

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24th, 2017

Monday – September 25th
6:00 PM – Rosary for Country

Tuesday – September 26th
6:30AM – Special Intentions
6:00PM- 7:30PM Confirmation Class

Wednesday – September 27th
6:30AM – Special Intentions
5:00PM – 6:00PM Choir Practice
6:00PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes



Thursday – September 28st
6:30AM – Special Intentions

Friday – September 29th
6:30AM – Emile Richard & Family, Grace Richard

Saturday – September 30th
4:00PM **Mass** – Brian T. Ortego, Leonce Lalonde Jr., Jude Thibodeaux, Aubrey Soileau, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Herman Hebert, Lois & Claude Blanchard

Sunday – October 1st
7:00 AM – Lane Ortego, Jay Ortego, Joseph Dupre, Gary Henry, Todd Mayeaux, Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Ashley Doucet Boyd
9:00 AM – **Mass** – Toodie Bailey, Mike Wartelle, Joyce Dupre
11:00 AM **(Holy Trinity) – Mass** – Parishioners

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

9 - 30 - 4:00 PM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Vine Mayeaux
Clara Darbonne
Catherine Courvelle
READER
Claudia Blanchard
USHERS
Herman Bidstrup
Raynold Soileau
Marcus Decou
Merlin Valin
ALTAR SERVER
Matthew Vidrine

10 - 01- 7:00 AM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Albert Ortego
Sis Ortego
Brenda Baque
READER
Norma Plattsmier
USHERS
Phillip Dardeau
Allen Vidrine
Pauline Vidrine
Donnie Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER
Elliot Landreneau

10 - 01 - 9:00 AM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Don Simoneaux
Jessie Howard
Pam Landreneau
READER
Karl Reiners
USHERS
Tommy Leleux
Nicky Dejean
Mike Vidrine
Bruce Courvelle
ALTAR SERVER
Michael Darbonne

OC CORNER

OC is holding “Operation Viking Care” to collect items for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Gathered this week will be school supplies, and they can be dropped off at school or at this Thursday’s football game in Donald Gardner Stadium. All high school classes will have their “service retreats” held this Friday as they practice “service above self”. Please keep them in your prayers. Let us remember the 2017-2018 Annual Angel Appeal Drive now in progress! Donations for the appeal may be mailed in or can be made online ... see the school website. And the “Viking 162 Envelope Ship” will be sailing for the appeal! May God bless everyone for the gifts and prayers!

THE OFFICE/RECTORY

The Office/Rectory will undergo a procedure to level the building the first week of October. At present, there is a six inch difference between the high point and the low point of the building. The building presently has damage to walls, ceilings and door frames. The leveling of the building should correct these problems. During that first week of October the rectory will be without power and water for a time and because of this we’re not sure what our office hours will be. We appreciate your patience as we await this matter to be resolved.



ROSARY RALLY

Our annual Rosary Rally will be held on our rectory lawn on Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon. Parking will be available in front of the parish hall. In case of inclement weather, the rally will take place in church. The rally will take place on the same day as the Fall Antique Fair. Come pray and stir the local economy too!

UPCOMING DIRECTED RETREATS JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, announces these upcoming individually directed retreats:

- Mon., October 16th or Thursday, October 19th
- Mon., October 20th or Thursday, November 2nd
- Mon., November 13th (3 & 5 days only)
- Mon., December 4th or Thursday December 7th

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 or call (337) 662-5251 Monday – Friday 8:00am – 12:00 noon and 1:00pm – 5:00pm



JUST MARRIED:

The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage

All married couples are invited to an evening of marriage enrichment with Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Fr. Halphen will be presenting "Just Married: The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage." It will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

This event is free to attend, but registration is required by calling the office at 337-261-5653 or visiting www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment.

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 are and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

Immaculate Conception is blessed to have such an active, organized, and committed Altar Society that helps our church in so many ways. If you're interested in joining, please speak with Pam Landreneau.



CHOIR – YOUTH MEMBERS

Saint Paul advises to sing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." We are extremely blessed to have a talented mix of adults and children in our choir. Practices for the remainder of August will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. Once Catechism starts on September 6th, practice will change to Wednesdays at 5pm. If your child would like to join and also has Catechism that night we will make sure they get to the hall safely and in time for class. For more information, please speak with the director, Mrs. Amanda Bertrand her number is 337-945-8064 or call the office.

LOCAL BIBLE STUDY

Come, Lord Jesus! is a Diocesan approved Catholic Scripture formation program centered around the four basic elements of – **PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, EUCHARIST, and CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** – inspired by the Holy Spirit and practiced in the early Church (Acts 2:42). Members come to know and love God's Word in Scripture through prayerful reflection and discussion in small faith Communities. By concentrating on the upcoming Sunday Readings, members grow in faith and love of the Mass while becoming confident in their ability to evangelize and participate in Scriptural discussions on many levels. Immaculate Conception Church has two separate groups. Both groups meet on Tuesdays. The first meeting is at 3:30 and the second is at 5:00pm in the parish hall. New members are always welcome! One group at Immaculate Conception has been meeting for over 19 years! If interested in joining a group or for more information, please contact Mrs. Agnes LeBlanc or call the office.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Come, Lord Jesus group for celebrating their 20th anniversary!

Pope Francis says "Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony. Go out and interact with your brothers. Go out and share. Go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as Spirit."

GROUP ROSARY

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.

SICK LIST

Mary LeDoux, Lyle Soileau, Baby Laura Savant, 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, Connie Benoit, Desi LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, Mark Brown, Voorhies Brown, Diane Fontenot, Phillip Pastorick, Rogers Louviere, Russell Humphries, Guy Landreneau, Rickey Doucet, Tristan Estis, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bainsfather, J.L. Pitre,

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.*

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.



Month of October:

Shirlene Matt, Jane Thibodeaux,
Katie Fontenot
Thank ya'll!

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?

Welcome to all new parishioners! We'd like to get to know you better. Please call or come by the office to complete a census form at your convenience. We look forward to serving you!

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.
