

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9th, 2017

**Welcome Father Matthew to Immaculate Conception Parish!**

**Second Collection:  
Catholic Communications Collection**

**Monday – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM – Rosary for Country

**Tuesday – July 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30AM (Holy Trinity)

**Wednesday – July 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:30AM – Mass –

**Thursday – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30AM Mass – Jay Sylvester, Belle Lafleur

**Friday – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:30AM Mass – Emile Richard & Family,  
Grace Richard

**Saturday – July 15<sup>th</sup>**

4:00PM Mass – Felton Meche, Brian T. Ortego, Claude & Lois Blanchard, Francis Dupre, Zim Dupre, Chris Dupre, Leonce Lalonde, Jr., John L. Speyrer, J. Bailey, Aubrey Soileau, Jack Thibodeaux, Hazel & Elmer Brooks, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Clara Belle Lafleur, Lionel J. Lafleur,

**Sunday – July 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – Mass – Buster & Edna Plattsmier, Raymond Dupre, Ethel Dardeau, Joseph E. Dupre, J.A & Rose Latiolais, Lane Ortego, Jay Ortego, Ashley Doucet Boyd

9:00 AM – Mass – Mary Landry

11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) – Mass – Parishioners



## WELCOME FATHER HIGGINBOTHAM!

Fr. Matthew Paul Higginbotham was born and raised in Lafayette, LA and is the youngest of seven children. His parents are James Monroe Higginbotham and Amelia Broussard Higginbotham.

Fr. Higginbotham graduated from Comeaux High School in 1985 and then entered the seminary at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. He then served for one year at Sacred Heart in Ville Platte before going on to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland where he earned a graduate degree in Divinity. At the conclusion of his third year at "The Mount" he was ordained a deacon on May 8, 1993 at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Upon completion of graduate seminary formation, Fr. Higginbotham was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on May 28, 1994. Fr. Higginbotham has served in the diocese of Lafayette since then at St. Ann in Mamou, Sacred Heart in Ville Platte, Saints Peter and Paul in Scott, Holy Family in Lawtell, St. Ann in Mallet, and Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Coteau. For the past twelve years Fr. Higginbotham served as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Redemptorist Catholic School in Crowley. For the past five years, Fr. Higginbotham also served as Chancellor of Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish. In his formative years Fr. Higginbotham has been a musician and an athlete and remains an avid cyclist.

## MASS TIME CHANGES

Beginning in July the Tuesday and Thursday weekday masses will be in the morning at 6:30AM.

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's Gospel reading: "Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we sometimes take a vacation. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with the complex issues of life deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

**7 - 15 - 4:00 PM**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Clara Darbonne  
Vine Mayeux  
Catherine Courvelle

### **READER**

Carl Fontenot

### **USHERS**

Merlin Valin  
Herman Bidstrup  
Wallace Splane  
Raynold Soileau

### **ALTAR SERVER**

Matthew Vidrine

**7 - 16 - 7:00 AM**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Shirlene Matt  
Sheila Carrier  
Winn Plattsmier

### **READER**

Norma Plattsmier

### **USHERS**

Allen Vidrine  
Phillip Dardeau  
Pauline Vidrine  
Donnie Vidrine

### **ALTAR SERVER**

Elliot Landreneau

**7 - 16 - 9:00 AM**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Don Simoneaux  
Bonnie Darbonne  
Pam Landreneau

### **READER**

Karl Reiners

### **USHERS**

Gregory J. Doucet  
Benny Howard  
Gary Wilson

### **ALTAR SERVER**

Michael Darbonne



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### 3rd Annual Fête-Dieu du Teche Eucharistic Procession down Bayou Teche on August 15

Fête-Dieu du Teche will host the second annual Eucharistic Procession down Bayou Teche on Tuesday, August 15. The date is important for Roman Catholics as it is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also a day that marks the bicentennial of St. Martinville and the 252nd anniversary of the arrival of French Canadian immigrants who brought the Catholic faith to Acadiana after enduring great trials and suffering. Hundreds will travel by boat to celebrate this occasion in honoring the Blessed Sacrament and Acadian heritage. Bishop John Douglas Deshotel, D.D., a native son of Acadiana and the current Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, will begin the event by celebrating the Mass of the Assumption in French at St. Leo the Great Church in Leonville at 8:00 a.m.

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### UPCOMING DIRECTED RETREATS

Do you feel a need to deepen your spiritual life? The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, announces these upcoming individually directed retreats.

Tue., August 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mon., August 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>  
Tue., September 5<sup>th</sup> or Friday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mon., September 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mon., October 2<sup>nd</sup> or Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mon., October 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mon., October 20<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mon., November 13<sup>th</sup> (3 & 5 days only)  
Mon., December 4<sup>th</sup> or Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>

### Special Weekend Group Programs:

#### Praying with St. Peter: A Day of Reflection and Prayer

Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, S.J. – Saturday, Sept. 16 – 9:00am – 4:00pm Fee: \$60.00 includes Lunch

For an application form to register, visit our website [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or call (337) 662-5251 Monday – Friday 8:00am – 12:00 noon and 1:00pm – 5:00pm

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### CATECHIST AND AIDES NEEDED

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is always in need of committed catechists (teachers) and/or aides to lovingly and energetically teach our children about the love of Christ for each of us, prepare our children for the reception of the sacraments, and to instill in them knowledge of our Catholic faith. We understand that the lessons are important and, equally so, is your presence, attitude and kindness in creating a community among the students of love, acceptance and respect. We warmly welcome you and thank you for sharing with our children the goodness in you.



There are many opportunities to get involved with our religious education program we are always in need of Catechists, Catechist Assistants and Catechist Office Volunteers.

Please call the office at 826-7396 if you would like to sign up and be a volunteer this coming year.

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### CHURCH CLEANERS

Month of July: Toby & Amanda Bertrand. Thank ya'!!!

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### MONDAY ROSARY at 6PM

All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception. Prayers will be offered for our country and an end to violence in the world.

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### SICK LIST

Mary LeDoux, Lyle Soileau, Baby Laura Savant, Mike Wartelle, Leslie Deroche, Mitzi Valin Brooks, Shane Richard, Patricia Ann Richard, Peter Merritt, Gage Bihm, Vern Dvorak, Donald Johnson, Clyde Soileau, Dannie Ardoin, Patricia Fontenot, Dirk Soileau, Juanita Stelly, Christopher Joubert, Mcall Thibodeaux, Betty Sparks, Ken Miller, Jimmy Bertrand, Lori Moreau, Connie Benoit, Desi LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, Mark Brown, Voorhies Brown, Diane Fontenot, Phillip Pastorick, Rogers Louviere, Russell Humphries, Guy Landreneau, Rickey Doucet

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### PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Prayer Blankets can benefit those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For those interested in being part of this ministry, please contact 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.*

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### SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE

The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life are forming a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group will provide a safe place for those who have lost a loved one to suicide to share their struggles, experiences, and pain as they struggle to regain hope and strength. The group will be facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18. The group will meet on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337 261 5653 for more information or to register.

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**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.

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**COME TO ME,  
ALL YOU WHO LABOR  
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,  
AND I WILL  
GIVE YOU REST.**

MATTHEW 11:28

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