

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22nd, 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 23rd – 6:00 PM – Rosary for our Country (New Time)
Tuesday – April 24th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice (New day)
Wednesday – April 25th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
Thursday – April 26th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
Friday – April 27th – 6:30 AM Mass – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard

Stewardship:

4/15 \$2,663.00
 Antique Fair: \$3,022.50

Thank you for your generosity!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort?

OC NEWS

Thank you to all of our "angels" who have contributed to our Angel Appeal Drive thus far and those who participated in our cookie dough sales. Four carts and 30 of our 60 chrome books have been purchased with the next 30 units being ordered soon. The appeal drive continues through June 1. Other "angels" may mail in a gift or contribute online through the school's web site at www.OCSvikings.com. May God bless all for helping to equip more of our classrooms with chrome books!

Congratulations to Danielle Leblanc who was named to the All-Acadiana Girls' Basketball Team and to Gavin Armstrong who just signed a swimming scholarship to Ouachita Baptist University!

<p>4-28-18 4:00PM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Ruth Montgomery Jane Thibodeaux Catherine Courvelle READER Madison Ardoin USHERS Marlene Beauxis Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou Merlin Valin ALTAR SERVER Matthew Vidrine</p>	<p>4-29-18 7:00AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Winn Plattsmier Albert Ortego Sis Ortego READER Donna Dardeau USHERS Donnie Vidrine Pauline Vidrine Allen Vidrine Phillip Dardeau ALTAR SERVER Elliot Landreneau</p>	<p>4-29-18 9:00AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jessie Howard Pam Landreneau Rick Ortego READER Charlotte LaHaye USHERS Gregory Doucet Benny Howard Gary Wilson Tommy LeLeux ALTAR SERVER Michael Darbonne</p>
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CENTENNIAL NEWS



■ **Bishop Provost Ordained - On April 23, 2007**, another native son of would be ordained for the Episcopacy. Msgr. Glen John Provost, a native of Lafayette, was serving as Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, when he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to serve as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Bishop Provost was ordained by Archbishop Hughes of New Orleans. His Co-Consecrators were Bishop Jarrell and Bishop Speyrer, who served as the first Bishop of Lake Charles. Bishop Jarrell and Bishop Speyrer are both native sons to the Diocese, from Opelousas and Leonville respectively.

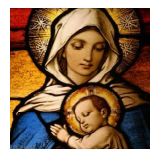
■ The year 2018 is joyous and wonderful for in this year we are privileged to celebrate 100 years of Catholicism, 100 years of spreading the Love of God to the people of South Louisiana by providing the sacraments, celebrating Mass, encouraging the afflicted, visiting the sick and comforting the dying. 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 cause 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.

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.



NOVENA FOR MOTHERS



The novena of prayer for all mothers living and deceased will start on Saturday, May 5th through the Sunday of Mother's Day, May 13th. There will be a petition for mothers during the intercessions at each Mass. Pray with us for mothers during these 9 days. If you would like to have your mother remembered, please make a donation and return it in the collection basket. During Mother's Day weekend we will include a bulletin insert with the names of the living and deceased mothers for whom we received a donation. Any amount may be offered. **The deadline to have names printed on the bulletin insert will be Wednesday, May 9th.** Monies will be used for beautifying our church campus, because "moms like things looking nice."

ANTIQUA FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped fundraise during the Antiqua Fair weekend by selling BBQ hamburgers, sweets, water and accepting donations for parking. We made \$3022!

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.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The Annual Mother's Day of Reflection will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Immaculate 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

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.

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-abortive 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/>

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 and our newest one for Parent Intercessors. 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

Newest Meeting: For Parent Intercessors

Thursday Evening from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Katie Fontenot's home. You can reach her on her cell phone for directions 308-3541 or the Church office 826-7396



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome into the Church through the Rite of Infant baptism, **Kate Anniston Brown**, child of Paul M. Brown & Katie Diaville. This child was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on Saturday, April 14th. Congratulations and blessings!

We also welcome into the Church through the Rite of Infant baptism, **Sophie Ruth Martin**, child of John R. Martin & Piper Hardy. This child was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on Sunday, April 15th. Congratulations and blessings!

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

Prayer Request: Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bainsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, Donald Robertson, Taylor Duplechain, John E. Leblanc, Julie Mendel,

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. Travis Abadie

Thursday: Rev. Msgr. Robert Angelle

Monday: Rev. Lawrence Abara

Friday: Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF

Tuesday: Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSP

Saturday: Rev. Michael Arnaud

Wednesday: Rev. Alexander Albert

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 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.