

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

LORD GOD, LET YOUR
BLESSING COME UPON
US AS WE LIGHT THE
THE CANDLES OF THIS
WREATH



MAY ITS LIGHT
BE A SIGN OF
CHRIST'S PROMISE
TO BRING US
SALVATION.

Immaculate Conception JESUIT CHURCH

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Music

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

Gathering	#395	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Psalm Response	"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."	
Gifts Preparation	#413	Comfort, Comfort, O My People
Recessional	#409	People, Look East

The texts of the Mass responses, as well as the Gloria and Creed, can be found on the inside of the front cover of the Gather hymnal.

Sunday evening Benediction hymns can be found in the Gather hymnal: #139, #137, and #615.

ADVENT MASSES

During Advent at the 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 7:30 pm Masses, traditional chants will be sung for these parts of the Mass.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son

Chri-ste, e-le-i-son

Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San-ctus, San-ctus,

San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a.

Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni.

Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

LAMB OF GOD

**A-gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:
mi-se-re-re no-bis.**

**A-gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:
mi-se-re-re no-bis.**

**A-gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:
do-na no-bis pa-cem.**

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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

RESERVATIONS FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

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www.jesuitchurch.net

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Isaiah 40:1-11

The first vocal movement in Handel's *Messiah* proclaims God's message from the book of the prophet Isaiah, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people." (Isaiah 40:1) The consoling message comes to God's people as the Babylonian Empire collapsed and the new Persian rulers allowed them to return to their homeland. To prepare for God and His people's return to Jerusalem every valley is to be filled in and every mountain to be made low.

This passage has special meaning for us as we celebrate the season of Advent. We are called to "make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3) We prepare to celebrate the coming of God among us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect on those barriers we place around us that have prevented the coming of God into our lives.

The valleys and high places remind us of our attitudes that have become obstacles to the Lord's entering into our daily lives. We may complacently sit on one those high hills that we create in our arrogance. We may act in our daily lives in such a way that we feel no dependence on God or need for His wisdom and direction in our lives. On the other hand, we may live in a valley of discouragement which may be an obstacle to God's coming to us. We may be disheartened by our repeated failures in our attempts to do God's will and draw closer to Him. Whether it is our independence and self-sufficiency or our discouragement and frustration that block God from coming to us, Advent provides us the opportunity for us to reflect on the power of God who comes to reconcile and heal us.

Let us pray for the insight to see where we place barriers that prevent the Lord's coming to us. Let us pray for the courage to change so we can welcome the Lord who challenges and consoles us.

Anthony McGinn, 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.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, December 5

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

Sunday, December 6

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fr. Kevin Dyer, S.J.

Monday, December 7

5:15 p.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

Tuesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

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

Noon Fr. McGinn, S.J.

4:15 p.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

Saturday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fr. Stephen Kramer, S.J.

COFFEE IN LENES HALL

Since the city of New Orleans has moved into a new phase of COVID precautions, we can return to having coffee in Lenes Hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. Everyone in attendance must follow the precautions prescribed by the city Department of Health.

DAILY MASS LIVESTREAMED

The parish will continue to livestream the first Mass of the day (7:30 a.m. on Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday). One may find the livestream on **YouTube** at *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church*. Similarly one can find the livestream on our **Facebook** page, *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church*.

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."

CHURCH TOURS DURING PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

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.

If you want to participate in a tour on a Saturday afternoon, please call the rectory and leave a message. 504-529-1477.

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.



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.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Many senior religious were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for growing number of elder members. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more.

Archbishop Aymond asks you to join him praying for God's protection for all our elderly religious, and he asks for your support for the Retirement Fund for Religious in so far as you are able.

MADE FOR MORE

Made for More, with acclaimed speaker Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione, is an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts. The event will take place at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Ave, New Orleans, LA 70124 in Lakeview at **7pm on December 10, 2020.**

**SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host an annual wedding anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years. The 2021 Silver Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, **March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** at St Joseph Church in New Orleans. This event is only for couples married in the year 1996 in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish. (To register, please contact the parish rectory before January 15, 2021)

**HURRICANE ETA RELIEF COLLECTION
BY THE HISPANIC APOSTOLATE**

The Hispanic Apostolate is collecting donations for our brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Eta who lost everything in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. We have spoken with Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaraguan bishops to send the donations. We'll have two containers in the parking lot of the Hispanic Apostolate for donations; the containers are going to Santa Barbara and San Pedro Sula, Honduras. We are accepting nonperishable food, water, clothes in good conditions, baby items, cleaning products, personal care products, feminine products, and others. The Hispanic Apostolate is located at 2525 Maine Ave. Metairie, LA 70003 Donations will be accepted from November 18 through December 2 at the following times: Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Those wanting to contribute at other times may also call to schedule a donation delivery at 504-467-2550.

Monetary donations can be made in 4 different ways:

1. The Hispanic Apostolate website, following the link: <https://www.apostoladohispano.org/ayuda-a-centroamerica>
2. Sending a text with the word GIVE to the following phone number: (504) 800-8893
3. Sending checks or money order to the following address: Hispanic Apostolate, 2525 Maine Ave. Metairie, LA 70003 (Note the preferred country to receive your monetary donation in the memo line.)
4. Bring donations to the Hispanic Apostolate located at 2525 Maine Ave. Metairie, LA 70003

SOUTHSHORE MORNING OF REFLECTION

A special Advent Morning of Reflection "The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph" sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Church on Napoleon Avenue in New Orleans. Mass followed by reflections by Msgr. Christopher Nalty and Dr. Sheryl Smith will be offered. In-person seating for the event is limited and reservations are required. The event will be live-streamed on the Catholic Community Foundation's YouTube channel.

PARISH NEWS

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holyday of obligation in the United States.

Vigil Mass on **Monday, December 7 at 5:15 p.m.**

Masses on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 a.m., noon, and 4:15 p.m.**

**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR
CHRISTMAS MASSES**

The times for Christmas Eve Vigil Masses have been changed this year. Vigil Masses will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Please make reservations for the Christmas Eve Masses at icjcnolapas-tor@gmail.com

Also reservations available through
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0448AFA823A0FE3-christmas>

This year there will be no Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. There will be no evening Mass on Christmas night.

**HARRY TOMPSON CENTER
HELP FOR THE HOMELESS**

In the rear of the church there is a "giving tree" which holds lists of items that the Harry Thompson Center needs to help in the care for our homeless citizens. Please help if you can.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS
CANCELLED THIS YEAR**

This year Immaculate Conception Parish will not host Lesson and Carols. We anticipate that we will be able to hold the service in 2021.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas decorations for the church. Decorating will begin at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, December 17.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**Monday, December 7, 5:15 p.m.**

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

Thursday, December 10, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday & Sunday December 12 & 13

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Thursday, December 19, 12:30 p.m.

Christmas decoration of the church
Volunteers needed and appreciated

Saturday, December 19, 9:15 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Masses

NO MIDNIGHT MASS THIS YEAR

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Christmas Masses
NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Thursday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 7:30 a.m. and noon

Tuesday, January 12, 5:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, January 16, 9:15 a.m.

Respect Life Prayer at Clinic

Saturday & Sunday, January 30 & 31

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

PRAYER LIST

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

Gloria Anne Caldarera	Alfreida Ordorner	Trent Washington & Family
Rena Cantrell	Vivian Perkins	Ed Webb
Jean and Robert Code	Desmond Peters	Carol Werling
Dr. Michael Connelly	Darlene Peters	Patricia Wilson
Sharon Denson	Kayla June Petersen	Marcel von Martin, Jr.
Rosalyn DiBartolo	Joyce Randolph	Billy Zahn
Mike Elvir	Shirley Schnyder	
Zachary Fowlkes	Timmy Smith, Jr. & Family	<i>Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested.</i>
Beverly George	Sheldon Strasner	<i>To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.</i>
Greenlee & Smith Families	Ken Tedesco	
Sandra LaCour	Rosalyn Vance	
Josephine Lauriello	Tevest Vance	
McKord, Sumrall, Todd & Pinner Families	Dewey Veale	
Geraldine Martin & Family	Imelda Ward	

IN MEMORY

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

Edward Anderson †	Lloyd Lind †
James M. Baldwin †	Virginia Lorusso †
Victoria Eugenia Banos †	Mary Jane Maggiore †
Roy Brennan †	Elizabeth Marsh †
Karen Buford †	Patricia McCown †
James D. Carriere †	Elizabeth Nairne McDermott †
Dorothy Charbonnet †	Wanda McGinn †
Jeff Curnow †	Pam Meldrum †
Charles Cusimano †	Ann Meric †
Anna Daigle †	Vincent Messina †
Oliver Delery †	Michael Moran †
Marie DiRosa †	Joseph Patrick Noto †
Karen Dietz †	LaVerne Moonier Nuttli †
Maxine Amelia Ditto †	Joyce Parker †
Lola Donelon †	Mary Louise Shelton Parthum †
John F. Dougherty †	Phyllis Retif †
Lorraine Eschmann †	Connie Richardson †
Joyce Eumont †	Jack Saux †
Sue Finegan †	Fr. Paul Schott, S.J. †
Rosalie Foster †	Gene Leslie Scott †
Paul Gauthreaux †	Maria Serio †
Lois F. Gandolfi †	Firmin Simms †
Walter Glapion †	Robert Daniel Sloan †
Rita Hebert †	Dr. Robert Songy †
John Victor Hughes †	Hon. Henry Sullivan †
Albert E. Joseph, Jr. †	Barbara York †
Fr. Rodney Kissinger, S.J. †	
Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †	<i>The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve months. Please phone 529-1477 to request that a name be included.</i>
Keith Landry †	
Clyde LeBlanc, Sr. †	
Richard LeBlanc †	
Shirley Levy †	

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For a life of prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:**Saturday, December 5**

8:00 am Al Demarest †
4:00 pm Carl Orgeron †
Christopher Vanderbrook †
William Hall †

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am Maryann Layman †
9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest
11:00 am Mass for the People
7:30 pm Joseph Barreca †
Mrs. Vienna Hakulinen Cain †
Alan Donnes †

Monday, December 7

7:30 am Donald E. Teller, Sr. †
Noon Esther Pedesco †
5:15 pm Gerald B. Lorio †

Tuesday, December 8

7:30 am Jerry Brechtel †
Noon Mary D. Strain †
4:15 pm Theresa Jupiter †

Wednesday, December 9

7:30 am Frank Nodier †
Noon Eloise Martin †

Thursday, December 10

7:30 am Rev. Laurence Connelly †
noon Rita Hebert †

Friday, December 11

7:30 am James C. Maumus †
Noon Rita Hebert †

Saturday, December 12

8:00 am Gary St. Pierre †
4:00 pm Carl Orgeron †
Christopher Vanderbrook †
Maryann Layman †
Wanda McGinn †

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.

December 12, 2020

Taylor Kim Delahoussaye & Michael Anthony Gogreve
Juliana Marie Griffin & Eugie Eric Williams III
Jenna Fereday & Hank Perrilloux

December 18, 2020

Olivia Blair Perego & Nolan John Edwards II

December 19, 2020

Elena Marina Tumminello & Wade Joseph Hawkins
Jourdan Mary-Sofia Brown & Jerry Dornier

COLLECTIONS (November 16-22, 2020)

Sunday: \$10,384.00

Second Collection (Campaign for Human Development):
\$1,204.00

Weekdays: \$607.00

COLLECTIONS (November 23-29, 2020)

Sunday: \$3,574.70

Weekdays: \$447.00

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR
CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR
PARISH DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY.**

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 **SP PLUS 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 SP Plus Parking emergency number is **504-293-4500**. *Questions?* Please contact Judy Burke at 529-1477, ext. 223.

