

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 1st, 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

FR. MATTHEW – OUT OF TOWN

This week Fr. Matthew will be out of town. As such, *weekday Masses* will be cancelled at Immaculate Conception from Tuesday, April 3rd through Friday, April 6th. Fr. Matthew regrets this inconvenience.

Monday – April 2nd – 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Choir Practice**
Tuesday – April 3rd – 6:30 AM Mass – **No Mass Today**
Wednesday – April 4th – 6:30 AM Mass – **No Mass Today**
Thursday – April 5th – 6:30 AM Mass – **No Mass Today**
Friday – April 6th – 6:30 AM Mass – **No Mass Today**

Saturday – April 7th First Saturday –

8:00 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 4:00 PM Mass – Lois & Claude Blanchard, John L. Speyrer, Mrs. Addie Wartelle, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, Joyce Fontenot, Jack Thibodeaux, Jay Sylvester, Lisa Delafosse, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Aubrey Soileau, Betty Sparks, Mitzie Valin Brooks, Godfrey Mayeux, Mr. & Mrs. Hilray Soileau, Gerald and Leo Soileau,

Sunday – April 8th

7:00 AM – Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau, Mary Landry, Raymond Dupre, Joann Okeson, Carlos, Ray Macip, & Russell Humphries, Clyde Soileau,
9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) Mass – Parishioners

Stewardship: 3/25 \$2,491.00
Thank you for your generosity!

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Jesus is nowhere visible.

Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" – seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen – from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan – to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see [Luke 24:27,44](#)). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them – that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," which today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see [Luke 20:17](#); [Matthew 21:42](#); [Acts 4:11](#)). We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come – the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

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.

4-7-18 4:00pm EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

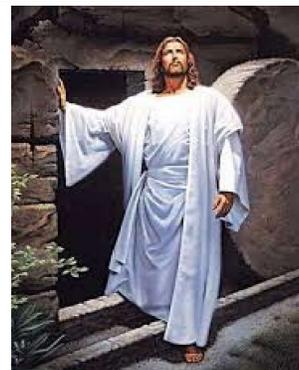
Clara Darbonne
 Evelina Soileau
 Vine Mayeux
READER
 Claudia Blanchard
USHERS
 Merlin Valin
 Herman Bidstrup
 Marlene Beauxis
 Raynold Soileau
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

4-8-18 7:00am EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Joey Bordelon
 Brenda Baque
 Shirlene Matt
READER
 Merryle Soileau
USHERS
 Donnie Vidrine
 Pauline Vidrine
 Allen Vidrine
 Phillip Dardeau
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

4-8-18 9:00am EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Don Simoneaux
 Bonnie Darbonne
 Jessie Howard
READER
 Rhonda Bordelon
USHERS
 Tommy LeLeux
 Nicky Dejean
 Mike Vidrine
 Bruce Courvelle
ALTAR SERVER
 Michael Darbonne



OC NEWS

The OCS family wishes everyone a very Happy and Holy Easter! Classes will resume after Easter break on April 9. Opelousas Catholic School is registered with the South Louisiana Giving Day on May 10th through the Community Foundation of Acadiana. OCS asks for your support by joining the #GiveSOLA movement. Schedule your donation now at www.southlouisianagivingday.org. May God bless our generous supporters!



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

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, 2018, 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, April 8, 2018, at 4:30 PM. For more info. Or to register as a lector, please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or (337) 394-6550. More information is available at www.fetedieuduteche.org and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The Annual Mother's Day of Reflection will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Immaculata Center at 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, La. The day will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. The cost for the day is \$25.00 which includes your lunch and materials for the day. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Deshotel. Missy Polozola will be our guest speaker and will speak on Fiat: A Modern Day Journey with Our Lady Down the Road of Devotion and Prayer. Pre-registration is required no later than April 27th. For more information or to register visit: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4c09b6> or go to our website www.diola.org/marriage

CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

You are invited to join Bishop Douglas Deshotel and other pilgrims as we travel to Nova Scotia on August 27, 2018, to rediscover our heritage and faith. It will be an unforgettable journey. Hope you can make it.

For more information: E-mail: info@holyltravels.org Phone: 337.291.1933
Toll-free: 877.454.7469 Fax: 337.291.1935

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 Baimsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Laffleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Chip Ardoin, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois,

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

*Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.*

*Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen*



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: Pope Francis

Thursday: Rev. Brian Taylor

Monday: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Friday: Rev. Joseph Tetlow, SJ

Tuesday: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

Saturday: Rev. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ

Wednesday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

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.



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.

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.