

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31st 2017



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

**Office will be closed Monday January 1st
 in observance of New Year's Day**

- Monday – January 1st** **9:00 AM – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God –**
 Curry Landreneau, Russell & Bea Ardoin
5:00 PM Rosary for our Country
- Tuesday – January 2nd** **6:30 AM – No Mass Today**
- Wednesday – January 3rd** **6:30 AM** Special Intentions
6:00 PM – 7:00PM – No CCD Classes
- Thursday – January 4th** **6:30 AM – Special Intentions**
- Friday – January 5th** **6:30 AM – First Friday**
 Brian T. Ortego, Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard, Altar Society Living &
 Deceased Members,
7:00 – 8:00 AM – Adoration

- Saturday – January 6th First Saturday –**
8:00 AM Mass – Special Intentions
4:00 PM Mass – Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Leo Paul Decou, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Herman Hebert, Toodie Bailey, John L. Speyrer, Herbert Ortego, Jr., Jay Ortego, Lane Ortego, Mrs. Addie Wartell, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Joyce Fontenot, Jay Sylvester, Poke Courville & Deceased Family, Lisa Delafosse

- Sunday – January 7th**
7:00 AM – Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Onezime & Ola Matt, Burton Vidrine,
9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend of January 1-5-2018 will provide a safe setting, encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. For more information and to register visit www.helpourmarriage.com

UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Ladies of Everyday Missionaries (EverydayMissionaries.com) will lead us on our spiritual journey along with our keynote speaker Fr Derek Ducote. Music will be led by Angela McCann of Marksville. Please join us for a day of learning, understanding, encouragement and inspiration. Together we will explore how our acceptance to Gods Will can lead to a life with a deeper sense of purpose in God's plan with us. It will be January 13, 2018 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at St Peter's Catholic Church in Morrow, LA. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Toni Buller (337) 230-2964

(Registration forms are available in the Church Foyer.)

REMEMBER ME SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, January 15, 2018, 6:30 PM Remember Me is a faith-based support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals who are coping with dementia/Alzheimer's. No cost or registration is necessary; those who are in need of support are simply invited to come and share ideas and resources with one another.

The group meets in the Ministries Building of St. Elizabeth Seton Church (610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette 70507) every third Monday of each month. For more information contact the parish office at 337-235-1483.

01-06 - 4:00 pm
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Evelina Soileau
 Vine Mayeux
 Claudette Fontenot
READER
 Carl Fontenot
USHERS
 Marlene Beauxis
 Raynold Soileau
 Marcus Decou
 Merlin Valin
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

01 - 7 - 7:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Shirlene Matt
 Winn Plattsmier
 Sheila Carrier
READER
 Donna Dardeau
USHERS
 Pauline Vidrine
 Phillip Dardeau
 Allen Vidrine
 Donnie Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

01 - 7 - 9:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Jim Soileau
 Freida DeJean
 Don Simoneaux
READER
 Charlotte Bihm
USHERS
 Gregory Doucet
 Jessie Howard
 Benny Howard
 Gary Wilson
ALTAR SERVER
 Michael Darbonne



PRO-LIFE RALLY & MARCH



Saturday, January 20, 2018, 9:30 AM This event is intended to be an interdenominational event, bringing together all Acadiana residents to raise one loud collective voice against the killing of innocent life. The rally will include musical performances by Christian artist Josh Blakesley, as well as a presentation by keynote speaker Joe Farris. Joe Farris has been speaking to Catholic audiences all over North America for the past 20 years, offering a consistent message of inspiration and hope.

The march will begin at 11:30 a.m. when participants depart from the quad and head to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, where they will be greeted by Bishop Deshotel. The bishop will then conduct a special prayer service inside the Cathedral; the service will conclude with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

2018 DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. **Pre-registration by no later than February 15** is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate **25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2018.**

Couples may register online at <http://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass>

DIRECTED RETREATS AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Jesuit Spirituality Center offers personally directed retreats. Participants may choose either a 5-day or 3-day option. The center specializes in these personally directed retreats, which are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Solitude and silence are important aspects of the retreat experience.

For additional details, including cost and registration information, please contact the center at 337-662-5251 or visit online at www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.

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. 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 follow:

Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 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

PERIODIC UPDATE

Help us update our parish sick list. If you yourself or someone you care about should be added to our **2018 sick list** in our parish bulletin, please contact the rectory so we can begin a roster. Other churches have made efforts to update their rosters, and we would also like to know who is still ill and in need of prayers. As a reminder the sick list is for those who are ill and not intended for general prayer intentions. Thank you!

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.*



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.



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 January: Jeanette Martin, Shirlene Matt



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.

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