: \$315.82

Thank you for your generosity!

GIVING WITNESS

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass and reception of First Holy Communion for Immaculate Conception students will be **Saturday evening, March 25th during the regularly scheduled 4PM Mass**. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

3-25 - 4:00 PM Eucharistic Ministers

Ruth Montgomery
 Catherine Courvelle
 Clara Darbonne

Reader

June Inhern

Ushers

Herman B.
 Joe M.
 Merlin V.
 Marcus D.

3-26 - 7:00 AM Eucharistic Ministers

Shirlene Matt
 Mary Alice Bordelon
 Sheila Carrier

Reader

Merryle Soileau

Ushers

Philip D.
 Allen V.
 Pauline V.
 Donnie V.

3-26 - 9:00 AM Eucharistic Ministers

Jessie Howard
 Rick Ortego
 Jim Soileau

Reader

Pam Landreneau

Ushers

Gregory J.D.,
 Mike V.
 Gary W.
 Bruce C.



Altar Servers

3-25	4:00 PM	Matthew Vidrine
3-26	7:00 AM	Elliot Landreneau
3-26	9:00 AM	Michael Darbonne

FASTING

Christian stewards understand that all they receive, including the bountiful food and drink that is often taken for granted, ultimately comes from the Lord. By denying ourselves food for a time, we are reminded in physical and emotional ways of the Lord's generosity. As we fast, thoughtlessness is replaced by gratitude and mindfulness of the needs of others. The ancient practice of fasting also conditions us for greater spiritual practices. Incorporate some aspect of fasting from food or drink into your Lenten practice, something in addition to the sacrifices we make on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

- **Holy Thursday*** (April 13th) – 6:30 PM (IC), then Adoration from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
 - **Good Friday*** (April 14th) – 3:00 PM at Holy Trinity
 - **Easter Vigil*** (Saturday evening, April 15th) – 8:00 PM (IC)
 - ***Note:** The reason only one church celebration is offered combined for Immaculate Conception and Holy Trinity is that the sacred liturgies during the Triduum are to be combined in smaller communities, especially those near each other, so that there is only one solemn celebration of each of these important prayer services.
 - **Easter Sunday (April 16th) – 7:00 AM (IC), 9:00 AM (IC) & 10:30 AM (HT)**
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CATECHISM YEAR

The diocese requires a certain number of hours each year per grade level. We will have successfully reached that number by the end of the month and therefore **Wednesday, March 29th** will be the last catechism class for grades 1st through 10th for this school year. Thank you to the teachers and students for a great year. I especially want to thank Mrs. Ruth Montgomery and Mrs. Elaine Fontenot for their leadership.



OC CORNER

Parents are reminded at report cards for the 3rd nine-week grading period will be posted on Tuesday. Two important events to note for the week: UBS Blood Drive on Tuesday, 7:45 am to 12:30 pm; and PTO meeting on Wednesday, 6:00 pm. Please attend as PTO and Advisory Council elections will be held. Students are now being registered for 2017-2018. Fee schedules are posted to the school website at www.OCSvikings.com. Please call the school at 337-942-5404 ext. 102 if any information is needed on the RenWeb registration process.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANERS

Norma Plattsmier, Merryle Soileau, Karen Ducote, Diane Wartelle

LENTEN MISSION

Father Taj Glodd, Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte, will be giving a Lenten mission on **Tuesday, March 21st at 6PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church** in Washington following the regularly scheduled 5:30PM Mass. We hope many will be able to attend. Fr. Glodd is a native of Crowley, Louisiana, spent 2 years as the associate pastor at St. Pius X in Lafayette.

ANGOLA BUS TRIP

The Diocese of Lafayette is offering a free bus trip departing from St. Paul's Church in Lafayette so that family members may visit their incarcerated loved ones at Angola Prison. To reserve your seat on Sunday, April 2nd or for more details, contact 261-5545.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A *Catholic Journey through Grief* retreat will be from 9:00am – 3:30pm on **April 2, 2017** at Immaculata Center. The cost of the event will be \$30.00 which will include your supplies and lunch. Pre-Registration is required, <http://www.diolaf.org/grief> to register.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

St. Mary Church in Lafayette now also offers a 6-week divorce recovery program based on The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. For further details please contact Trudy Trahan at trudydt@cox.net.

THE CHOICE WINE

The Choice Wine is a pathway to authentic marital happiness. Couples will learn how to virtually divorce-proof their marriages, experience the superabundant love and mercy of God and realize a foretaste of Paradise in their marriages and families. For a complete list of parishes participating in The Choice Wine or for more information, please visit <http://thechoicewine.org>.



RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit the website for more information and to register www.helpourmarriage.com.

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.
