

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6th, 2018

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

- Monday – May 7th** – 6:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
Tuesday – May 8th – 6:30 AM Mass – Brian T. Ortego
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Wednesday – May 9th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 6:00 PM First Communion Practice
Thursday – May 10th – 6:30 AM Mass – Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester
Friday – May 11th – 6:30 AM Mass – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard
Saturday – May 12th
 10:00 AM First Communion Practice
 4:00 PM Mass – Lois & Claude Blanchard, Poke Courville & Deceased Family, Aubrey Soileau, Mr. & Mrs. Willis Meche, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Pitre, Velma Fontenot, Fr. Ralph Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Ortego Sr., Willie Chelette, The Henry Pitre Family, Elmer & Hazel Brooks, Sally Shawn, Chip Ardoin, Toodie Bailey, Buddy Pierre,
Sunday – May 13th
 7:00 AM Mass – Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau, Mary Landry, Raymond Dupre, Joann Okeson, Carlos, Ray Macip & Russell Humphries, Clyde Soileau, Joyce Dupre, Alice Guillory
 9:00 AM – Mass of First Holy Communion – For the People
 11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners

Stewardship:

4/29 \$2,632.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus calls his disciples his "friends" and commands them to love one other as he has loved them. We are called to be stewards of this friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? Does this require us to actively seek the welfare of others? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord?

5/12/2018 4:00PM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	5/13/2018 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	5/13/2018 9:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Jane Thibodeaux	Sheila Carrier	Shirlene Matt
Ruth Montgomery	Joey Bordelon	Jessie Howard
Catherine Courville	Mary Alice Bordelon	Bonnie Darbonne
READER	READER	READER
Karen Ducote	Norma Guillory	First Communion Students
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Raynold Soileau	Pauline Vidrine	Gary Wilson
Herman Bidstrup	Allen Vidrine	Gregory Doucet
Marlene Beauxis	Phillip Dardeau	Tommy Leleux
Merlin Valin	Benny Vidrine	Benny Howard
ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Matthew Vidrine	Elliot Landreaneau	Michael Darbonne

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass and reception of First Holy Communion for Immaculate Conception students will be **Sunday morning, May 13th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.**
 A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



CENTENNIAL NEWS



■ **Month of Mary** - Devotion to Our Lady has been a prominent theme of the people of the Diocese of Lafayette and of her Bishops. In 1953, Bishop Jeanmard asked for all families to pray the Rosary declaring: "We do not place all our confidence in the atomic bomb or other lethal weapons of war, but in Jesus Christ and the intercession of our Blessed Mother to whom this Diocese owes so much." Jeanmard and Bishop Schexnayder's episcopal mottos, "Sub Tuum Praesidium" (Under Thy Protection) and "Ad Te Clamamus" (To Thee Do We Cry), are both taken from Marian prayers and express their devotion to her.

■ **Centennial Indulgence** – has been granted by Pope Francis to all Catholics of our Diocese during this year of Jubilee who visit our Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer. (Please check the Diocese Centennial Webpage for the requirements to obtain the indulgence.) We encourage all to take advantage of this Spiritual Papal gift throughout the year.

OC NEWS

The Piano Masters Recital will be held on Monday at 8:30 am in the school cafeteria. It is "Teacher Appreciation Week", and senior final exams will be administered Tuesday through Friday. The Junior Ring Ceremony is set for Friday at 8:00 am.



Opelousas Catholic is a non-profit listed for the South Louisiana Giving Day this Thursday, May 10, which is a 24-hour, online fundraising event. Donors can visit www.SouthLouisianaGivingDay.org to schedule a donation. May God bless everyone for helping OCS purchase more Chromebooks for the classrooms!

NEW SCHEDULES

All Ministers are asked to pick-up their new schedules in the Church foyer. As a reminder, if you are unable to fulfill an assigned duty, please try to find a replacement to cover that Mass. Also, if you'd like to change the Mass day or time at which you normally serve, please let Mrs. Ethel Landreaneau know.

MONDAY ROSARY



All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 6:00 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.

LIL' ANGELS' CAMP

Queen of Angels Lil' Angels' Camp is scheduled for July 9th thru July 13th, 2018 from 8am to 12noon. Registration will begin on May 1st, 2018 at the Parish Office. The deadline for registering is June 8th, 2018.

NOVENA FOR MOTHERS

The novena of prayer for all mothers living and deceased will start on Saturday, May 5th through the Sunday of Mother's Day, May 13th. There will be a petition for mothers during the intercessions at each Mass. Pray with us for mothers during these 9 days. The deadline to have names printed on the bulletin insert Mother's Day weekend will be Wednesday, May 9th. Monies will be used for beautifying our church campus, because "moms like things looking nice."

NOVENA PRAYER [9 days]

Most Holy Trinity, I give you praise for the gift of your abundant love – made known throughout my life. Thank you for the women who have passed on the faith to me and shown me affection and concern. I give you thanks for all mothers, living and deceased. I pray for my own mother, for birth mothers, pregnant, adoptive, single, and stepmothers, godmothers, and grandmothers. Comfort moms separated from loved ones. Strengthen those raising children. Grant them ardent faith when doubtful, lively hope when they face obstacles, and charity when confronted with anger and apathy. Guard them from evil. Grant lasting peace to those who have gone before us to meet your Son. Lord, look kindly upon all mothers, especially those whom our parish community offers to you in prayer. **[You may add your special intentions.]** I make these petitions through the intercession of the Immaculate Mother and in the name of your only Begotten, Jesus, your Son. Amen.



2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat hosted by Everyday Missionaries to be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Dupont, LA from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This year's theme is "Be They. Be Compassion." (Luke 5:19). A \$25.00 Registration fee will be accepted until June 3rd. There will be a limit so please register early. Lunch is included. Also, all are invited to attend 4:30 pm mass. For more information visit www.everydaymissionaries.com/retreats

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan Genocide survivor and New York Times bestseller, is coming to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Eunice, Louisiana August 3 and 4, 2018. Tickets are available at www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats

CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

You are invited to join Bishop Douglas Deshotel and other pilgrims as we travel to Nova Scotia on August 27, 2018, to rediscover our heritage and faith. It will be an unforgettable journey. Hope you can make it.

For more information: E-mail: info@holyltravels.org Phone: 337.291.1933

LOCAL BIBLE STUDY

Come, Lord Jesus! Is a weekly journey to study and meditate on the Sunday Gospels. We are blessed at Immaculate Conception to have three thriving Come, Lord Jesus! Groups already formed and our newest one for Parent Intercessors. Everyone is welcome and there is always room for additional people to join. Please call the office with any questions you may have.

Our meeting times are as follows:

Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – In the parish Hall
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – In the parish Hall

Thursday morning at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Ms. Jane Dupre's home
You can reach her on her cell phone for directions at 337-945-6881

Newest Meeting: For Parent Intercessors

Thursday Evening from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Katie Fontenot's home
You can reach her on her cell phone for directions 308-3541 or the Church office 826-7396



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.*



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, Donald Robertson, Taylor Duplechain, John E. Leblanc, Julie Mendel, Michelle Henry, Glenda Pitre,

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

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.

Sunday: Rev. Herbert Bennerfield **Thursday:** Rev. Kenneth Bienvenu

Monday: Rev. Lloyd Benoit **Friday:** Rev. Paul Bienvenu

Tuesday: Paul Bergeron

Saturday: Very Rev. William Blanda, VF

Wednesday: Rev. Conley Bertrand



MONTH OF OUR LADY

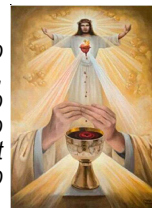
As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen"

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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

CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of May include: Jane Thibodeaux, Paula Splane, and Lois Bertrand, Thank you, ladies! If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, please contact the office or Mrs. Ethel Landreneau.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!

Welcome 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.