

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### Second Collection: Building & Maintenance

#### FR. MATTHEW – OUT OF TOWN

Fr. Matthew will be away Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. As such there will be no Masses at Immaculate Conception this week.

The following week Fr. Matthew will be accompanying the Opelousas Catholic students on their pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC. As such, *weekday Masses* will be cancelled at Immaculate Conception from Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. Matthew regrets this inconvenience. For those wishing to pray at weekday Masses, please visit the nearby local churches.

<b>Monday – January 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> – Rosary for our Country
<b>Tuesday – January 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 AM</b> – <i>No Mass Today</i> <b>6:00 PM – 7:30 PM</b> Confirmation
<b>Wednesday – January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 AM</b> – <i>No Mass Today</i> <b>5:00 PM – 6PM</b> Choir Practice <b>6:00 PM – 7:00PM</b> – CCD Classes
<b>Thursday – January 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 AM</b> – <i>No Mass Today</i>
<b>Friday – January 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 AM</b> – <i>No Mass Today</i>
<b>Saturday – January 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> – <b>Mass</b> – Merrill Dupre Anniversary Mass, Hazel & Elmer Brooks, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Herman Hebert, Toodie Bailey, Jack Thibodeaux, Poke Courville & Deceased Family,
<b>Sunday – January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> – <b>Mass</b> – Brian T. Ortego, Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Curry Landreneau, Mary Landry Anniversary Mass, Raymond Dupre, Joann Okeson, Bea Ardoin Anniversary Mass, Russell Ardoin, Carlos & Ray Macip, Russell Humphries, <b>9:00 AM</b> – <b>Mass</b> – For the People <b>11:00 AM</b> (Holy Trinity)

#### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

#### OC CORNER

It is "Future Student Day" on Thursday (Jan. 11) for students entering grades 6-11 in 2018-19 who are interested in attending Opelousas Catholic. It will be held from 12 noon to 2 pm. Parents should call 942-5404 ext. 105 to register children to attend.

The Office of Advancement has OCS Viking yard signs for sale. Any family, alumni, grandparents, or friends who wish to display OCS pride may purchase a sign for only \$5. Call 942-5404 ext. 105.

OCS Tasters' Dinner and Auction event tickets are also on sale through the Office of Advancement for \$35 per person. The event is set for February 7 at the Opelousas Civic Center. An exciting Live Auction item will be a Blue Dog print originally designed by George Rodrigue. The print bears the official seal of George Rodrigue's estate. Call the school at 942-5404 ext. 105 for tickets and more information.

#### CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **Bishop Perry** - On January 6, 1966, Harold R. Perry, SVD was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He became the first African-American Bishop in the twentieth century. Perry, a native of Lake Charles, was ordained a priest in 1944. His first assignment was at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette, and he would later become the founding pastor of St. Joseph in Broussard. Perry is the first of six African-American bishops who were born and raised in the Diocese of Lafayette.
- **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).
- **Opening Mass of the Centennial Year** will be at St. Martin de Tours on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Martinville. All are invited to attend. Seating will be limited. We especially invite all Clergy, religious and laity from the Southern deanery to attend.
- **Pro-Life March Activities** – Vigil Mass on January 19 at 7pm at St. Pius X in Lafayette (tickets required – free). Rosary Congress from January 19 – 26 in the St. Pius X Adoration Chapel. Rally Praise and Worship on January 20 in ULL Quad from 9:30am-11:30am followed by the Pro-Life March (11:30-12:30) to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with a welcome by Bishop Deshotel at 12:30 and a Prayer Service and Benediction (12:30-1:30) inside the Cathedral. Rose Dinner at the Petroleum Club at 6pm (tickets required - \$75 per person/\$600 per table of 8). For all ticket information, call the Diocesan Pro-Life Office – 261-5607

**01- 13 - 4:00 PM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
Clara Darbonne  
Catherine Courville  
Ruth Montgomery  
**READER**  
Janice Deshotels  
**USHERS**  
Herman Bidstrup  
Raynold Soileau  
Marcus Decou  
Merlin Valin  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
Matthew Vidrine

**01 - 14 -7:00 AM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
Al Ortego  
Sis Ortego  
Pauline Vidrine  
**READER**  
Merryle Soileau  
**USHERS**  
Allen Vidrine  
Volunteer  
Donnie Vidrine  
Phillip Dardeau  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
Elliot Landreneau

**01 - 14 - 9 AM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
Bonnie Darbonne  
Jessie Howard  
Pam Landreneau  
**READER**  
Lennie Buller  
**USHERS**  
Nicky Dejean  
Mike Vidrine  
Tommy LeLeux  
Bruce Courville  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
Michael Darbonne



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## UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Ladies of Everyday Missionaries ([EverydayMissionaries.com](http://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 God's 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.)**

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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>

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## 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](http://www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org).

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## CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.
  - **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew will be during the children's regularly scheduled catechism class sometime in April.
  - **Confirmation Retreat** will be held Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> here at Immaculate Conception Church.
  - **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM
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## 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

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## 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. As a reminder the sick list is for those who are ill and not intended for general prayer intentions. Thank you!

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## 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, 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, Rickey Doucet, Tristan Estis, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, J.L. Pitre, Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Bernard Marks, Frieda Mayeux, Frankie Fontenot

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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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## 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.

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## 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!

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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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