FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2021



Immaculate Conception JESUIT CHURCH

Scripture Readings
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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

Gathering #568 Rejoice, the Lord is

King

Psalm Response "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gifts Preparation#828 Make Me a Channel of

your Peace

Recessional #598 O God beyond All

Praising

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

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

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.

in our community.

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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 Mark 1:21-28

In the Gospel of Mark, the first demonstration of Jesus' power sets the tone for whole gospel. From the time of his baptism, Jesus was engaged in a constant struggle against the power of evil. The coming of the Kingdom of God meant that the evil forces arrayed against it would be defeated. In his first miracle Jesus expelled an unclean spirit from a man and so signified that the battle had begun. His temptations in the desert were the beginning of his struggle with evil which would culminate with his death on the cross.

The demon understood the threat that Jesus presented and shouted, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" (Mark 1:24) The people's enthusiasm for Jesus' healing and teaching reflected the good news that the Kingdom of God coming in Jesus challenged the dominance of evil.

The power of evil uses many tools control human beings. Demon possession may be the most dramatic example of how evil can instill a sense of fear in individuals and communities. Fear and helplessness are the two of the great emotions that the power of evil uses to control us. That control can be in a dramatic form as in demon possession, or it can be in the normal circumstances of daily life. Many times we are reluctant to respond to God's call because we are inhibited by our fears and our sense of being helpless. We can too easily give ourselves permission to give up resisting evil.

The good news for us is that Jesus has won the victory over the power of evil, sin, and death. The unclean spirit recognized that Jesus was the Holy One of God and that his coming meant the defeat of the powers aligned against God and His people. Even though we can be assured of final victory, the struggles continues in our daily lives. Let us remind ourselves of the encouragement that St. Peter gave. "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings." (I Peter 5:8-9)

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? / WECOME!



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, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31

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. Stephen Kramer, S.J.

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Fr. McGinn, S.J.
Fr. McGinn, S.J.
Fr. Sean Salai, S.J.

PRAY FOR PEACE

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.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AND ST. JOSEPH

The Church Gathered in the Presence of God

Next Sunday, we continue our explanation of the parts of the Mass by focusing on the beginning. The Church being gathered here together in the presence of God. Jesus Christ who comes to us – as a people of God – to heal, calm, and restore our souls.

Mass begins with a sometimes overlooked, but important symbolic action – the Entrance Procession. This procession accomplishes many things for the community. The procession moves from the doors of the church to the sanctuary. The priest and ministers (who represent all of the people of God) symbolically move from the ordinary (the world) to the extraordinary (the sanctuary, a symbol of heaven itself) – from the secular to the sacred, the everyday to the eternal. When we see the procession happening, we unite our minds and hearts together in prayer to encounter our God just as we can image the Apostles in the Gospel as they tell Jesus about Peter's sick mother-in-law. They believe and know that something extraordinary will be brought by God.

Upon entering into the holy, the sanctuary, the priest immediately reverences the altar with a kiss. Why reverence the altar with a kiss? What does it symbolize? What is its importance? The altar represents Christ himself. When we see the priest kiss the altar, reverence the Lord in your hearts. We reach out to the Lord as all of the sick in the Gospel reached out to him seeking healing. "We are to understand the temple and the altar as Christ himself" (St. Augustine) "Above all, the main altar should be so placed and constructed that it is always seen to be the sign of Christ Himself, the place at which the saving mysteries are carried out, and the center of the assembly, to which the greatest reverence is due" The altar reminds us of those saints and martyrs who gave their lives in service of Christ. In Revelation 6:9, we see the martyrs under the altar in the heavenly liturgy. It is for this reason that when an altar is consecrated, relics of saints and martyrs are placed within it – to more fully remind us of their union with Christ and their personal self-offering. In the Mass, in the symbol of the altar, we recognize we are with Christ and his saints.

After the priest reverences the altar, we begin with the Sign of the Cross. This is in fact a prayer in and of itself. It is not an introduction to prayer. It is prayer This prayer/sign contains within itself the two greatest mysteries of the Christian faith. The Trinity: directly affirming our faith in the Triune God — a relational God who seeks dialogue — Father/Son/Holy Spirit. We recall our baptism when we were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit The Paschal Mystery: the sign of the cross, making a cross over oneself; reminder of the great act of love of Christ; Suffering and dying for our sins and for our redemption. Marked with sign of Christ as we see in Revelation and Ezekiel (9:3-4) When we pray this prayer, we remember the reality that our God who desires to bring us into communion with himself and loves us to the point of offering his very body to the point of death on the Cross.

The first moments of Mass must not be overlooked. This is why it is so important to prepare our minds and hearts for Mass by arriving early and quieting our souls to see God. It's the moment when we recognize who we are – a people of God – the Body of Christ – a people gathered together with Christ, the angels and saints, and our fellow brothers and sisters in the faith to worship our God and Father who loves us completely and wants to share himself with us. We should also recognize where we are; standing with Christ and the whole Church in the heavenly celebration. We have left the world for a small moment to commune with God to worship him and allow him to encounter our hearts. When Peter's mother-in-law was healed by Jesus, she immediately began to care for him and the apostles in her home.

For the rest of the Mass, may we give worship to God as his chosen people and ready to be restored by him to serve those in our lives this week.

PARISH NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE HARRY TOMPSON CENTER

We want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported our mission to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness in New Orleans in 2020. We were so touched by all the items and donations that we received through Immaculate Conception's Giving Tree event and remain humbled by your continued compassion for the community of unhoused individuals we serve. Thank you for believing in our work and for keeping our guests in your thoughts and prayers.

MARDI GRAS AND ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be no Mardi Gras parades in the City of New Orleans this year. We do not need to make changes to accommodate the crowds and the limited access to downtown parking. Our schedule of Masses for February 13 and 14 will the same as any ordinary weekend. We will have a Vigil Mass on **Saturday, February 13** at 4:00 p.m.. On **Sunday February 14**, we will have Adoration at 7:00 p.m. and Mass at 7:30 p.m.

On **Monday, February 15,** we will have Masses at 7:30 a.m. and noon. On **Mardi Gras, February 16**, we will have Mass at 7:30 a.m. The church will be closed on Mardi Gras after 8:00 a.m.

On **Ash Wednesday, February 17,** we will have Masses at 7:30 a.m., noon, 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.. Confessions will be heard from 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 4** at 5 p.m. in the parish rectory.

(When the schedule was made, we assumed that there would be parades downtown on February 11.)

Registration is required. To do so, please contact the parish office at ext. 243 and leave a message. Please consult the parish website,

https://jesuitchurch.net/how/have-a-child-baptized

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, January 30 & 31

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

Tuesday, February 2, 12:30 p.m.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Sunday, February 7 Year of the Eucharist *Church Gathered in the Presence of God*

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting for parents of youth being confirmed

Saturday, February 13

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass as usual

Sunday, February 14

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass as usual

Tuesday, February 16 Mardi Gras

Mass at 7:30 a.m. only Church closed after 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

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

Confessions 11:00 a.m. to noon Confessions 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 20, 9:15 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Sunday, February 21 First Sunday of Lent

5:30 p.m. Confirmation classes begin

Saturday & Sunday, February 27 & 28

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

Thursday, March 4 to Friday, March 12

Novena of Grace

Thursday, March 11, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

PRAYER LIST

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

Gloria Anne Caldarera Alfreida Ordorne Rena Cantrell Matthew Palmer Jean Code Vivian Perkins Robert Code Joyce Randolph Dr. Michael Connelly Margeaux Randolph Sharon Denson Jamal Randolph Rosalyn DiBartolo Gerrard Randolph Pam Engles Jaia Randolph Zachary Fowlkes Shirley Schnyder **Beverly George** Armand Serignan Stan Heckathorn Sheldon Strasner Sandra LaCour Ken Tedesco Josephine Lauriello Rosalyn Vance McKord, Sumrall, Todd **Tevest Vance** & Pinner Families **Dewey Veale**

Marcel von Martin, Jr.
Imelda Ward
Trent Washington
& Family
Ed Webb
Carol Werling
Patricia Wilson
Bruce Woodall
Billy Zahn

Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested. To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.

IN MEMORY

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

Lloyd Lind †

Patricia McCown †

Edward Anderson †
James M. Baldwin †
Victoria Eugenia Banos †
Karen Buford †
James D. Carriere †
Dorothy Charbonnet †
Miriam Coubarous †
Jeff Curnow †
Charles Cusimano †
Anna Daigle †
Oliver Delery †
Marie DiRosa †
Karen Dietz †

Wanda McGinn †
Pam Meldrum †
Ann Meric †
Vincent Messina †
Nageswary Mirtipati †
Michael Moran †
Joseph Patrick Noto †
LaVerne Moonier Nuttli †
Joyce Parker †
Mary Louise Shelton Parthum †
Phyllis Retif †

Elizabeth Nairne McDermott †

Karen Dietz †

Maxine Amelia Ditto †

John F. Dougherty †

Lorraine Eschmann †

Sue Finegan †

Rosealie Foster †

Paul Gauthreaux †

Lois F. Gandolfi †

Walter Glapion †

Rita Hebert †

Sharon Hewlett †

Bill Horrobin †

John Victor Hughes †

Albert E. Joseph, Jr. †

Fr. Rodney Kissinger, S.J. †

Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

Clyde LeBlanc, Sr. †

Richard LeBlanc †

Keith Landry †

Shirley Levy †

Jack Saux †
Fr. Paul Schott, S.J. †
Gene Leslie Scott †
Firmin Simms †
Robert Daniel Sloan †
Dr. Robert Songy †
Rex Stem †
Hon. Henry Sullivan †
Lionel Thomas †
Barbara York †

Connie Richardson †

Dorothy Romig †

The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve months. Please phone 529-1477 to request that a name be included.

HOLY FATHER'S JANAURY PRAYER INTENTION

Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another and open to all.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am Paul Gauthreaux † 4:00 pm Carl Orgeron †

Christopher Vanderbrook †

Joseph Henry † Brian J. Dalfonso

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am Imelda Daly †

9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest †

11:00 am Mass for the People 7:30 pm Jessica G. Dalfonso

O.J. LaCour, Sr. †

Kelly Canone Constanza †

Jimmy Kaigler †

Monday, February 1

7:30 am Special Intention Noon Esther Pedesco †

Tuesday, February 2

7:30 am Sandra LaCour Noon Karen Lambert †

Wednesday, February 3

7:30 am Fr. Paul W. Schott, S.J. †
Noon Janice Mire Sharp †

Thursday, February 4

7:30 am Christopher Mire Noon Fr. Paul W. Schott, S.J. †

Friday, February 5

7:30 am Christopher Mire Noon Sandra LaCour

Saturday, February 6

8:00 am Theresa J. Jupiter † 4:00 pm Carl Orgeron †

Christopher Vanderbrook †

Joseph Henry †

Kelly Canone Constanza †

WEDDING BANNS

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

February 13, 2021

Linda Ann Hewlett and Foster White Adams

February 18, 2021

Emily Mitchell & Joseph Hurt

February 20, 2021

Miriam Elizabeth Warren & Jeremy Robert Bird Abbey Wyble & Blake Cookmeyer

February 26, 2021

Laura Elise Kline & Stephen Richard Aborn

COLLECTIONS (January 18-24, 2021)

Sunday: \$9,184.50 Weekday: \$407.00

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.