

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

The Ascension of Lord

May 13th, 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 Holy 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

Office will be closed Friday, May 18th

- Monday – May 14th** – 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
Tuesday – May 15th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Wednesday – May 16th – 6:30 AM Mass – Ann Tate Anniversary Mass
Thursday – May 17th – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
Friday – May 18th – 6:30 AM Mass – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard, Brian T. Ortego,

Office Closed

Saturday – May 19th
4:00 PM Mass – Francis, Zim & Chris Dupre, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Herbert Ortego, Jr., Jay Ortego, Lane Ortego, Jack Thibodeaux, Aubrey Soileau, Chip Ardoin, Max Parker, Bobby Woodson, Alice "ticky" McClelland, Felton & Ena Meche,

Sunday – May 20th
7:00 AM Mass – Clyde Soileau, Buster & Edna Plattsmier, Brian T. Ortego, Chip Ardoin, Marla Pitre Anniversary Mass,
9:00 AM – For the People
11:00 AM Mass (Holy Trinity) – Parishioners

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

5/19/2018 4:00PM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	5/20/2018 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	5/20/2018 9:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Clara Darbonne	Winn Plattsmier	Pam Landreneau
Evelina Soileau	Albert Ortego	Jim Soileau
Vine Mayeux	Sis Ortego	Freida Dejean
READER	READER	READER
Ethel Landreneau	Norma Plattsmier	Evelyn Hanna
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Marcus Decou	Allen Vidrine	Nicky DeJean
Merlin Valine	Donnie Vidrine	Jessie Howard
Herman Bidstrup	Phillip Dardeau	Mike Vidrine
Marlene Beauxis	Pauline Vidrine	Bruce Courvelle
ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Matthew Vidrine	Elliot Landreneau	Michael Darbonne

CENTENNIAL NEWS



■ **Fourth Bishop Installed** - On May 13, 1989, Pope John Paul II accepted the retirement of Bishop Gerard Frey who had overseen the Diocese for 16 years. Bishop Harry Flynn succeeded Bishop Frey and became the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. Bishop Flynn, a native of the Diocese of Albany, New York, had served as Coadjutor Bishop in Lafayette for almost three years. His episcopal motto was "Come Lord Jesus" from Revelation 22:20. He served as Bishop of Lafayette until 1994 when he was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

■ **Centennial Items** – a limited amount of Centennial Memorabilia has been designed and created for this Centennial Year and can be purchased at Crossroads Bookstore and Acadian Religious Store (both in Lafayette), Diocese of Lafayette Central Office (1408 Carmel Ave), St. Martin de Tours Church (St. Martinville) and Queen of Angels Church (Opelousas). Items can also be views on the Diocesan Centennial Webpage.

OC NEWS



Some very important events are set for this week: Athletic Awards, Monday at 6 pm; Senior Awards Banquet, Wednesday at 6 pm; High School Awards Program (grades 9-11), Thursday at 8 am; and the Graduation Mass and Ceremony on Friday at 6 pm in St. Landry Catholic Church. May God bless our graduates of 2018!

OCS commends the Varsity Baseball Team for clinching the District Championship! In tennis, congratulations to Taylor Thistlethwaite, Regional Champion in boys' singles and Marsha Savage, Regional 2nd place in girls' singles. **Happy Mother's Day!**

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOTHERS



*Loving God, we ask your blessing on all mothers.
 May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom,
 Strength and selfless love.*

For new mothers with new responsibilities; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family; For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; For those whose children have left home; For those whose desire to be a mother has not yet been fulfilled.

*Bless all mothers that their love may be
 Deep and tender, and that they may lead their
 Children to know and love God.*

Amen.



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.

2ND 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 3rd. 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

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.

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan Genocide survivor and New York Times bestseller, is coming to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Eunice, Louisiana August 3 and 4, 2018. Tickets are available at www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats

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

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 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM 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



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 Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell, Vicki Chelette, Maurice Francois, Donald Robertson, Taylor Duplechain, John E. Leblanc, Julie Mendel, Michelle Henry, Glenda Pitre, Liz Bourque Constantino, Charley Fruge Arnaud, Brian Olivier

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. Howard Blessing **Thursday:** Rev. James Brady, JCL

Monday: Rev. Kevin Bordelon **Friday:** Rev. Joseph Brasseaux, OSB

Tuesday: Millard Boyer **Saturday:** Rev. John (Buddy) Breaux

Wednesday: Rev. James Bradley, SJ



MONTH OF OUR LADY

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother

of God, pray for us sinners, now,

and at the hour of our death. Amen"

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 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.