



# Immaculate Conception

## Jesuit Church

### Scripture Readings

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**  
**Romans 12:1-2**  
**Matthew 16:21-27**

### Music

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

**Gathering**      **#843 God is Here! As We His People**

**Psalm Response**    **"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God."**

**Gifts Preparation**    **#717 Shelter Me, O God**

**Recessional**      **#590 Christ Be Our Light**

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
<b>CHURCH TOURS</b>	3:15 pm	Saturdays

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

When Jesus said “the truth will make you free,” he was referring to the truth that he is the redeemer sent from heaven by the Father to bring reconciliation between God and his sinful people. The principle of the liberating power of the truth can be applied in many other situations. We can be entrapped by false perceptions of ourselves and others both positive and negative. The truth empowers us to acknowledge God as the source of all of our blessings and to admit that we are responsible for our evil actions. The truth tells us we can change and that we can have hope in the ultimate victory of good over the power of evil.

We need wisdom from the Holy Spirit to discern the truth. It seems that some people are perpetually optimistic and others are profoundly pessimistic. We recognize that both extremes are inaccurate. We refer to the optimistic as Pollyanna and the pessimistic as Debbie Downers. The first name comes from the 1913 novel *Pollyanna*, and the later comes from a *Saturday Night Live* character. Although blind optimists can be annoying, we tend to have far less tolerance for those who see only the negative.

As we look at the challenges our society faces, it is natural for us to see the all that has gone wrong and everything that threatens the stability of our lives, our families, and our society. Criticism comes easily to us. We can fall into the habit of excessive fault-finding. In some ways, negativity comes naturally to us as humans. Some scholars theorize that we as a species thrive because we are alert to the many dangers that threaten us, so we can take appropriate action in our defense. What helped prevent our ancestors from being eaten by predatory animals can now lead us to non-stop fault-finding and create unnecessary stress in our lives.

Our “negativity bias” can be helpful when evaluating whether someone is trying to take advantage of us. Scammers are successful when their victims put aside a critical attitude. On the other hand, negativity can poison relationships and diminish trust. We need to question ourselves and ask if we are 100% sure our negative attitude is justified. Does the negative thought make us feel better or worse about ourselves and others? If we are bothered by a negative trait in someone else, let us ask ourselves if we have the same flaw? We should be more compassionate to those who have the same faults we have.

Gratitude is the great tonic for spiritual and emotional health. Let us use the lens of gratitude to look at the negative in ourselves, in others, and in the world around us. Thanking God and thanking those who have been good to us helps us to put the negative in proper perspective. May the Spirit of truth guide us as we confront all that concerns and challenges 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.

**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](http://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*.

### MASS CELEBRANTS

#### Saturday, September 2

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

#### Sunday, September 3

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. Polce, S.J.

#### Saturday, September 9

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

#### Sunday, September 10

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fr. Brown, S.J.

### 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com) and then entering *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church* and "Like" us.

### PRAY FOR PEACE

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## ARCHDIOCESEAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

**Internship in Spiritual Direction Informational Meeting (Virtual)****Thursday, September 14, 10am or 7pm**

If you have a desire to be formed in the ministry of spiritual direction, please come and learn the process, prerequisites and structure of the two-year Internship offered by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center. Facilitated by Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Executive Director, Sr. Dorothy Trosclair. Register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/asc> or telephone (504) 861-3254

**Pray All Ways (Virtual)**

Are you looking for meaningful prayer practices?, Have you said to yourself, "I don't know how to pray," "I don't like spending time in prayer," or "This kind of prayer doesn't feel right for me anymore"

**Sundays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 2023, 6-7pm.** Join , Archdiocesan Spirituality staff member, Stephanie Cloutre Davis, as we learn to pray in several different forms that will bring your prayer to life. We will explore the Examen, the Colloquy, Imaginative Prayer, Prayer of Consideration, Lectio Divina and more. These are prayers that everyone can do, even you and me. A new prayer form or two will be introduced each week and we will practice it for that weeks' time. Register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/asc> or telephone 504-861-3254  
Suggested donation \$40.00 (Adjustments can be made.)

**Mind/Body/Spirit Connection: A Holistic Approach to Prayer (In-Person and Virtual)****Mondays, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9 2023, 9:30-Noon,**

Join Archdiocesan Spirituality Center's Executive Director, Sr. Dorothy Trosclair, and retired Biology Professor, Kathy Anzelmo, as they lead you into calming techniques such as deep breathing, meditation and progressive muscle relaxation as a way to enter into deeper prayer through imaginative contemplation.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie, Suggested Donation: \$40.00

(Adjustments can be made.), Register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org> or call (504) 861-3254

**BISHOP CHERI GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

All are welcome to join various choirs from around the Archdiocese as we lift up a joyful praise at our annual Gospel Music Festival. This year, with permission from the family, we have renamed the festival to **The Bishop Fernand Cheri III Gospel Music Festival**. Please spread the word and plan to attend on **September 16** at the Carver Theater. The price of admission is non-perishable food items that will be collected for Second Harvest Food Bank. Over the years of this event, we have collected over 200 tons of food, and we want to add to that total this year. So come out and make a joyful noise.

**BLUE ROSE BALL**

The Blue Rose Ball benefitting St. Michael Special School will take place at 7:00 PM on **Saturday, September 16** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to: <https://www.stmichaelspecialschool.com/support-smss/blueroseball.cfm>

**NOTRE DAME SEMINARY CENTENNIAL RECTOR'S DINNER**

We invite you to join us as we celebrate 100 years of forming and educating the future priests and leaders of our Church! Save the date for Notre Dame Seminary's 100th Anniversary Rector's Dinner to be held on **Thursday, September 14, 2023** at The Roosevelt Hotel. We look forward to celebrating this historic anniversary with alumni, benefactors, and friends of Notre Dame Seminary.



## PARISH NEWS

### RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation "Confession" will be offered in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**, beginning at 5:00 PM.

### FIRST COMMUNION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Children in the second grade who have been prepared in their Catholic elementary school or in their parish schools of religion may receive their first communion at Immaculate Conception Church at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**. One may register on the church's website [www.jesuitchurch.net](http://www.jesuitchurch.net).

<https://jesuitchurch.net/have-a-child-receive-first-communion>.

First confessions will take place on the preceding **Saturday, April 27, 2024**

### 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>

### 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, September 14, 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,

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Wednesday, September 13, 5:00 pm—6:30 pm**  
Confessions

**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

**Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day**  
Masses at 7:30 a.m., noon, and 4:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 1, 12:30 p.m.**  
Parish Finance Council Meeting

**Thursday, November 9, 5:00 p.m.**  
Baptism Preparation Class

**Saturday, November 18, 9:15 p.m.**  
Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

**Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19**  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Thursday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.**  
Thanksgiving Day Mass

**PRAYER LIST**

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

Gloria Albano Caldarera	Myles & Ervin Red	Woodard Family:
Rena Cantrell	Shirley Schnyder	Flora, Lynel, Kierra,
Sharon Denson	Sheldon Strasner	Tyreke & Malik
Rosalyn DiBartolo	Rosalyn Vance	
Zachary Fowlkes	Tevest Vance	<i>Names appear for</i>
Beverly George	Imelda Ward	<i>three months unless</i>
Janie LeBlanc	Trent Washington	<i>otherwise requested.</i>
Erika Liliedahl	& Family	<i>To request that a</i>
Frank Marullo	Cora Washington &	<i>name be included,</i>
Anthony Milazzo, Jr.	Family	<i>please phone</i>
McKord, Sumrall, Todd	Lisa Werling	<i>529-1477.</i>
& Pinner Families	Harold Werling	
Vivian Perkins	Patricia Wilson	
Joyce Randolph		
& Family		

**IN MEMORY**

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

John Barbara, Sr. †	Myrtle G. LeBlanc †
Aline Hebert Barker †	Rev. Albert C. Louapre, S.J. †
Barbara Bensel †	Robin McKeever †
Judy Brown †	Sellers Meric †
Diane "DeeDee" Burns †	Lexi Mestas †
Mary Jane Butera †	Jerry Mulkey †
Fr. Stephen Campbell, S.J. †	Kenneth L. Odinet, Sr. †
Bishop Fernand Cheri †	Ana Laura Pavon Vega †
Chris Chocheles †	Toni R. Reaves †
James Commagere †	Melissa Rebstock †
Edward Davis †	Dorothy Romig †
Art Dore †	Carol Bowman Russell †
Yvonne Ferrand †	Lyle Schilling †
Calsidonia J. Fiorella †	Karen Schindler †
Leonard "Buddy" Gately †	Patricia Schiro †
Dr. A. J. Giorlando †	George Smith †
Judy Giorlando †	Ann DePass Stuart †
Cleon Gros †	Wilbur Touns †
Dorothy Schutten Guste †	Edward Ward †
Philip Matthew Henriquez †	
Andrew Hillery †	<i>The names of recently de-</i>
Althea Hunter †	<i>ceased appear on the list for</i>
Kevin Kiper †	<i>twelve months. Please phone</i>
Omer F. Kuebel, Jr. †	<i>529-1477 to request that a</i>
Moon Landrieu †	<i>name be included.</i>

**HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

*For people living on the margins*

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:****Saturday, September 2**

8:00 am Kristien B. Davis †  
 4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †  
 Carl Orgeron †  
 Robert Putfark †  
 William "Bill" Schule, Jr. †

**Sunday, September 3**

8:00 am Ronald J. Rizzo †  
 Bob Mauss †  
 Lois Kampen Bono †  
 Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †  
 9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest  
 11:00am Mass for the People  
 7:30 pm Lyle Schilling †

**Monday, September 4**

7:30 am Tim Parenton  
 Noon Esther Pedesco †

**Tuesday, September 5**

7:30 am Lynn Marcel  
 Noon Eugene Blanchard †

**Wednesday, September 6**

7:30 am Fr. Joseph Ahearne, O.M.I. †  
 Noon Frances Rosevally †

**Thursday, September 7**

7:30 am Michael White †  
 Noon Judy Morici Colgan †

**Friday, September 8**

7:30 am Frances Collier †  
 Noon Mark Damiens †

**Saturday, September 9**

8:00 am Ronald J. Rizzo †  
 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †  
 Carl Orgeron †  
 Josefina Vazquez †  
 Lyda Torres Aragon

**WEDDING BANNES**

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

**September 9, 2023**

Kayla Marie Plaskett & Cole Franklin Hardin

**September 16, 2023**

Aimee Kathryn Trosclair & Kyle Evan Smith

**September 23, 2023**

Lauren Dutcher & Grant Falcon

Allison Adler & Jaime Dasso-Montevo

**September 30, 2023**

Effie Victoria Guillot & Albert John Hane

**COLLECTIONS (August 21-27, 2023)**

Sunday: \$6,193.00

Weekdays: \$345.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$378.00

Liturgical Music Fund: \$1,126.00



The QR code to the left will bring you to a website where you can make a donation to Immaculate Conception Church.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**