Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023



Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Music

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

Gathering #568 Rejoice the Lord Is King

Psalm Response "God mounts his throne with

shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

Gifts Preparation #919 | Come with Joy

Recessional #574 Crown Him with Many

Crowns

The texts of the Mass responses, as well as the Creed, can be found in the front covers 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
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

This reflection is part of a series on ideology and Christian life

All ideologies have at least a kernel of truth that enables some of them to propagate deception. Rigid ideologies pose a great danger because they take one element that is true, exaggerate its importance, and subordinate everything else to that one principle. A previous reflection examined how belief in unlimited personal autonomy can lead to self-destructive excesses. Similarly a perfectionistic mindset can lead one to react disproportionately to any disappointment or frustration.

Expecting perfection of ourselves can be discouraging and demoralizing. A healthy person recognizes that failure is a part of life and that we learn through our mistakes. When we demand perfection of others we spread of a contagion of frustration and discontent. Perfectionistic partners, in marriage or in business, make unreasonable demands and challenge us to live up to impossible standards. Ordinary annoyances become exaggerated. Insignificant issues grow into major calamities. Working and living with such a demanding person may weaken one's appropriate autonomy. No one wants the minutiae of one's life controlled by someone else. A perfectionist magnifies problems and thereby creates even greater disorder in the relationship or in the workplace.

The demand for perfection appears on a larger scale when leaders, pundits, philosophers, and experts of various kinds attempt to make society perfect. We have a responsibility as citizens to ameliorate conditions which limit human flourishing. As Christian believers we cannot be indifferent to human suffering and injustice. We want to see improvement in social conditions so that all are treated fairly. Some ideologies, however, promote an agenda that insists that human society can be perfected if the right structures are created. Utopians insist that mankind can be made perfect. Christians know that without God's grace, humans will continue to be mean-spirited, greedy, envious, and even violent. Our desire for unlimited autonomy leads to disordered behaviors that affect the wellbeing of family and community. Sinfulness frustrates our plans for a perfect society.

Many speakers at commencements encourage graduates to "Go out and change the world." Unfortunately, young graduates lack the knowledge, wisdom, and virtue to change the world. Instead, we should encourage young people to change themselves first. When we control our self-indulgence, self-absorption, and self-pity, we can begin to have a positive impact on the world.

Let us pray for the wisdom to see how our perfectionism can lead us to demand inappropriate control over others. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten us to accept appropriate limits to our desire to be in control at all times.

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, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

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. Brown, S.J.

Saturday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J. 9:30 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J. 11:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J. Fr. Kramer, S.J.

PRAY FOR PEACE

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

PARISH BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON LINE

Every Wednesday the parish bulletin for the upcoming Sunday is posted on the church's website, www.jesuitchurch.net. Likewise one may find a link to the bulletin on the Facebook page, *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church*.

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

We have begun giving tours of the church again.

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

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 AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

WOMEN OF MANRESA AT THE CENACLE

Since 1931, Jesuits have been offering the Spiritual Exercises at Manresa Retreat House in Convent, LA. For over 90 years, men from across the South have been stepping away from the busyness of life in order to pray and re-Local women have often expressed a desire to treat. have the opportunity to make a similar retreat. They would like to experience what the men in their lives have experienced. Manresa Retreat House and The Cenacle on the Lake (formerly the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center) have teamed up to make this possible. In January of 2023, The Cenacle on the Lake began offering several "Women of Manresa Retreats" where a Jesuit priest will offer the spiritual exercises for women at The Cenacle on the Lake. These retreats are NOT hosted at Manresa. The retreats will follow the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and follow the same schedule and format of the retreats offered for the men. It will be a silent retreat from Thursday evening until Sunday midday and open to 56 women. For more information see Neworleansretreats.com/womenofmanresa

CHERISHED: A RETREAT FOR THOSE IN A SEASON OF INFERTILITY July 7-8

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility, Friday July 7 - Saturday, July 8, 2023 at St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington. Infertility is a heavy burden that not everyone understands, but you don't have to carry it alone. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, the Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. To learn more about Cherished and to register, it springsinthedesert.org/nola. If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, please contact Chris O'Neill, Director, Marriage and Family Life Office, at 504-861-6243 or coneill@arch-no.org.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

"The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See." The collection will be taken up in our archdiocese on the weekend of May 27 -28, 2023.

ARCHDIOCESEAN ORDINATIONS

On **Saturday, June 3, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Louis Cathedral, Archbishop Aymond will ordain Deacons David Doyle, Cory Ford, Long Pham, and Kevin Seay to the Presbyterate for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

Registration form for the St. Joseph Women's Day of Reflection, **Saturday May 27, 2023**. St. Joseph Church & Shrine, 610 Sixth Street, Gretna, LA 70053 Registration 8am; Welcome & Speaker begins at 9am. The day concludes at 3pm and all are invited to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Followed by Mass at 4pm. If you have any questions please contact Missy LaCour, missylacour@gmail.com.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Lacombe will once again host the Holy Spirit Novena beginning **Friday, May 19, 2023** and concluding Saturday, May 27, the Eve of Pentecost. Each night will feature a different celebrant for Mass as well as musical artists of varying styles.

SYMPHONY CHPORUS OF NEW ORLEANS TO PERFORM MOZART'S REQUIEM

The 60-person Symphony Chorus of New Orleans will perform Mozart's Requiem at 3 pm on **Sunday, May 28**, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 4400 Metairie Rd, Metairie. The Chorus will have orchestral accompaniment plus soloists Lauren Gibson (Soprano), Monika Cosson (Mezzo Soprano), Robert Wagner (Tenor), and Ivan Griffin (Bass). General Admission Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the door or in advance at SymphonyChorus.org.

PARISH NEWS

JESUIT ORDINATIONS

On Saturday, June 10 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, four Jesuits will be ordained to the priesthood. They are:

José R. Dueño Gorbea William A. McCormick W. Tucker Redding and Aric M. Serrano.

Fr. Redding will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

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**, **June 8**, **2023** at 5 p.m. in the parish rectory. Registration is required. To do so, please contact the parish office and leave a message. Please consult the parish website,

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

CONFIRMATION 2024

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on high school juniors at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Classes are tentatively scheduled for the six Sundays of Lent, beginning on February 18 and concluding on March 24. For more information consult the parish website.

https://jesuitchurch.net/get-confirmed

One may register at

https://jesuitchurch.net/confirmation-registration-form

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, May 27 & 28

Peter's Pence Collection

Thursday, June 8, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.

Jesuit Ordinations at Holy Name Church

Sunday, June 11, 11:00 a.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving Fr. Tucker Redding, S.J.

Saturday, June 17, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday and Sunday, June 17 & 18

Mission Appeal: Missionaries of Faith

Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, July 15, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16

Black and Indian Missions Collection

Wednesday, August 2, 12:30 p.m.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Monday, August 14

5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption

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

PRAYER LIST

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

Claire Adams Gloria Albano Caldarera Rena Cantrell John Combe Rosalyn DiBartolo **Zachary Fowlkes Beverly George** John Henriquez Aggie Jackson **Terry Jupiter** Sue Lampton Maxwell Mears Lisa Morel Sheldon Strasner McKord, Sumrall, Todd Janette Todd & Pinner Families Belinda Triplett Foster Moreau

Jerry Mulkey Debbie Navarre O'Neil Parenton Tim Parenton Vivian Perkins Larry Purvis Randolph Family: Joyce, Margeaux, Jaia, Gerard, Jamal Cherie Schaltie Wanaku Schieber Shirley Schnyder

Rosalyn Vance **Tevest Vance** Imelda Ward **Trent Washington** & Family Lisa Werling Harold Werling Patricia Wilson Rosanne Wopat 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.

Dwayne Barnes † Aline Hebert Barker † Barbara Bensel † Mitchell Berry † Judy Brown † Mary Jane Butera † Laura Caldarera † Fr. Stephen Campbell, S.J. † A.J. Capritto † Bishop Fernand Cheri † Sal Christiana † Edward Davis † Yvonne Ferrand † Calsidonia J. Fiorella † Louis Fortier † Leonard "Buddy" Gately † Dr. A. J. Giorlando † Cleon Gros †

Dorothy Schutten Guste † Philip Matthew Henriquez † Althea Hunter †

Kevin Kiper † Omer F. Kuebel, Jr. † Moon Landrieu † Rev. Albert C. Louapre, S.J. †

Sellers Meric †

Nageswary Mirtipati † Herbert Nuttli † Kenneth L. Odinet, Sr. †

Seamus O'Donnell † Ana Laura Pavon Vega † Christina Phomes †

Melissa Rebstock † Andre H. Radcliff † Connie Richardson †

Dorothy Romig † Carol Bowman Russell †

Evan Schiavi † Karen Schindler † Patricia Schiro † Dr. Robert Songy † Ann DePass Stuart † Timothy Turner †

Edward Ward † Ed Webb †

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 MAY PRAYER INTENTION

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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

Saturday, May 20

8:00 am Lyda Torres Aragon 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook † Carl Orgeron †

Jude Elmer Chinedu Okobi

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am Janet Higgins †

Christopher Vanderbrook † Robert Larry Lambert † Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest

11:00am Mass for the People 7:30 pm Yvonne Ferrand †

Monday, May 22

7:30 am Bill Wessel †

Lilia Maria Monje-Sandoval Noon

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 am O'Neil Parenton Magdalen Ilombu Noon

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 am Lyda Torres Aragon Consuelo Cortes Monje † Noon

Thursday, May 25

7:30 am William & Lillian Urban Noon Chukwka Ilombu †

Friday, May 26

7:30 am Virginia Reves † Albert Ilombu † Noon

Saturday, May 27

8:00 am Andy Metzger †

4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †

Carl Orgeron † Joe Fallo † Jan Dunn, RSCJ †

WEDDING BANNS

Please keep in your prayers those who in the coming weeks will be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony

May 26, 2023

Mary Lillian Kleinpeter & Gerald Miles Bowers

May 27, 2023

Margaret Werner & Mobolaji Davies Rachel Fenner & Mihovil Ivan Zuzul Mallory Drew Sceroler & Samuel Atkinson Barton

June 2, 2023

Ashley Corinne Johnson & Kyle O'Neil Cuntz

June 10, 2023

Claire Edwards & Derek Lyle

COLLECTIONS (May 8 – 14, 2023)

This information was not available when the bulletin was printed. It will appear in next weeks bulletin.



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 208 O'Keefe

The new management of the parking garage at 208 O'Keefe has installed a new system for payment. Instead of using pre-paid cards, you will enter a one-time code on the Premium Parking app. Details are available on the website www.jesuitchurch.net and on the parish Facebook page Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church. You may bring to church office the cards you previously purchased, and we will give you a list of the one-time access codes. You may come to the church office Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Upon entering the garage, please enter the six-digit code and your license plate number in the Premium Parking app. You may park for 120 minutes.

The parish will provide special codes for parishioners at the previous rate of \$2.00.

THE CODES ARE VAILD ONLY DURING WEEKEND MASS TIMES.