

Lord God, let your
blessing come upon
us as we light the
first candle of this
wreath.



May its light
be a sign of
Christ's promise
to bring us
salvation.

Immaculate Conception

Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 63:16-19, 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Music

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

- Gathering #395 O Come O Come,
Emmanuel
- Psalm Response "Lord, make us return to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved."
- Gifts Preparation #414 The King Shall Come When
Morning Dawns
- 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.

ADVENT MASSES

During Advent at the 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 7:30 pm Masses, traditional chants will be sung for these parts of the Mass.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son
Chri-ste, e-le-i-son
Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San-ctus, San-ctus,
San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a.
Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.
Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni.
Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mor-tem tu-am an-nun-ti-a-mus, Do-mi-ne,
et tu-am re-sur-re-cti-o-nem con-fi-te-mur,
do-nec ve-ni-as.

LAMB OF GOD

A-gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:
mi-se-re-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:
mi-se-re-re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:
do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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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

In a recent weekly reflection, I claimed that many of our society's institutions have failed the young people of our nation particularly in regard to the easy availability of alcohol and marijuana for underage youth. We have not done a good enough job in convincing all adolescents that they need to be free of toxic substances that affect their developing brains. The medical and scientific community have not been persuasive enough; the church and education have largely ignored the problem. Some local and state governments have even removed barriers to substance abuse among minors.

There are other ways in which we have failed to form many of our youth in the values that will lead to their personal fulfillment and to a healthy society. Our negligence in forming the young can be traced back decades. It is not a new phenomenon. I am an old curmudgeon, but I acknowledge that even in my youth there was a notable decline in society's expectations of young people. Many decades ago family, religious, and civic traditions served to unite all generations in a common culture and value system. We have a responsibility to maintain those common values that enable us to live together in a healthy and flourishing society. In particular our society thrives when individuals accept challenges with persistence and determination. We fail when large numbers of people fall into defeatism and avoid difficulties.

For decades psychologists and educators correctly advocated that schools give more attention to the self-esteem of students. Unfortunately, many educators drew mistaken conclusions that led to an overemphasis on self-esteem that downgraded the importance of achievement. Academic expectations have been lowered to accommodate students' anxiety. Researchers have noted that 47% of 18- to 34-year-olds say they are so stressed most days that they cannot function. Sheltering children and adolescents from frustration, disappointment, and defeat has unhealthy consequences for the future. The attempt to protect students from reality has led to the absurd phenomenon of "safe spaces" on college campuses where students are assured that they will not hear any opinion that may challenge their beliefs.

Successful schools and healthy societies flourish when adults expect the best from young people and give the support and encouragement that will help them reach appropriate goals. No one grows without a challenge. Lower expectations far from enhancing self-esteem lead to unengaged, unmotivated, and unproductive youth. Recently Oregon eliminated the requirement that students demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics. Instead of making school easier, educators need to teach each student at a level appropriate to his or her ability. We should not expect less. Instead we need to give appropriate support and encouragement.

Let us do our part by expecting the best of our youth. May the Spirit of God give us the wisdom appropriately to challenge and support those entrusted to us.

Anthony McGinn

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. 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, December 2

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

Sunday, December 3

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

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

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

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

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fr. Kramer, 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) 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.

PRAY FOR PEACE

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

INTERFAITH HOMELESS MEMORIAL

The 2023 Interfaith Homeless Memorial will be held on **Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm.** The service will take place at St. Joseph Church on Tulane Avenue. Fellowship and simple reception will follow in the church vestibule; security will be provided.

IN-HOME MARRIAGE PREPARATION TRAINING

Couples interested in being mentors through the In-Home Marriage Preparation method are invited to a training presented by Lloyd and Jan Tate, the authors of The In-Home Marriage Preparation program. The next available training is scheduled for **Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at St. Peter Catholic Church, 125 E. 19th Avenue, Covington. The class will be held in St. Mary's Hall. The cost for training is \$140 per couple and materials are included. Couples who attend will be provided lunch. Couples can register at <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-preparation-training>. For questions or information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org.

ADVENT SOUTHSORE MORNING OF REFLECTION

A special Advent Morning of Reflection, sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation, will be held on **Wednesday, December 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 A.M. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie. Rev. Andrew Gutierrez from Notre Dame Seminary will celebrate Mass. Following Mass, Sr. Suellen Tennyson will offer a reflection on the theme "In Our Experiences, God Shapes Us." For more information, please contact Kathi Zimmerman at 504.527.5794 or kzimmerman@ccfnola.org. Please see attached flyer here for more details.

ST. LUCY MASS

The 96th annual Mass honoring St. Lucy of Syracuse, the patron saint of eye diseases, will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1139 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans, on **Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 4 p.m.** The St. Lucy relic will be offered for veneration.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1994 - 1999. To register, please contact your parish office before Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

2024 ARCHDIOCESE MEN'S CONFERENCE "I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS"

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, **Saturday, February 24, 2024** at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. This year's conference theme is "I Have Called You Friends". Recent studies indicate that the percentage of adult men with at least 6 close friends has been cut in half since 1990 and as many as 20% of men report having no close friendships at all. It is growing a problem not only for the life of the Church, but one which is gaining attention and causing concern even within secular society. Our Catholic faith is rooted in friendship. Even as the Apostles were sent out into the whole world to proclaim the good news, it was their friendship with Christ and with one another that held them together in the unity of faith. That same friendship holds us together today. Our men need friends to live up to their calling as men of God and as men of the Church. Please help us call all the men of our local Church of New Orleans to this important event! The conference will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Please be on the lookout for a mailing from the Office of Marriage and Family Life to the parishes containing more information and promotional materials. Register and learn about Group Discounts at nolacatholicmen.org. For more information, contact 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org. Find us on Facebook/Instagram @nolacatholicmen.

PARISH NEWS

Please join us for
LESSONS AND CAROLS
 Sunday, December 10
 5:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parishioners and friends of the parish who donated to Ministry to the Poor to help provide gift cards for the needy at Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Immaculate Conception (Friday, December 8)

is a Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Thursday at 5:15 p.m.

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

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to volunteer by using the sign up sheet in the sacristy. Your help is requested for the Masses on December 8 and Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Vigil Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**VOLUNTERS NEEDED FOR
CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Volunteers will decorate the church for Christmas on **Wednesday, December 20** starting at 12:30 p.m. Please stop by if you are available and can help.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Thursday, December 7, 5:15 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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

Saturday & Sunday, December 9 & 10

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Sunday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.

Lessons and Carols

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, December 20, 12:30 p.m.

Church Decorating for Christmas

Saturday, December 23, 4:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Masses

Monday, December 25, Christmas

NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

No Evening Mass

Maintenance Fund Collection

Monday, January 1, Feast of Mary Mother of God

NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN 2024

Masses at 7:30 a.m. and noon

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14

Liturgical Music Fund Collection

Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

PRAYER LIST

Your prayers are asked for the following

Mary Immaculata Azar	Vivian Perkins	Patricia Wilson
Walter Bonam	Sidney Pulitzer	Woodard Family:
Anthony K. Bourgeois	Joyce Randolph	Flora, Lynel, Kierra,
Gloria Albano Caldarera	& Family	Tyrene & Malik
Rena Cantrell	Myles & Ervin Red	<i>Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested. To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.</i>
George J. Cook	Emmett Richards	
Mira Mae Cosey	Carol St. Germain	
Gina Guzzino Crooks	Susan Salm	
Rosalyn DiBartolo	Shirley Schnyder	
Tim Eichler	Sheldon Strasner	
Zachary Fowlkes	Rosalyn Vance	
Beverly George	Tevest Vance	
McKord, Sumrall,	Imelda Ward	
Todd & Pinner Families	Trent Washington	
Sean Ortlando	& Family	

IN MEMORY

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

John Barbara, Sr. †	Robin McKeever †
Aline Hebert Barker †	Sellers Meric †
Barbara Bensel †	Lexi Mestas †
Judy Brown †	Jerry Mulkey †
Diane "DeeDee" Burns †	Kenneth L. Odinet, Sr. †
Fr. Stephen Campbell, S.J. †	Tim Parenton †
John Cerise †	O'Neil Parenton †
Bishop Fernand Cheri †	Toni R. Reaves †
Chris Chocheles †	Karen Riley †
James Commagere †	Dorothy Romig †
Edward Davis †	Alex Roy †
Benjamin J. deBoisblanc †	Carol Bowman Russell †
David Dietz †	Lyle Schilling †
Art Dore †	Karen Schindler †
Yvonne Ferrand †	Patricia Schiro †
Calsidonia J. Fiorella †	Rose M. Simonson †
Gilbert Ganucheau †	George Smith †
Leonard "Buddy" Gately †	Catherine Spadora †
Dr. A. J. Giorlando †	Ann DePass Stuart †
Judy Giorlando †	Wilbur Touns †
Cleon Gros †	Aline Walshe †
Dorothy Schutten Guste †	Edward Ward †
Philip Matthew Henriquez †	Fritz Windhorst †
Andrew Hillery †	<i>The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve months.</i>
Althea Hunter †	<i>Please phone 529-1477 to request that a name be included.</i>
Charlie Kelley †	
Myrtle G. LeBlanc †	

**HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER
PRAYER INTENTION***For persons with disabilities*

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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

8:00 am Lee Eagan
4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Clifford Wright †

Sunday, December 3

8:00 am Eileen Genovese †
Ronald J. Rizzo †
Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †
9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest
11:00am Mass for the People
7:30 pm Laura Ann Arnold †

Monday, December 4

7:30 am Fr. Maurice C. McNamara †
Noon Esther Pedesco †

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 am Maureen Scheuermann †
Noon Courtney Krentel

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 am Lionel Keith Nevels †
Noon O'Neil Parenton

Thursday, December 7

7:30 am George Mack †
Noon Anna Guillot †
5:15 pm Bishop Fernand Cheri †

Friday, December 8

7:30 am George Clarence Adams †
Noon Kristien B. Davis †
4:15 pm Theresa J. Jupiter

Saturday, December 9

8:00 am Art Dore †
4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Ronald J. Rizzo †
Joseph Donald Palmintier †

WEDDING BANNES

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

December 8, 2023

Christina Elizabeth Beter & Matthew James Mouras

December 9, 2023

Taylor Bruce & Tyler Galyean
Morgan Marie Dejean & Julian Hodge

December 15, 2023

Margaret Romano & Scott Crabtree

December 16, 2023

Lindsay Mae Wipperling & Bradley Joseph Burns
Ana Leigh Lopez & Patrick Michael Green

COLLECTIONS (November 13—19, 2023)

Sunday: \$9,132.00

Weekdays: \$828.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$5,158.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$869.00

COLLECTIONS (November 20—26, 2023)

Sunday: \$5,175.00

Weekdays: \$440.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$239.00

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.