

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Monday – February 12<sup>th</sup> –**

5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country

**Tuesday – February 13<sup>th</sup> –**

6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

**Ash Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup> –**

6:30 AM Mass – Curry Landreneau

12:00 PM (HT) Mass

6:00 PM (IC) Mass (CCD Students will attend)

**Thursday – February 15<sup>th</sup> –**

6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions

**Friday – February 16<sup>th</sup> –**

5:30 PM Mass – Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard

✠ *Followed by Stations of the Cross* ✠

**Saturday – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Mass – Francis, Zim & Chris Dupre, Aubrey Soileau, Hazel & Elmer Brooks, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, J. Bailey, Special intentions, Mitzie Valin Brooks, Velma Fontenet,

**Sunday – February 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – Mass – Brian T. Ortego, J.A & Rose Latiolais, Clarence Meche, Clyde Soileau, Buster & Edna Plattsmier

9:00 AM – Mass – For the People

11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)



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### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?



### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday concerns itself with what has become a traditional three-part Lenten exercise: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus instructs his followers to turn to God, to turn from self-interest and to deepen their relationship with the Lord in secret. He tells them in effect that a humble and quiet disposition toward prayer, self-denial and reaching out to others is transforming and leads to a favorable outcome. What is our plan to turn ever closer to God in this Lenten season? Are we prepared to treat this season as a sacred time, a time to deepen our own relationship with the one who redeemed us?

**02 - 17 - 4:00 PM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
 Ruth Montgomery  
 Catherine Courvelle  
 Jane Thibodeaux  
**READER**  
 June Inhern  
**USHERS**  
 Raynold Soileau  
 Marcus Decou  
 Herman Bidstrup  
 Merlin Valin  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
 Matthew Vidrine

**02 - 18 - 7:00 AM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
 Shirlene Matt  
 Winn Plattsmier  
 Pauline Vidrine  
**READER**  
 Norma Guillory  
**USHERS**  
 Donnie Vidrine  
 Volunteer  
 Allen Vidrine  
 Phillip Dardeau  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
 Elliot Landreneau

**02 - 18 - 9:00 AM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
 Jessie Howard  
 Bonnie Darbonne  
 Don Simoneaux  
**READER**  
 Rhonda Bordelon  
**USHERS**  
 Tommy LeLeux  
 Nicky Dejean  
 Mike Vidrine  
 Bruce Courvelle  
**ALTAR SERVER**  
 Michael Darbonne

### OC CORNER

Registration for current families is now in progress for the 2018-2019 school year. New students may register beginning February 19 once application for admission has been accepted. With questions, contact Mrs. Briley, Admissions Director, at 942-5404 ext. 109 or email [brileyj@ocsvikings.com](mailto:brileyj@ocsvikings.com). Classes will resume on Thursday following the Mardi Gras break. The Drama Club invites family and friends to their "Spring Drama Showcase". Performances will be held at 7 pm on Feb. 15, 16, and 17 and then at 2 pm on Feb. 18 at the Opelousas Little Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at OC and are limited to 100 viewers per performance.

### CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **One Native Son to Another** - On February 17, 2016, Pope Francis accepted the retirement of Bishop Michael Jarrell, who served as the sixth Bishop of Lafayette for over 13 years. At the same time, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Douglas Deshotel, previously an Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas, as the seventh Bishop of Lafayette. Bishop Jarrell, a native of Opelousas, and Bishop Deshotel, a native of Basile, follow in the footsteps of Bishop Jeanmard, a native of Breaux Bridge. Remarkably, in our 100 years as a diocese, over 50 of those years, have been led by a Bishop native to Acadiana.
- **Centennial items being sold** – Centennial Paperweight, Centennial Yard Signs and Centennial History Book can be purchased at Diocesan Central Office, Cathedral Gift Shop, Queen of Angels Church in Opelousas and St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville.

### PENANCE: FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59th birthday begins your 60th year) **must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed, but when combined should not equal another full meal. For those who are pregnant, nursing, or frail, the strict obligation to fast is lifted.
- Every person 14 years of age or older **must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent**. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.
- We shouldn't forget that all Fridays are considered penitential days inkeeping with the fact that Jesus died on Friday. The U.S. Bishops allow the substitution of some other form of penance instead of abstaining from meat on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent. The obligation to do penance is a serious one.

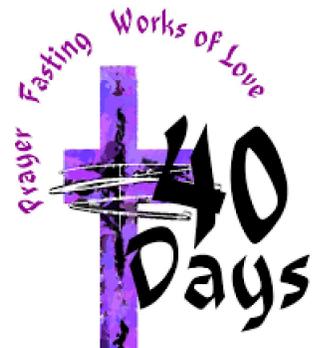


### 2018 DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

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>



## LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Edmond Ladies Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection will be on Thursday, February 15th, 8:00 am-3:00 pm (the day after Ash Wednesday). The retreat master will be Fr. Scott Chemino (Pastor of St. Anthony Church in Bunkie and Vicar-General of the Diocese of Alexandria). Coffee and donuts in the Atrium at 8:00 am; Rosary at 9:00 am; then, Fr. Chemino gives conference. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm and confessions will be heard prior to Mass. Way of the Cross and Benediction in the afternoon! Tickets are \$12.00 and include lunch and must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please send check (No later than February 8th) to: RaNelle Simon; 116 Delmar Drive; Lafayette, LA 70506 Phone: 337-232-2849 or 337-258-6372 (Betty Robinson). Tickets can also be purchased at the St. Edmond Church Office during office hours!

## WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB

The Washington Garden Club invites you to a "Wonderful World of Tea" this wonderful event will be held Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Wolff Banquet & Reception Hall. Tickets are \$35 dollars.

For more information  
or to purchase Tickets:

Ardoin's Store – Washington, LA  
Sebastien's Jewelry Store, Opelousas, LA  
Ethel Landreneau – 826-7337 or 945-0948  
Ginger Fontenot – 543-7432 or 831-1055  
Catherine St. Cyr - 412-5042

## COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

The *Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years* is an extraordinary and unique way to celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Beginning on Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the Square of St. Martinville. The Marathon will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday at 4:30 PM. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will begin the reading from the first chapters of Genesis and Bishop Michael Jarrell will conclude with the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation. Over 300 lectors will be needed for 20 minute intervals. Lectors from churches throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen and *Marinate* in the Word! For more information or to register as a lector please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com) or 337-394-6550. More information is available at [www.fetedieuduteche.org](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org) and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

## 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 10th here at Immaculate Conception Church from 9AM to 9PM.
- **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

## 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).

## 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  
You can reach her on her cell phone for directions at 337-945-6881



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather,  
Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha**

## MONDAY 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.



## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, like you we are members of the Father's family. We pray that our family love may reflect his love on its openness to all people. May we forgive even when not forgiven, and be patient with others' weaknesses. Jesus, give us peace, unity, and strength to meet the difficulties of daily living. May we use our family resources to improve the quality of life for ourselves and all people. Let us show joy in serving, for whatever we do for others, we do for you. Mary, inspire us, that our love may be strong but not possessive. Let our willingness to give depend on the needs of others rather than on the cost of giving. Joseph, help us to be attentive to the Father's will. Let us be ready, as you were, to act whenever her calls us.



## 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. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD

**Thursday:** Rev. Thomas Nguyen

**Monday:** Rev. Jerome Neyrey, SJ

**Friday:** Rev. Gayle Nunez

**Tuesday:** Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD

**Saturday:** Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF

**Wednesday:** Rev. James Nguyen

## 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.



**Month of February:**  
**Karen Ducote, Jill Soileau,  
Sheila Carrier & Tammy Pitre**



## SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

The death of a loved one is never easy and grief is experienced differently for everyone. The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life have formed a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group provides 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 is facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18 and meets on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337-261-5653 for more information or to register

## DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Office of Marriage and Family Life offers a 6-week divorce recovery program for those who have suffered from divorce/separation. Please visit our website, [www.diola.org/divorcerecovery](http://www.diola.org/divorcerecovery) to register or to find out more information.

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend provides a safe setting; encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit the website for more information and to register [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).



## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!

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](http://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.