

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### April 29<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 30<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 PM – Rosary for our Country (New Time)  
**Tuesday – May 1<sup>st</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice (New day)  
**Wednesday – May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
**Thursday – May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions  
**Friday – May 4<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 AM Mass – First Friday  
 Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard, Altar Society  
 Living & Deceased members, Brian T. Ortego,  
 7:00 – 8:00 AM – Adoration  
**Saturday – May 5<sup>th</sup> First Saturday –**  
**8:00 AM Mass** – Special Intentions  
**4:00 PM Mass** – J.A. & Rose Latiolais, Lois & Claude Blanchard, John L. Speyrer, Mrs. Addie Wartelle, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, Joyce Fontenot, Jack Thibodeaux, Jay Sylvester Anniversary Mass, Poke Courville & Deceased Family, Lisa Delafosse, Aubrey Soileau, J. Bailey, Betty Sparks, Chip Ardoin, Jude Thibodeaux,  
**Sunday – May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 AM Mass** – Curry Landreneau, Onezime & Ola Matt, Clyde Soileau, James Rex "Kip" Fair Jr., Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
**9:00 AM Mass** – For the People  
**11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity)** – Parishioners

**Stewardship:**  
**4/22 \$1,657.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement in today's Gospel reading: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Jesus Christ offers us the fullness of eternal life. Do our lives reveal that this is what we want? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding we not only produce "good fruit," but abide in the very life of God?

<b>5-5-18 4:00pm</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b> Clara Darbonne Evelina Soileau Vine Mayeux <b>READER</b> Janice Deshotels <b>USHERS</b> Herman Bidstrup Marlene Beauxis Raynold Soileau Marcus Decou <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Matthew Vidrine	<b>5-6-18 7:00am</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b> Pauline Vidrine Brenda Baque Mary Ann Blanchard <b>READER</b> Merryle Soileau <b>USHERS</b> Phillip Dardeau Volunteer Allen Vidrine Donnie Vidrine <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Elliot Landreneau	<b>5-6-18 9:00am</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b> Jim Soileau Freida DeJean Don Simoneaux <b>READER</b> Lennie Buller <b>USHERS</b> Jessie Howard Nicky Dejean Mike Vidrine Bruce Courville <b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Michael Darbonne
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#### CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **Holy Rosary Institute is Blessed** - On April 26, 1914, four years before the Diocese of Lafayette was created, Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans blessed the newly built structure of Holy Rosary Institute. The school was made possible by the work of Fr. Philip Keller and the financial support of St. Katharine Drexel, who donated \$10,500 to build the new school for African American young women. The school would be operated by the Sisters of the Holy Family, an African American Religious Order founded by Mother Henriette Delille. In 1947, the school began admitting male students. Holy Rosary Institute was closed in 1993, after almost 80 years of service in education.
- **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit our Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer is in the Cathedral at the front doors at the Centennial table or you may print it from the diocesan webpage (available in various languages on webpage).

#### OC NEWS

Opelousas Catholic Principal Marty Heintz is pleased to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Meche has been appointed "Assistant Principal of Academics" for 2018-2019 to oversee grades 6-12.

Congratulations also to the senior leaders elected for next year: Marsha Savage, Student Body President; Destiny Broussard, Senate President; and Alyssa Chachere, Senior Class President.

OCS is one of the non-profits listed for the South Louisiana Giving Day on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a 24-hour, online fundraising event, inspiring the community to come together to contribute to local nonprofits, including schools. Donors can visit [www.SouthLouisianaGivingDay.org](http://www.SouthLouisianaGivingDay.org) to schedule a donation. May God bless everyone for helping OCS purchase more chrome books for the classrooms!

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Thanks to Mary Doucet for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt which followed the 9:00 AM Sunday morning Mass on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



#### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome into the Church through the Rite of Infant baptism, Bevy Claire Heinen, child of Jade N. Heinen & Emily Parker. This child was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations and blessings!

#### 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.**

## NOVENA FOR MOTHERS

The novena of prayer for all mothers living and deceased will start on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through the Sunday of Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a petition for mothers during the intercessions at each Mass. Pray with us for mothers during these 9 days. The deadline to have names printed on the bulletin insert Mother's Day weekend will be Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Monies will be used for beautifying our church campus, because "moms like things looking nice."

## LIL' ANGELS' CAMP

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat hosted by Everyday Missionaries to be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Dupont, LA from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This year's theme is "Be They. Be Compassion." (Luke 5:19). A \$25.00 Registration fee will be accepted until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a limit so please register early. Lunch is included. Also, all are invited to attend 4:30 pm mass. For more information visit [www.everydaymissionaries.com/retreats](http://www.everydaymissionaries.com/retreats)

## 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@holyltravels.org](mailto: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 Intercissors. 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 Intercissors**

**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



## 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 Bainsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Leva, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, Donald Robertson, Taylor Duplechain, John E. Leblanc, Julie Mendel, Michelle Henry

## 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. Borgia Aubespin, SVD **Thursday:** Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
**Monday:** Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ **Friday:** Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
**Tuesday:** Pope Francis **Saturday:** Rev. Matthew Barzare  
**Wednesday:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.*

*So precious are we in your sight  
that you sent your Son, Jesus.*

*Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,  
to dry the tears of those who mourn,  
to give hope to those who despair,  
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.*

*We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.  
Help us to know how.*

*Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.*

*With our hearts you continue to love your people.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one 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 May include:**

*Jane Thibodeaux, Paula Splane, and Lois Bertrand, Thank you, ladies!* If you're interested in being on a monthly rotation cleaning crew, please contact the office or Mrs. Ethel Landreneau.



## 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.



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