

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

### April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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*

- Monday – April 16<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 PM – Rosary for our Country  
(New Time)
- Tuesday – April 17<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
(New day)
- Wednesday – April 18<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Brian T. Ortego
- Thursday – April 19<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
- Friday – April 20<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Emile Richard Family,  
Grace Richard
- Saturday – April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
4:00 PM Mass – Francis, Zim & Chris Dupre, Lois & Claude Blanchard,  
Jack Thibodeaux, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Aubrey Soileau,  
J. Bailey, Mitzie Valin Brooks, Jack Fisher Anniversary Mass
- Sunday – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:00 AM Mass – J.A & Rose Latiolais, Clyde Soileau, Brian T. Ortego  
9:00 AM Mass – For the People  
11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners

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*Thank you for your generosity!*

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The stewardship questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?



#### CENTENNIAL NEWS

■ **Our Lady of Fatima Established** - On April 17, 1949, Bishop Jeanmard responded to the growing population of the city of Lafayette by creating the parish of Our Lady of Fatima. It was carved out of the Cathedral parish. At the time, Lafayette already had five parishes including the Cathedral, St. Paul, St. Genevieve, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Our Lady of Wisdom. In less than ten years, the parish was able to build the current church building which was dedicated in 1958. In time, other parishes would be carved out of Fatima. These include St. Jules, Holy Cross, St. Edmond, and St. Mary.

■ The year 2018 is joyous and wonderful for in this year we are privileged to celebrate 100 years of Catholicism, 100 years of spreading the Love of God to the people of South Louisiana by providing the sacraments, celebrating Mass, encouraging the afflicted, visiting the sick and comforting the dying. These have been 100 years of blessing for all of us who have had the privilege to be the face of God to the people of Acadiana. As we celebrate, however, it is also important to recognize that there have been times when those who have been called to ministry in order that the Lord's forgiveness, healing and peace may be experienced by all have been the causes of much pain and suffering within our community. In order that through the joy of our celebration, those who have been hurt by the Church's ministers may not be forgotten, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel and the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette wish to recognize, as part of our Century of Love, those among us who deserve our continued prayers, support and love as they heal from the wounds of abuse at the hands of those, who, by virtue of orders, were called to be ministers of the Church. To this end, at a prayer service for all victims of abuse in any form, Bishop Deshotel invites the people of the Diocese of Lafayette to join him in a Eucharistic Prayer Service and a dedication of a monument that will serve as a reminder to all of our constant need to keep in prayer all those who have been hurt by the Church's ministers. The Prayer Service and Dedication Ceremony will take place at 6pm on Friday, April 27, 2018 in front of Immaculata Chapel, adjacent to the Diocese of Lafayette Central Office, 1408 Carmel Drive in Lafayette. All are invited to this prayerful event.

<p><b>4-21-18 4:00 PM</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Evelina Soileau Clara Darbonne Vine Mayeux <b>READER</b> Jan Terhune <b>USHERS</b> Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou Merlin Valin Herman Bidstrup <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Matthew Vidrine</p>	<p><b>4-22-18 7:00 AM</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Winn Plattsmier Pauline Vidrine Mary Alice Blanchard <b>READER</b> Norma Plattsmier <b>USHERS</b> Pauline Vidrine Donnie Vidrine Allen Vidrine Phillip Dardeau <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Elliot Landreneau</p>	<p><b>4-22-18 9:00 AM</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Freida Dejean Don Simoneaux Bonnie Darbonne <b>READER</b> Katie Fontenot <b>USHERS</b> Nicky Dejean Tommy LeLeux Mike Vidrine Bruce Courvelle <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Michael Darbonne</p>	
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## OC NEWS

OCS students will be taking the Aspire tests this week. In addition, fourteen high school students will be competing at the State Literary Rally on the LSU campus this Saturday. We wish them all the best!

Congratulations to Reid LaBruyere for being named to the LHSAA All-Academic Composite Team for swimming and tennis in Division IV. Remember the South Louisiana Giving Day on May 10. OCS asks for your support by scheduling your donation now at [www.southlouisianagivingday.org](http://www.southlouisianagivingday.org). God bless!

## MONDAY ROSARY

All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 6:00 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm – 7:00pm** and **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>** during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.

## 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.diolf.org/marriage](http://www.diolf.org/marriage)

## LIL' ANGELS' CAMP

Queen of Angels Lil' Angels' Camp is scheduled for July 9th thru July 13th, 2018 from 8am to 12noon. Registration will begin on May 1st, 2018 at the Parish Office. The deadline for registering is June 8th, 2018.

## FETE-DIEU DU VERMILION

Join us Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM for this beautiful Eucharistic Procession along the Vermilion River! This special procession, sponsored by the Community of Jesus Crucified will be held in conjunction with the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, Patroness of the Acadiana.

The celebration will begin with a Mass in French at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Abbeville. After Mass, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament will then proceed to the boat landing. A boat carrying the monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament leaves the boat landing to begin the Fete-Dieu du Vermilion. The procession will make several stops along the way to recite the Rosary and for Benediction. The boat procession will end at the Beaver Park Boat Landing and precede on foot to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for Mass of the Assumption with Bishop Douglas Deshotel. For more information, call Father Michael Champagne at 337-394-6550 or email [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com).

## 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@holytravels.org](mailto:info@holytravels.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/>

## 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, Donald Robertson, Taylor Duplechain

## 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.*



## 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. Jason Vidrine

**Thursday:** Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ

**Monday:** Rev. Richard Vidrine

**Friday:** Rev. Arthur Warren

**Tuesday:** Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF

**Saturday:** Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ

**Wednesday:** Rev. Thomas Vu

## 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**



## 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

## 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!**



## 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.