

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Second Sunday Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 8th, 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

<p>Monday – April 9th</p> <p>Tuesday – April 10th</p> <p>Wednesday – April 11th</p> <p>Thursday – April 12th</p> <p>Friday – April 13th</p> <p>Saturday – April 14th</p> <p>4:00 PM Mass –</p> <p>Sunday – April 15th</p> <p>7:00 AM Mass –</p> <p>9:00 AM Mass –</p> <p>11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) –</p>	<p>–5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country</p> <p>6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>–6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions</p> <p>–6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions</p> <p>–6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions</p> <p>–6:30 AM Mass – Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard</p> <p>Lois & Claude Blanchard, Curry Landreneau, Brian T. Ortego, Herbert Ortego, Jr., Jay Ortego, Lane Ortego, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Aubrey Soileau, Clyde Doucet, Mitzie Valin Brooks, Velma Fontenot, Fr. Ralph Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Ortego, Sr., Willie Chelette, The Henry Pitre Family, Elmer & Hazel Brooks, Sally Shawn,</p> <p>Clyde Soileau Buster & Edna Plattsmier,</p> <p>For the People</p> <p>– Parishioners</p>	
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist which strengthens and sustains them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

THE CHAPLET

Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).

In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."

CENTENNIAL NEWS



- Faith Established in Louisiana - On April 9, 1682, Robert Sieur de la Salle claimed the lower Mississippi Valley for France and for God by planting the cross on Louisiana soil. Spanish explorers had travelled the area over 150 years before, but made no claims to territory. It was April, 1793, when the Archdiocese of New Orleans was created. Its original title was "The Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas." And it was on April 13, 1918 that the announcement of the creation of the Diocese of Lafayette was made public by the administrator of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Fr. Jules Jeanmard.
- 3rd Centennial Deanery Mass will be on April 13th at 6:30pm at St. Mary Magdelen. St. Mary Magdelen 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. A multi-cultural musical celebration will begin in church at 6pm before the Mass.

4-14-18 4:00 PM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Ruth Montgomery
Jane Thibodeaux
Catherine Courvelle

READER

Carl Fontenot

USHERS

Marcus Decou
Merlin Valin
Herman Bidstrup
Marlene Beauxis

ALTAR SERVER

Matthew Vidrine

4-15-18 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sheila Carrier
Albert Ortego
Sis Ortego

READER

Norma Guillory

USHERS

Phillip Dardeau
Donnie Vidrine
Allen Vidrine
Volunteer

ALTAR SERVER

Elliot Landreneau

4-15-18 9:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Pam Landreneau
Rick Ortego
Jim Soileau

READER

Amanda Bertrand

USHERS

Gregory Doucet
Jessie Howard
Benny Howard
Gary Wilson

ALTAR SERVER

Michael Darbonne



OC NEWS

OCS congratulates all students on their Confirmation this weekend. Recent Senate election results for 2018-2019 include Senior Senators: Morgan Charles, Destiny Broussard, Amanda Knott, and Madeleine Sylvester; Junior Senators: Lora Charles, Mary Collins, Amy Claire Miller, and Katie Wagley; Sophomore Senators: Taylor Gautreaux, Aubry Hidalgo, Ivory Luna, and Emily Richard; and Freshman Senators: Rhett Bergeron, Anna Kate Emonet, Marilyn Moody, and Jaren St. Clair. The 2017-2018 Angel Appeal Drive for OCS continues through June 1. Gifts may be mailed in or given online. From this year's gifts, new chrome books are being purchased for the classrooms. Check the school website at www.OCSvikings.com for more information.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 22nd after the 9 a.m. Mass, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the Church grounds! Shortly after the traffic clears from the (*eager-to-get-home-heavy-footed-driver*) Mass crowd, the young children will be given bags to collect the eggs. Hope you can hang out with us!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome into the Church through the Rite of Infant baptism **Liam Hazley**, Child of Jason J. Hazley and Mariah Hanna. This child was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on Saturday, March 31st. Congratulations and blessings!



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.

FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Holy Communion Practice** will be **Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00pm – 7:00pm** and **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.



BURGER SALE & ANTIQUE FAIR

Many visitors will come to Washington on Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th for the spring Antique Fair. Parking will be available at our church for a suggested \$5.00 donation in an effort to defray parish expenses. Hamburgers will be sold on Friday and Saturday. Drinks, chips, and sweets will be available as well. Help us spread the word. If you'd like to volunteer, please speak with Mrs. Norma Plattsmier or call the Church Office.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

This weekend healing retreat is for those suffering abortion aftermath. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next retreat will be offered October 5-7, 2018.

Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Rachel's Vineyard can help you find your inner voice and experience God's love and compassion on a profound level. It creates a place where men and women can share, often for the first time, their deepest feelings about abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering from abortion's aftermath, please call 337-261-5607. Pre-registration is required. For more information visit <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

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.

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

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



The purpose of the Prayer Blanket Ministry is to cover the recipient in prayers. Members of this ministry sew blankets in their homes while praying for those who will be receiving them. The Prayer Blanket will be blessed by Father and is a reminder of our parish's prayer for those who receive them. Blankets can benefit those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. 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.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



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

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. Jude Thierry

Thursday: Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD

Monday: Rev. Clint Trahan

Friday: Rev. Eugene Tremie

Tuesday: Rev. Harold Trahan

Saturday: Rev. Stephen Ugwu

Wednesday: Rev. Nicholas Trahan

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.

CLEANING COMPANY

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



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.