Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023



Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Wisdom 12:13-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Music

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

Gathering #616 Praise the Lord, the

Almighty

Psalm Response "Lord, you are good and

forgiving."

Gifts Preparation #965 Forgive Our Sins

Recessional #636 Now Thank We All Our

God

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

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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

Our desire for comfort has the potential to lead us into many choices that are unhealthy for us physically, psychologically, and spiritually. The disordered desire for comfort inhibits questioning and seeking alternatives. God created us with a natural desire for comfort that can be appropriate and healthy. As in most areas of life, we can exaggerate a good thing and distort it until it becomes excessive and even toxic.

All too often we can allow the demand for comfort to prevent us from accepting challenges. We can develop new skills and learn better ways of living only if we get out our "comfort zone." We resist personal growth when we become fixated on remaining comfortable. It can be difficult to make any kind of progress in our lives if comfort is our top priority.

We can cut ourselves off from new and fruitful experiences if we are reluctant to change. We open ourselves to significant dangers when we refuse to change our opinions in light of new evidence. We can become so entrenched in our favorite ideology that we refuse to consider another point of view. In recent years we have seen greater tensions in society and more anger directed at those who hold different views. Divisiveness grows when we avoid people from different backgrounds because we don't want to face a challenge to our comfortable perceptions. When we are unwilling to learn or change our minds, we reinforce the tendency to keep people pigeon-holed in boxes of our making. We need to recognize the truth that we have common with the people with whom we disagree far surpasses the things that divide us.

Matthew the tax collector did not allow a desire for comfort to prevent him from responding immediately to Jesus' call. "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him." (Matthew 9:9) Let us pray for the grace to free ourselves from an exaggerated desire comfort that can stifle our personal and spiritual lives.

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 22

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

Sunday, July 23

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

Saturday, July 29

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

Sunday, July 30

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

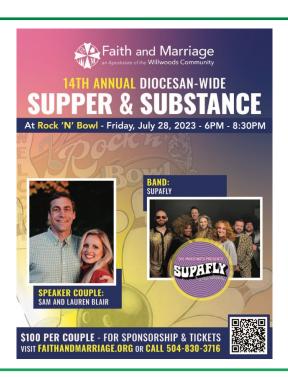


You might like to follow Immaculate Conception Parish on Facebook by logging onto www.facebook.com and then entering Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church and "Like" us.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 or email contact@stannchurchandshrine.org.



14th ANNUAL SUPPER & SUBSTANCE

Attention Married Couples! You are invited to the ultimate summer date night! The Faith & Marriage Apostolate's 14th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper and Substance will be held on **Friday**, **July 28** from 6-8:30pm at Mid City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl on S. Carrollton Ave. This fun faithfilled event includes food, drinks, bowling, shoe rental, live music from "The Mixed Nuts Presents: SUPAFLY" as well as a powerful presentation from this year's speaker couple, former Navy SEAL Officer, Sam Blair, and his amazing wife Lauren! Purchase your tickets by visiting our website at faithandmarriage.org or call (504) 830-3716.

HOPE WHEN WE ARE GREIVING RETREAT

"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." The retreat will be held at The Cenacle on the Lake in Metairie. Check-in is between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 19 and the retreat concludes at 2:30 pm on Sunday, August 20 . Registration includes meals and accommodations. To register for this retreat, you may do so online by following the link provided 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 504-267-9600.

NEW SURVIVING DIVORCE GROUP STARTS AUGUST 22

Surviving Divorce is a 12-week program created to bring hope and healing to those who have or are experiencing the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated, divorced, and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help answer their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. This course will begin at St. Catherine of Siena's school library (105 Bonnabel Blvd. Metairie) on August 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This ministry is for all separated or divorced individuals, whether in the early stages or several years removed from the end of their marriage. Social events are offered regularly to foster connections and to provide support. If you would like to sign up, visit scschurch.com/surviving-divorce. For more information, contact Marion Newsom 504.835.9343 at ext. 1569.

PARISH NEWS

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 retreat. Local women have often expressed a desire to 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 make this up to 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

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**, **August 10, 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

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Lord, Teach Me To Pray is a three-part Ignatian prayer series of on-going spiritual growth enabling men and women. To sign up for the series, or for facilitator training, go to https://lordteachmetopray.com/

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22
World Mission Collection

Tuesday, October 31
5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass for All Saints

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** Judy Giorlando Terry Jupiter Sue Lampton Janie LeBlanc Erika Liliedahl Maxwell Mears Anthony Milazzo, Jr. Lisa Morel

Frank Marullo McKord, Sumrall, Todd & Pinner Families Debbie Navarre Vivian Perkins Larry Purvis

Joyce Randolph & Family Cherie Schaltie Wanaku Schieber Shirley Schnyder Sheldon Strasner Belinda Triplett Rosalyn Vance **Tevest Vance**

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.

John Barbara, Sr. † 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 † Omer F. Kuebel, Jr. † Moon Landrieu †

Myrtle G. LeBlanc † Rev. Albert C. Louapre, S.J. †

Sellers Meric †

Jerry Mulkey †

Kenneth L. Odinet, 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 †**

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

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 22

8:00 am Lyle Schilling †

4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †

Carl Orgeron † Tim Parenton Ronald J. Rizzo †

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am Matthew Gonsoulin Brennan †

Sophia Chifici † Brian Magloire Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest

11:00am Mass for the People 7:30 pm Helen "Wheaties" Kittell †

Monday, July 24

7:30 am Rose Mary Finigan † Sal Caserta, Jr. † Noon

Tuesday, July 25

7:30 am Michael John Higgins †

Noon Lynn Marcel †

Wednesday, July 26

7:30 am Holy Souls † Lyle Schilling † Noon

Thursday, July 27

7:30 am George Clarence Adams †

Noon Robert Putfark †

Friday, July 28

7:30 am Art Dore † Noon June Duckert †

Saturday, July 29

8:00 am Myrtle G. LeBlanc 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †

> Carl Orgeron † Janet Higgins† O'Neil Parenton

WEDDING BANNS

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

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

September 16, 2023

Aimee Kathryn Trosclair & Kyle Evan Smith

COLLECTIONS (July 10-16, 2023)

This information was not available when the bulletin was printed. This information will appear in next week's 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.