Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 16, 2023



Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Music

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

Gathering #611 All Creatures of Our God

and King

Psalm Response "The seed that falls on good

ground will yield a fruitful

harvest."

Gifts Preparation #633 For the Beauty of the Earth

Recessional #688 O God, Our Help in Ages

Past

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

God created us with desires and motivations that are healthy when we keep them in check, but they can become dangerous when they are exaggerated or distorted. To some degree each of us has desires to be comfortable, to have a certain degree of status, to have some control over our lives and our environment, and to receive the approval of people we consider important. When our desires for status, comfort, power, and approval become distorted, we open ourselves to sin.

The disordered desire for higher status and recognition from others runs throughout the Scriptures. Saul, the first king of Israel, was enraged when the women sang his praises for killing one thousand of the enemy in battle and praising David for slaughtering ten thousand. His insistence on his status as king and his demand for praise became distorted. His jealousy of David grew so intense that it ultimately led his own death. (1 Samuel 18:7) Ten of the sons of Jacob were so envious of their brother Joseph that they sold him into slavery. (Genesis 37) Cain allowed jealousy of his brother to dominate him and lead him into one of the greatest of sins, fratricide. (Genesis 4:1-16)

The ancient world of the Greeks and Romans was obsessed by rank and honors. In the New Testament, the rivalry among the twelve apostles was so intense that arguments broke out among them about which was the greatest. (Mark 9:33-38) They even disputed among themselves at the Last Supper. (Luke 22:24-27)

The disordered desire for status leads to poor decisions. The fear of losing status inhibits us from making courageous decisions. We might hold back from doing what is just because we fear we may be seen as lowering ourselves. The emphasis on wealth and material success as a sign of status can lead to unfortunate choices where we sacrifice the wrong things to gain a position or an honor.

Let us examine our hearts to see how important status is to us. Let us remember the example of Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not consider his equality with God as something to cling to; rather he emptied himself by becoming human and accepting the status of a slave. (Philippians 2:6-11) Let us call to mind Jesus' promise that those who exalt themselves will be humbled by God and those who humble themselves will be exalted by God. (Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:11)

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, July 15

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

Sunday, July 16

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. Brown, S.J. Fr. Brown, S.J.

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Fr. Polce, S.J. 9:30 a.m. Fr. Polce, S.J. 11:00 a.m. Fr. Gros, S.J. Fr. Brown, 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

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION IULY 15-16

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis Grant funds from the BIMC enables us to support parish-based catechetical programs. We help form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world and get bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.

Helping Educators Reach Kids With your contribution to the BIMC, you will help to support good teachers to help African American and Native American children learn. In 2017, your generous donations reached over 4,000 students in more than 250 schools and parishes across the United States.

Empowering Evangelizers BIMC grant funds help African American and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation that encourage living the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. Religious sisters serve Native American Catholics spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Encouraging Vocations We need men and women to answer the call to the consecrated life and offer their witness as radical disciples of Jesus Christ. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in diocesan communities across the country.

HOPE WHEN WE ARE GREIVING AUGUST 19-20

Hope When We are Grieving is a retreat designed to help those that have suffered any type of loss. After the loss of a spouse, child, parent, or friend, we find ourselves looking for hope and peace. Where do we find the hope and peace that we need? Join us as we experience ways to survive life day-by-day after our loss. May there always be comfort in knowing that those special to us are remembered and will be forgotten. Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

About the Presenter:

Jewell Bayhi is the Coordinator for Grief Ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in the Office of Marriage and Family Life. She is also an advocate for Redbird Ministry, a member of their retreat team, and a member of the National Association of Grieving Children. Jewell has been involved in Grief Ministry for many years. She has personally experienced the loss of her son, her parents, and many close friends. She has spoken at conferences on grief in Mississippi, Las Vegas, New Orleans, and Orlando. Prior to her fulltime Grief Ministry, Jewell was a DRE at Mary, Queen of Peace in Mandeville and St. Edmond in Lafayette.

Registration Information:

The retreat check-in is between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Saturday and the retreat concludes at 2:30 pm on Sunday. Registration includes meals and accommodations. To register for this retreat, you may do so online by following the link provided below or calling our retreat office at 504-267-9604. A non-refundable deposit is required to register. You can choose to pay just the deposit upon registration or to pay in full. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Kim Gandolfi at 504-267-9600.

ST. ANN CHURCH SUMMER NOVENA

St. Ann Church & Shrine will hold their annual Summer Novena, July 18 – 26. Weekday Masses are at 10 AM and 7 PM. There will be a Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, July 22 at 10 AM. Our Sewing Seams of Faith Ministry will have Prayer Blankets available at this Mass. The weekend Mass schedule is as usual: Vigil on Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM. Our Novena will be led by Friar Brian Walker, O.P. with the theme of Nine Ways to Pray. All are welcome to join us. St. Ann Church and Shrine is located at 3601 Transcontinental Drive in Metairie. For questions, please call the parish office 504-455-7071. email contact@stannchurchandshrine.org.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The July Respect Life focus is on Conscience Protection/ Freedom to Serve.

Conscience Protection/Freedom to Serve

"[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it." - Pope Francis

Care for the Homeless

The HARRY TOMPSON CENTER is in need of over the counter medicine such as: Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, as well as vitamins and especially cough drops. The address for the Harry Tompson Center is 1803 Gravier St., New Orleans, LA 70112, Phone 504-273-5547

Special Prayers for July

For our nation:

That the right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death, will again be protected in our laws, we pray to the Lord.

For young mothers who are afraid or alone:

That the blessed Virgin of Nazareth might strengthen them through her example and intercede for them with her prayers, we pray to the Lord

For all shepherds of the Church:

May they witness with their lives to the incredible worth of every person, we pray to the Lord

For couples who have been unable to conceive a child:

That they find consolation in God's tender care and trust in His loving plan, we pray to the Lord

For our parish community: That we may always be ready to extend generous hospitality to those in need, such as mothers facing unexpected pregnancies; we pray to the Lord

"All life has inestimable value. Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation."

-Pope Francis

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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.

Saturday, August 19, 8:45 p.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, August 26 & 27

Liturgical Music Fund Collection

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, September 16, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17

Catholic Communications Collection

Tuesday, October 10, 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, October 21, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

PRAYER LIST

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

Claire Adams Frank Marullo McKord, Sumrall, Todd Gloria Albano Caldarera & Pinner Families Rena Cantrell Debbie Navarre John Combe Vivian Perkins Rosalyn DiBartolo Larry Purvis Zachary Fowlkes Joyce Randolph & **Beverly George** Family Judy Giorlando Cherie Schaltie **Terry Jupiter** Wanaku Schieber Sue Lampton Shirley Schnyder Janie LeBlanc Sheldon Strasner Erika Liliedahl Belinda Triplett Maxwell Mears Rosalyn Vance Anthony Milazzo, Jr. **Tevest Vance** Lisa Morel

Imelda Ward **Trent Washington** & Family 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.

Aline Hebert Barker † Barbara Bensel † Judy Brown † Diane "DeeDee" Burns † Mary Jane Butera † Fr. Stephen Campbell, S.J. † A.J. Capritto † Bishop Fernand Cheri † Sal Christiana † Edward Davis † Art Dore † Yvonne Ferrand † Calsidonia J. Fiorella † Leonard "Buddy" Gately † Dr. A. J. Giorlando † Cleon Gros † Dorothy Schutten Guste † Philip Matthew Henriquez † Althea Hunter † Kevin Kiper †

John Barbara, Sr. †

Seamus O'Donnell † Ana Laura Pavon Vega † Toni R. Reaves † Melissa Rebstock † Andre H. Radcliff † Dorothy Romig † Carol Bowman Russell † Evan Schiavi † Lyle Schilling † Karen Schindler † Patricia Schiro † Ann DePass Stuart † **Fdward Ward †**

Kenneth L. Odinet, Sr. †

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 JULY PRAYER INTENTION

For a Eucharistic life

Omer F. Kuebel, Jr. †

Myrtle G. LeBlanc †

Rev. Albert C. Louapre, S.J. †

Moon Landrieu †

Sellers Meric †

Jerry Mulkey †

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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

Saturday, July 15

8:00 am Janet Higgins †

4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †

Carl Orgeron † Remy Ramel † Joel P. Authement †

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am George Clarence Adams †

Tommy Lowe

Claiborne Emile Talbot, Jr. †

Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest

11:00am Mass for the People 7:30 pm Ronald J. Rizzo †

Monday, July 17

7:30 am Aline Hebert Barker † Noon Linda Richard †

Tuesday, July 18

7:30 am Sidney Thomas Waters † Dr. Chukwuka Albert Ilombu† Noon

Wednesday, July 19

7:30 am O'Neil Parenton

George Clarence Adams † Noon

Thursday, July 20

7:30 am Helen Evans †

Albert Chukwuka Ilombu † Noon

Friday, July 21

7:30 am Holy Souls † June Duckert † Noon

Saturday, July 22

8:00 am Lyle Schilling †

4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †

Carl Orgeron † Tim Parenton Ronald J. Rizzo †

WEDDING BANNS

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

July 22, 2023

Allyson Michelle Barker & Brent Paul Rome, Jr.

July 29, 2023

Caroline Robichaux & Matthew Taylor

August 12, 2023

Katie Lauren Sciortino & Jason Sumich Colleen Farrell & James T. Person, Jr.

September 2, 2023

Marissa Mason & Matthew Cassanova

September 9, 2023

Kayla Marie Plaskett & Cole Franklin Hardin

COLLECTIONS (June 26 -July 2, 2023)

Sunday: \$6,864.00 Weekdays: \$515.00 Ministry to the Poor: \$1,512.00

COLLECTIONS (July 3-9, 2023)

Sunday: \$9,081.00 Weekdays: \$360.00 Ministry to the Poor: \$583.00

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 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.