



Immaculate Conception

JESUIT CHURCH

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Music

9:30 am, 11:00 am, & 7:30 pm

Gathering	#459	Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Psalm Response	"The Lord will bless his people with peace."	
Gifts Preparation	#902	Breathe on me, O Breath of God
Recessional	#467	When John Baptized by Jordan's River

The texts of the Mass responses, as well as the Gloria and Creed, can be found in the front cover of the worship aids.
Sunday evening Benediction hymns can be found in the Gather hymnal: #139, #137, and #615.

OUR ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY PRAYER

Loving and Faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents
that they may form their children in faith.
Bless and protect our youth
that they may be peacemakers of our time.
Give consolation to those
who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.
Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us
that we may be a holy family.

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MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am, Noon
 Saturday: 8 am, 4 pm (Sunday Vigil)
 Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11-11:50 am
 Saturday: 3:15-3:50 pm
 Sunday: 7-7:25 pm

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday:	at Masses	Perpetual Help Novena
Friday:	at Masses	Sacred Heart Novena
	12:30 pm	Benediction
	12:40 pm	Stations of the Cross & Rosary
First Friday:	8-11:45 am	Adoration & Benediction
	at Masses	Sacred Heart Novena
	12:30 pm	Stations of the Cross & Rosary
Sunday:	9 am	Rosary
	7 pm	Adoration, Rosary, & Benediction
CHURCH TOURS	3:15 pm	Saturdays

WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is a big difference between being somebody who “*would* never hurt a fly” and being somebody who “*could* never hurt a fly.” Unfortunately, we Christians do not always appreciate the difference between the two.

We know that Jesus says “blessed are the meek” and tells us that Christians should “turn the other cheek” (Matthew 5:5, 5:39). What many do not know, however, is what he meant. It is commonplace to think of meekness as weakness and cheek-turning as being totally passive or accepting of abuse. But, nothing could be further from the truth.

The term *meek* was originally a military term. It meant restraining one's self in battle. It describes a person who *could* inflict serious harm, but who wisely chooses not to.

Similarly, to turn the other cheek is not an action of a weak person. A weak person would never be around to be hit a second time. They would run or hide. Or, they would have avoided the confrontation in the first place by agreeing to the bully's demands.

The person who turns the other cheek, on the other...hand, is a person who is willing to confront aggression. It is a person who stands up for what they believe and does not run away. It is a person who is willing to take punishment for the sake of truth.

This week's first reading describes what a true Christian is supposed to be like. They are people who do not shout and who will not even break a bruised reed (Isaiah 42:2-3). Yet, they are people who “establish justice on earth” (Isaiah 42:3). In other words, they are people who are meek and who turn the other cheek. They have the power, courage and strength to stand up to injustice, yet they wisely choose not to resort to violence and aggression.

Today, we celebrate the baptism of the Lord and our own baptism as well. We celebrate the moment that God sent his Holy Spirit upon us to give us courage, strength, and wisdom. Let us remember these gifts and use them well. We are not a weak or passive people. We are strong, and we stand up for what is true, right, and just.

So, let us be meek. Let us turn the other cheek. For, if we do, we will hear our Lord claim us as his beloved, a people with whom he is well pleased.

Stephen Kramer, S.J.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Rooted in our identity as Catholic and Jesuit, and driven by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Immaculate Conception Parish gives glory to God by creating a faith community where all are welcomed to experience God's love in Word and Sacrament and Community, and where all are challenged to embrace the mission of fulfilling God's desires for us and our world by growing in love and by becoming Christ to others through lives of prayer, witness, and service.



VISITING? / WELCOME!



No matter where you are from, what you do, your current family or marital situation ...

No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation ...

No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church ...

we are very happy you are with us. Learn more about our parish by visiting our website, and if you would like to learn more about the art and architecture of our building, we invite you to consult the brochure found at the back of the church.

Every Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts are served in the parish hall following the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

GLUTEN FREE

If you are unable to receive an ordinary host in Holy Communion, please let the priest celebrating the Mass know, and he will arrange for you to receive a gluten-free host.

CHURCH TOURS

A 30-minute docent-led tour of our church routinely takes place each Saturday at 3:15 p.m. With advance notice to the parish rectory, group tours can be arranged at other times as well.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

9:30 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

11:00 a.m. Fr. Greg Waldrop, S.J.

7:30 p.m. Fr. Paternostro, S.J.

Saturday, January 18

4:00 p.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Fr. Kramer, S.J.

9:30 a.m. Fr. Kramer, S.J.

11:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

7:30 p.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

BECOME A PART OF THE FAMILY

To become a member of the parish, please complete the registration form found on the parish website (www.jesuitchurch.net) by selecting tabs entitled "I'm New" and "I'm New to the Parish."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

If you would like to serve our parish as a lector, minister of Holy Communion, hospitality minister, usher or altar server, please contact one of the priests.

PRAY FOR PEACE



You might like to follow Immaculate Conception Parish on Facebook by logging onto www.facebook.com and then entering *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church* and "Like" us.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favorable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (Christus Vivit, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (Jn 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness. In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. The urgency of conversion It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will. In this favorable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

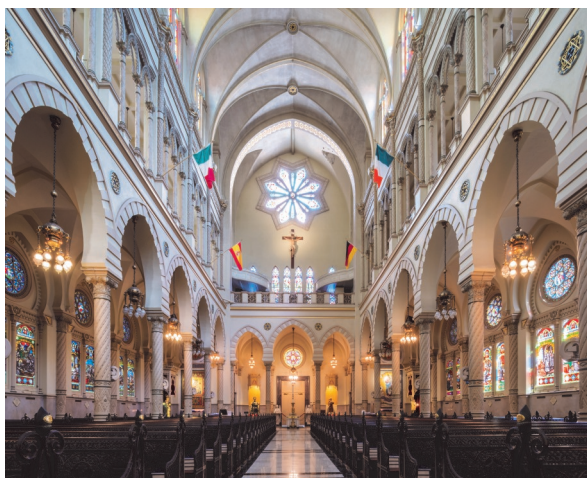
3. God’s passionate will to dialogue with his children The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favorable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, “turning God against himself” (Deus Caritas Est, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48). The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who “spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new” (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself Putting the paschal mystery at the center of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth’s goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry. Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church’s magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes. I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Francis

Rome, at Saint John Lateran,

7 October 2019 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



BAPTISMS & BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptisms usually occur after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. We are happy to consider other days of the week and times if the church is available and a parish priest can be available. We hold a monthly baptism preparation class for parents and godparents on the second Thursday of each month. The next one will take place **Thursday, February 13** at 5 p.m. in the parish rectory. Registration is required. To do so, please contact the parish office at ext. 224 and leave a message. Please consult the parish website, <https://jesuitchurch.net/how/have-a-child-baptized>

MEN'S CONFERENCE

The archdiocese will sponsor a men's conference on March 7. Our parishioners Bob Stern and Doug Calderera will be in the back of the church after the Masses next weekend to speak with anyone who is interested in attending.

More information is available at www.nolacatholicmen.com or on the Facebook page for Nolacatholicmen.

CONFIRMATION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Archbishop Alfred Hughes will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church on **Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for high school juniors who plan to be confirmed will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the six Sundays of Lent, **March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5.** A meeting for parents will be held on **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Register on line at <https://jesuitchurch.net/get-confirmed>.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday, January 14, 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 9:15 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

Tuesday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

Sunday, February 9

Rock-N-Roll Marathon

Some streets in CBD blocked until mid-morning

February 11, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting for parents of students being confirmed

Thursday, February 13, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, February 15, 9:15 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, February 15 & 16

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa Collection

Saturday & Sunday, February 22 & 23

Mardi Gras parades

NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

NO Adoration, Confessions, or 7:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, February 24

Church Closed after 7:30 a.m. Mass; NO noon Mass

Tuesday, February 25 Mardi Gras

Church Closed, NO Masses

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:30 a.m., noon, 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Confessions 11:00 a.m. to noon

Confessions 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

5:30 p.m. Confirmation classes begin

PRAYER LIST

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or other life challenges.

Marc Bonis family	McKord, Sumrall, Todd	Imelda Ward
Gloria Anne Caldarera	& Pinner Families	Trent Washington
Iris Calogero	Maxwell Mears	& Family
Rena Cantrell	Pam Meldrum	
Rosalyn DiBartolo	William Mentz, Jr.	
Beverly George	Vivian Perkins	<i>Names appear for</i>
Michael Giambelluca	Jack Saux	<i>three months unless</i>
Harvey Gleason	Shirley Schnyder	<i>otherwise requested.</i>
Joyce Lewis	Sheldon Strasner	<i>To request that a</i>
Terry M. Jupiter	Hon. Henry Sullivan	<i>name be included,</i>
Lloyd Lind	Rosalyn Vance	<i>please phone</i>
Betty Carmouche Lott	Tevest Vance	<i>529-1477.</i>

IN MEMORY

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

James M. Baldwin †	Marynell Madere †
Walter Baudier †	Mary Jane Maggiore †
Roy Brennan †	Elizabeth Marsh †
Herbert "Chris" Christenberry †	Neal McDermott, O.P. †
Winfield Coles †	Henry Merritt †
Claire Cresson †	Peter Joseph Morea †
Br. William Dardis, S.J. †	Sr. Imelda Moriarty, C.C.V.I. †
Maxine Amelia Ditto †	Bishop Roger Morin †
Lola Donelon †	Janet Noonan †
John Eckholdt †	Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J. †
Henry Ecuyer †	George A. Parker III †
Merlin Eschmann †	JoAnn Peterson †
Dr. Warren Ferrand †	Bozica Raos †
Frank France †	Connie Richardson †
Paul C. Frederick †	Wanda A. Roubleau †
Ralph Freibert, Jr. †	Erin Anthony Roy †
Ralph Galiano †	Lucy St. Mary †
Erna Bacchus Gaspard †	Louis Joseph Sannino †
Elsie Gill †	Maria Serio †
Estelle Greenlee †	Hon. Patrick Michael Schott †
Michael Greenlee †	Jose R. Tarajano †
Ardley R. Hanemann †	Robert Joseph Vincent †
Deacon Samuel Hull †	Emilia Vega DePavont
Eldridge "Terry" Johnson †	
Sarah Murray Keith †	<i>The names of recently deceased</i>
Bryce LeBlanc, D.D.S. †	<i>appear on the list for twelve</i>
Hazel LeBlanc †	<i>months. Please phone</i>
Mark LeBlanc †	<i>529-1477 to request</i>
Virginia Lorusso †	<i>that a name be included.</i>

HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of good will may promote peace and justice in the world.

Visit apostleshipofprayer.org for the papal video regarding this monthly intention and other resources.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:**Saturday, January 11**

8:00 am Hon. Henry Sullivan
4:00 pm Carl Orgeron †
Christopher Vanderbrook †
Beth & Vernon Higgins †
Baby Marc Bonis

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Mary & J.F. Thompson †
9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest
11:00 am Mass for the People
7:30 pm Mark LeBlanc †
Bob Casey †
Special Intention
Susan Dignan

Monday, January 13

7:30 am Gary Damare'
Noon Christy Morales Lama †

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 am Mary Jane Maggiore †
Noon Ardley Hanemann †

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 am Vernon Higgins †
Noon Maria Serio †

Thursday, January 16

7:30 am Muriel & James Pumphery †
Noon Mrs. Louise M. Gonzales †

Friday, January 17

7:30 am Gerald B. Lorio †
Noon Mr. & Mrs. Edward Melancon, Sr.

Saturday, January 18

8:00 am Christy Morales Lama †
4:00 pm Carl Orgeron †
Christopher Vanderbrook †
Elaine L. Centanni †
Gerald B. Lorio †

WEDDING BANNES

Please keep in your prayers those who in the coming weeks will be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony at Immaculate Conception Church.

January 18, 2020

Christi Gongora & Zachary Kelly

January 25, 2020

Anna Katherine Wied & Thomas John Falgout

Lily Marlene Aguillard & Thomas Barfield

February 1, 2020

Anna-Marie Coons & Michael Coleman Gretchen

Elizabeth Grace Slatten Snell & Joseph Anthony Tumminello

COLLECTIONS (December 25, 2019)

Christmas: \$8,183.00

Second collection for Church Maintenance: \$10,871.00

COLLECTIONS (December 23-29, 2019)

Sunday: \$14,960.00

Weekdays: \$614.00

COLLECTIONS (December 30, 2019-January 5, 2020)

Sunday: \$10,539.00

Holyday January 1: \$1,588.00

Weekdays: \$505.00

ONLINE PARISHIONER REGISTRATION & GIVING

We invite you to register as a member of our parish family. To do so, log on to www.jesuitchurch.net and click the "I'm New" and "To the Parish" tabs, or contact the parish office. Also, follow Immaculate Conception Parish on Facebook by logging onto www.facebook.com and entering *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church* and "Like" us. In reflecting upon your support of the parish, please consider online giving, a quick and easy way to do your part to foster the life and ministry of our parish.

PARKING at 220 O'Keefe

For registered Immaculate Conception parishioners, parking at a reduced fee of \$2.00 for a 3-hour period is available in the **CENTRAL PARKING GARAGE** at 220 O'Keefe, next to the Quality Inn, near the corner of O'Keefe and Common. The garage is open to parishioners for regularly-scheduled parish Masses on the weekend.

To get the reduced rate, for each visit you must use a magnetic voucher card available for purchase in the parish office, or you may order vouchers by completing the form available on the back counter of the church.

To take advantage of the reduced rate, enter the garage from O'Keefe, and take a ticket from the auto attendant. **KEEP YOUR TICKET.** When you exit the garage, you will need to insert both that ticket and the voucher.

Difficulties? The Central Parking emergency number is 504-655-3204. *Questions?* Please contact Judy Burke at 529-1477, ext. 223.
