

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Rosary: Tuesday through Friday at 5:25 p.m.

First Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass + Adoration

First Saturday: 7:00 a.m. Mass + Devotions

MINISTRY TO SICK & SHUT-INS

Please notify the parish office that someone is sick and would like to receive the sacraments.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon (Español)
6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m. in Church

First Friday: 8:00 a.m. in Church

First Saturday: 7:00 a.m. in Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Any time by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest or deacon six months in advance. Please call the parish office to make an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/EL BAUTISMO

Baptisms are on the fourth Saturday of each month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in English. Bautizos en español el tercer sábado del mes a las una de la tarde. Please call the parish office for information.

Pastor's Corner

Pope Francis has designated this year to St. Joseph. It would seem that a focus on men, especially husbands and fathers would be important during this year. St. Joseph is a wonderful model to guide men in developing a fuller and deeper life. The Men's Day of Prayer has grown in popularity in the Archdiocese over the last decade. The Manresa retreats for men has been very popular for men for well over 50 years. The Marriage and Family Life office of the Archdiocese has been focusing on men's groups and programs to accompany men on this incredible journey. I would encourage you to check out the different opportunities which can be found on the archdiocesan website under the office of Marriage and Family Life. St. Joseph is also there to guide us back to life when we have lost our way to the evils of the world. There is always hope!!! The second collection this weekend is for the retirement fund for the priests of New Orleans. I pray we all feel a deep sense of gratitude for the faithful service of the presbyterate of New Orleans. Please be generous. I finally saw the monument to immigrants, which is now at Notre Dame Seminary. It is very impressive. I began to ponder the image of the US being the city on the hill, specially chosen by God. We love the felling of this imagine, but how often do we ponder its true meaning. Isaiah prophesized nearly 3,000 years ago that this was Israel was such a place and people. He went on to say that all people will come streaming to this mountain for a banquet beyond belief. The Israelites didn't like this image of foreigners coming into their land, so they killed Isaiah. God's great love of the poor, the marginalized and the outcast is often beyond our ability to comprehend. May we learn from St. Joseph who found a place of refuge for his family in Egypt when they had to flee.

Love, Fr. Jimmy

El Rincón Del Pastor

El Papa Francisco ha designado este año a San José. Parecería que es un enfoque en los hombres, especialmente los esposos y los padres sería importante durante este año. San José es un modelo maravilloso para guiar a los hombres en el desarrollo de una vida más plena y profunda. El Día de oración de los hombres ha crecido en popularidad en la Arquidiócesis en la última década. Los retiros de Manresa para hombres han sido muy populares para los hombres durante más de 50 años. La oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis se ha centrado en grupos y programas masculinos para acompañar a los hombres en este increíble viaje. Les animo a que revisen las diferentes oportunidades que se pueden encontrar en el sitio web arquidiocesano bajo la oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar. San José también está allí para guiarnos de vuelta a la vida cuando hemos perdido el camino a los males del mundo. Siempre hay esperanza!!!

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para el fondo de jubilación para los sacerdotes de Nueva Orleans. Ruego que todos sintamos un profundo sentimiento de gratitud por el servicio fiel del presbiterio de Nueva Orleans. Por favor, sean generoso.

Finalmente vi el monumento a los inmigrantes, que ahora está en el Seminario de Notre Dame. Es muy impresionante. Empecé a meditar en la imagen de los Estados Unidos siendo la ciudad en la colina, especialmente elegida por Dios. Nos encanta el sentimiento de esta imagen, pero con qué frecuencia reflexionamos sobre su verdadero significado. Isaías profetizó hace casi 3.000 años que Israel era un lugar y un pueblo. Agregó que todas las personas vendrán corriendo a esta montaña para un banquete más allá de lo que se cree. A los israelitas no les gustó esta imagen de extranjeros que entraban en su tierra, así que mataron a Isaías. El gran amor de Dios por los pobres, y los marginados a menudo está más allá de nuestra capacidad de comprender. Que aprendamos de San José que encontró un lugar de refugio para su familia en Egipto cuando tuvieron que huir.

Con Amor, Padre Jimmy

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS: Good parents do everything they can to take care of their children. Though they hope it never would be necessary, they would sacrifice their own lives to save their children. If their toddler ran out into the street they would run after them without thinking to save them from danger. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the same. While on earth, he lived his life in service of others, ultimately laying down his life to save us from danger of sin and evil. Unlike a shepherd for hire, who will abandon the sheep if danger arises, Jesus cares for his sheep as a parent cares for their children. Unlike other shepherds who care only for their own sheep, the Good Shepherd regards all God's children as his sheep, whether they belong to the fold or not. We are children of God, as John wrote in his letter. We share in the power that comes from Jesus, as Peter testified. God calls us each to live our life to serve others, like a good parent, like the Good Shepherd, taking care of others, for all are daughters and sons of God.



Mass Intentions for this week -

April 25th

Saturday, April 24th

4:00 p.m.: Nestor Luis Casanova,
Richard Romaine, Sr., Paul Ponthieuxm and Audrey
Plaisance.

Sunday, April 25th

8:00 a.m.: Alite & Wiley McDaniel, Carroll &
Kathleen & Ernest Hymel.

10 pm: Nathan, Elvina & Nick Dickirson, Jake
Meerman, Jack Vidrine, Michael Hinojosa, and Ralph
Hinojosa.

12 pm: Jenny Lynn Henderson

6:00 pm: Keith T Sevin, Landry & Agnes Perez
and for all Parishioners of Immaculate Conception.

Monday, April 26th

Mass @ 6:00 p.m.: Jill Ann LeBlanc &
Preston Bergeron.

Tuesday, April 27th

Mass @ 6:00 p.m.: Dewey & Keith Waguespack.

Wednesday, April 28th

Mass @ 6:00 p.m.: Anthony Binh Tran and for the
birthday of Michael Hinojosa.

Thursday, April 29th

Mass @ 6:00 pm : Mr. Steve & Mrs. Sheraden Roth and
for the Souls in Purgatory.

Friday, April 30th

Mass @ 6:00 p.m.: Elvire Estay Scioneaux

Vigil Lights for the week of April 25th



Blessed Sacrament in loving memory of James J.
Jeanfreau, Sr.



St. Joseph in loving memory of Myra
Bellanger LaChute.



Blessed Mother in loving memory of
Elvire Estay Scioneau



SANCTUARY CLEANING

Cleaning schedule: May 1, Group A: M
Aguilar, M Dearstine, T Huezo, K Liljeberg, S
Martinez.

**We are accepting your annual dues of
\$10.00, please place it in an envelope
marked for LAS dues.** Thank you for all you
do to keep God's house in good order.

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

Envelopes.....\$3,591.00

Loose.....\$1,115.00

Total Collection.....\$4,706.00

Thank you for your generosity!

IN REMEMBRANCE:

Please keep all the faithful departed and their
families in prayer and may they share in the full-
ness of glory and heavenly peace of our Lord.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

**Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 14:7-14

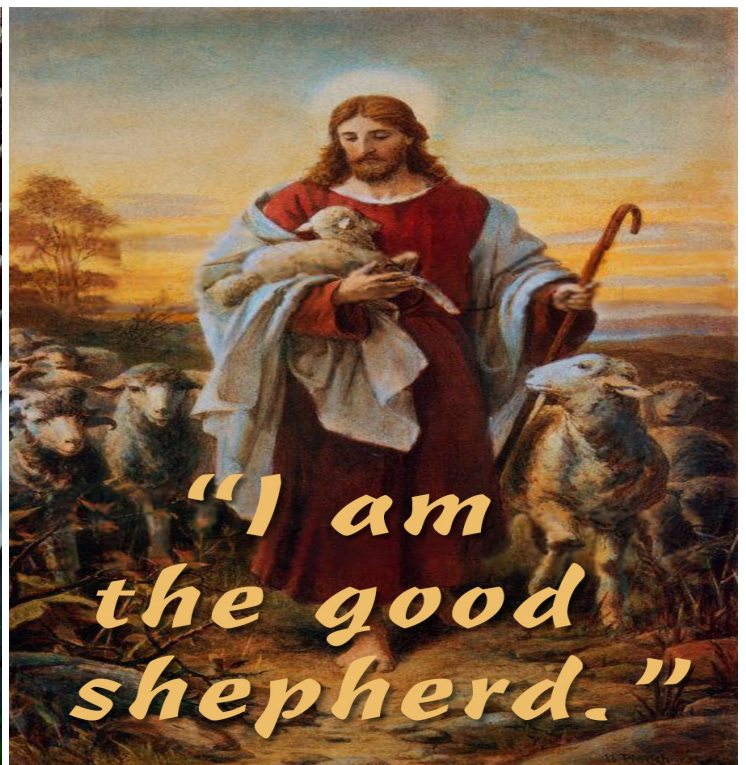
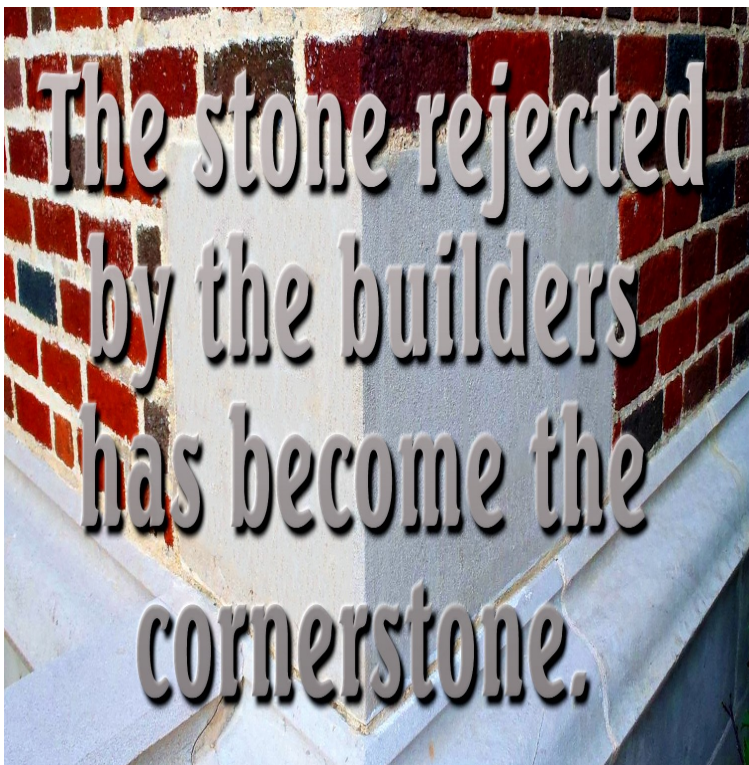
Memorial: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17,
23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

- Today's first reading takes place one day after Peter healed a man in the temple area who had been paralyzed from birth. He has been called before the Sanhedrin, who were upset that he was preaching that Jesus was raised from the dead. It wasn't that long before that Peter had denied having anything to do with Jesus. But this time Peter does not back down. Not only does he passionately testify that the man was healed in Jesus' name, he accuses them of crucifying the Messiah, the Christ. What gave Peter the boldness he so sorely lacked on Good Friday? Perhaps the first line gives us a clue. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, that source of fortitude, who strengthened him then and us now in proclaiming our faith, even when it is not easy to do so.
- Today's readings refer to us as children and as a flock of sheep, suggesting to some that we are subservient or infantile. But this is not the intent. John calls us children of God, and God loves and nurtures us as parents love and nurture their children. Jesus calls us a flock of sheep in the sense of being guided and cared for by the one who watches over us. We are still free to stray, but we know that ultimately the Good Shepherd laid down his life for us.
- Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that men and women listen for the Lord's call and respond generously and courageously. Jesus gives us the model of service in his identification as the Good Shepherd, leading, guiding, and protecting his flock. Let us pray for many good shepherds who will care for the flock of the one true Shepherd.
- **Question of the Week:** **How is the Lord calling me to guide, nurture, and care for others?**



*It is **Jesus** who is with us always. **He** is our refuge. **He** is our hope in despair. **He** offers us grace for the impossible, and healing in our pain. **Jesus** never ceases to be present in the Eucharist.*

*In this Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, I ask you to **join me in responding** to the invitation God gives to us in every age: **open wide the doors of your heart to Christ.***

- Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond

Belonging: Springs of Hope Virtual Mother's Day Retreat

Mother's day can be an especially difficult time for families suffering with infertility or miscarriage. The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites you to a free, online, Mother's day retreat hosted by Springs in the Desert. Registration opens April 11 at www.springsinthedesert.org.



[Interfaith Service for Migrants and Refugees](#)

Join Archbishop Aymond and New Orleans faith leaders in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, past and present, of every tradition who are immigrants and refugees at the annual Interfaith Prayer Service for Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, May 2 at 3 pm. With the "Angels Unawares" statue as our backdrop, we will reflect on how our faith traditions share in a common call to care for the stranger, the immigrant, and the refugee.

30th Annual ABBEY Open Golf Tournament
The 30th Annual ABBEY Open Golf Tournament takes place Thursday, May 13th at Covington Country Club. All proceeds support Saint Joseph Seminary College, which provides training for young men studying for the priesthood from 22 dioceses in 7 states across the Gulf South region and is run by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph Abbey. Sign up at www.saintjosephabbey.com/golf. Sponsor a hole at www.saintjosephabbey.com/golf-sponsor.

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION : We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.