

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25th, 2018

WHY THERE SHOULD BE SILENCE IN CHURCH

Holy Mother Church proclaims it to be so. Paragraph 45 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states: "Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the Church, in the Sacristy, in the Vesting Room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the Sacred Action in a devout and fitting manner."

It is disrespectful. Talking in Church is considered disrespectful of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We are in the House of God, in the Presence of God Himself in the Tabernacle, not in a coffee shop. All our thoughts and words should be directed to Him.

It teaches disrespect. When children see adults talking, giggling, and laughing in Church, especially before, during and after the Holy Mass, instead of in prayer or in silent meditation it teaches them that it is acceptable behavior, thus further eroding respect for the Blessed Sacrament in the next generation. And it is hypocritical for parents to "shush" their children while they themselves continue to talk.

It is the Sacred and Holy of House of Almighty God. It is the Lord's Sacred House, which Jesus Christ taught was "a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose. It is unholy to turn the Holy House of God into a man-made place of socializing or gossiping. The Holy House of God, where dwells the Real and True Presence of God, must be treated with ongoing reverence. Talking in Church is a violation of justice against Almighty God, for Whom we should have the greatest reverence.

It is selfish. Talking while in the Church is a selfish act and it is a violation of the virtue of justice against neighbors who are trying to pray and meditate.

It is a violation of the virtue of Charity. Talking in Church is a violation of charity, since as Christians we should be going "out of ourselves" to look after others first. Unnecessary talk in the Church is a total disrespect for one's brothers and sisters in Christ who are trying to pray, and against the faithful who seek to grow in their spiritual lives. Talking in Church falls short of manifesting love, charity, kindness and self-control, which are fruits of the Most Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22) if a person crassly and knowingly disregards others trying to pray, or worst of all does so with malice or contempt, it could even be a mortal sin against charity.

Pray for a return to respect and reverence in the Holy House of God



The Office will be closed
Holy Thursday, March 29th
and Good Friday, March 30th

- Monday – March 26th** – 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Choir Practice**
- Tuesday – March 27th** – 6:30 AM **Mass** – Special Intentions
- Wednesday – March 28th** – 6:30 AM **Mass** – Special Intentions
- Thursday – March 29th** – 6:30 PM **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper** – Brian T. Ortego, Lois Blanchard Anniversary Mass
- Friday – March 30th** – 3:00 PM **Good Friday Service** – Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard



Holy Saturday – March 31st
8:00 PM Easter Vigil (IC) Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Aubrey Soileau, Mitzie Valin Brooks, Velma Fontenot, Herman Hebert,

Easter Sunday – April 1st
7:00 AM – Mass – Onezime & Ola Matt, Clyde Soileau, J. Bailey, James Rex "Kip" Fair, Jr., Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Harry Floyd Kingsbury & Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Joseph E. Dupre, Olide Vidrine & Family, Joyce Dupre, Mike Wartelle, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wartelle, Mrs. & Mrs. Edwin Vidrine, Annie Sanchez,

9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) Mass – Parishioners

Stewardship:

3/18 **\$2,447.00**
Thank you for your generosity!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is "obedient to the point of death." Jesus' obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will.

OC NEWS

Family and friends are invited to the OC senior class presentation of the "Passion of Jesus Christ" on Palm Sunday at 7:00 pm in St. Landry Catholic Church. Another performance will be held for the student body on Monday at 9:00 am in church. Opelousas Catholic students and staff will dismiss at noon on Holy Thursday for the Easter break and will resume classes on April 9. The school family prays for the church parish families during this Holy Week.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Our deadline for accepting donations for Easter Flowers in Memory of Loved ones will be Tuesday, March 27th if you would like to make a donation, please put it in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Easter Flowers.

CONFIRMATION SUCCESS



Congratulations to the Confirmation candidates: Taylor Armand, Grantt C. Chelette, Cole Guillory, Ian J. Higginbotham, Jon T. Lewis, Kaitlyn Mire, Jordan T. Quirk, Brennan Randell, Ainsley Seals, Josie Stelly, Jon M. Thibodeaux, Taylor J. Thistlethwaite, LaDavid R. Thomas, Luke Vidrine. And a **huge** Thank you to Mrs. Pam Landreneau who taught Confirmation this year and to Mrs. Tara Mire for assisting her. Also, thank you to the Altar Society for the nice reception for Bishop Deshotel and the Confirmation recipients.

HOLY THURSDAY 3 – 29 – 6:30 PM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Joey Bordelon READER Pam Landreneau USHERS Philip Dardeau Raynold Soileau Donnie Vidrine Marcus Decou ALTAR SERVER Matthew Vidrine Assigned	EASTER VIGIL 03 – 31 – 8:00 PM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Freida Dejean Shirlene Matt Joey Bordelon READERS (1) Karen Ducote (2) Charlotte Lahaye (3) Carl Fontenot (4) Katie Fontenot (5) Janice Deshotel (6) Madison Ardoin (7) Jan Terhune (Epistle) June Inhern USHERS Nicky Dejean Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou Mike Vidrine ALTAR SERVER Assigned	EASTER SUNDAY 04 – 01 – 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Mary Alice Blanchard Pauline Vidrine Sheila Carrier READER Norma Plattsmier USHERS Donnie Vidrine Allen Vidrine Phillip Dardeau Volunteer ALTAR SERVER Elliot Landreneau	EASTER SUNDAY 04 – 01 – 9:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Bonnie Darbonne Jim Soileau Jessie Howard READER Yvette Howard USHERS Bruce Courvelle Benny Howard Gregory Doucet Tommy Leleux ALTAR SERVER Michael Darbonne
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CENTENNIAL NEWS

■ **Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel** - On March 23, 1942, the Chapel at Our Lady of Wisdom on the campus of Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) was dedicated by Archbishop Rummel of New Orleans. The original Chapel and Student Center was built to serve the needs of the 1,000 Catholics on campus. Additions were made to the Student Center and to the Chapel in 1965, adding seating to the rear of the sanctuary. Today, Our Lady of Wisdom continues to serve the spiritual needs of the 11,000 Catholics on the campus of UL.

■ **Jubilee Bible Marathon** - In honor of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette 1918-2018, the Holy Bible will be read from cover to cover in the Square of St. Martinville beginning Wednesday, April 4th at 12:30pm to Sunday, April 8th at 4:30pm - **100 hours for 100 years!!!** All are invited to come and participate in this Proclamation of the Foundation of our Faith. Come and marinate in the word. For more information or to sign up as a Reader, call Fr. Michael Champagne at 337-394-6550. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as much as possible of this extraordinary event.

■ **3rd Centennial Deanery Mass** will be on April 13th at 6:30pm at St. Mary Magdalen. St. Mary Magdalen is our oldest Church Parish in the West Deanery and the 8th oldest canonically established Church Parish in the Diocese. Our Centennial Year is well underway and all Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Mass and reception with Bishop Deshotel. On April 13 in 1918, Jules B. Jeanmard, who was then the Administrator of the Diocese of New Orleans, was sub delegated by the Apostolic Delegate to carry out and begin the actual work of forming the Diocese of Lafayette. Thus we continue to celebrate our history and hear the call of God for today and tomorrow in our Diocese. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome into the Church through the Rite of Infant baptism, **Bonnie Rhae Runyan, Child of William R. Runyan & Tobi Deshotel**. This child was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on Saturday, March 17th. **Congratulations and blessings!**

FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Holy Communion Practice** will be Saturday, May 12th from 10:00AM - 11:00AM. Parents should make every effort to attend practice with your child that morning.
- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 13th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.



ANTIQUA FAIR & YARD SALE

Many visitors come to Washington for the Spring Antiqua Fair which will be April 13th thru April 15th. Parking will be available at our church for a suggested \$5.00 donation in an effort to defray parish expenses. If you can volunteer that weekend to welcome visitors, cook and serve hamburgers, bake and sell desserts, direct parking, etc., please contact Ms. Norma Plattsmier or the office at 826-7396

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 3:00 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



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Chip Ardoin, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois,



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.

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| Sunday: | Rev. Bryce Sibley | Thursday: | Rev. Joseph Stemmann |
| Monday: | Rev. Gregory Simien | Friday: | Rev. Michael Sucharski, SV |
| Tuesday: | Rev. Jody Simoneaux | Saturday: | Very Rev. Jared Suire, VE |
| Wednesday: | Rev. Cedric Sonnier | | |



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 IN DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family. The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church. The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage. May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children. Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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.



CLEANING COMPANY

Our dedicated scrubbers for the month of April include: Sis Ortego, Ethel Landreneau, Kathleen Deprimo and Linda Doucet. **Thank you, ladies!**

If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, please contact the office or Ethel Landreneau.



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 to register or to find out more information.

RETROUVILLE WEEKEND

Retrouville 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.

PROPER ATTIRE FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Short pants, tank tops, flip flops, and tattered clothing are inappropriate for Sacred Worship of the Almighty Triune God. Thank you for cooperating in the effort to teach and return to modesty and reverence in the Holy House of Almighty God. Please be attentive to children's attire; we must teach the youth the importance of Sacred Reverence. Adults and children must never wear revealing tops, shorts, or tattered clothing while in God's Holy House. **"Certain fashions will be introduced which will offend our Lord very much..."**

Our Lady of Fatima in 1917

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 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.