

“Rejoice
in the Lord
always.



Again, I say,
Rejoice;
Indeed,
the Lord is near.”

Immaculate Conception

Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Music

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

Gathering #395 O Come O Come
Emmanuel, verses 1 & 4

Psalm Response “My soul rejoices in my God. ”

Gifts Preparation #415 My Soul in Stillness Waits

Recessional #572 The King of Glory

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

When I worked in education, people would ask me about how difficult it was to deal with over a thousand teen-age boys. I replied that they were seldom the problem. Teenagers get into trouble when they act about five years younger than their chronological age. The real challenge involves dealing with parents and teachers when they act thirty-five years younger than their chronological age. A department head once lamented having to referee a particularly bitter argument between an intransigent parent and an inflexible teacher. I flippantly responded that we cannot expect anything different since the last adult died in 1945.

Adults make sacrifices, discipline themselves, and work hard to fulfil their obligations. Children are generally not called upon to accept significantly burdensome duties. Young people grow when they accept greater and greater responsibilities.

The Great Depression and the World War II forced young people to accept their responsibilities and make sacrifices for the good of their families and for the good of the nation. After 1945 cultural, economic, and social changes led to a widespread prolongation of adolescence. Economic challenges have led to many couples waiting longer to get married and have children. Many households have adult children still living with their parents.

Because adolescents are learning and developing, we can understand when their behavior shows some self-indulgence, a lack of empathy, or a sense of entitlement. We do not excuse their misbehavior, and we should expect steady progress on the road away from self-absorption to self-discipline. The difficulty arises when these behaviors continue well into adulthood.

Many of the unfortunate developments in our culture and society remind me of the behavior of someone stuck in adolescence. Today we see tremendous disproportionate emotional overreactions to unfavorable persons and disappointing events. The decline of honesty in the public debate mirrors an adolescent's lying when trying to avoid unpleasant consequences. The demonization of opponents as all bad reflects an adolescent "all or nothing" world view. We see an exaggerated sense of discouragement in those who feel our society is crumbling and in those who think nothing good can be found in our history and traditions.

We hold teenagers accountable when they pull fire alarms. What do we do when a congressman does the same? We try to restrain adolescents when they challenge others to a fight. What do we do with an aggressive senator who physically threatens a witness in a congressional hearing? Too many underdeveloped characters have too much influence in our society.

Let us resolve to examine our consciences to see if we always respond as adults when challenged. Let us do our best to help others, especially our youth, to develop a mature outlook on life so they can react to challenges as adults.

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. 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.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

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. Brown, S.J.

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

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

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Fr. Gros, S.J.

Monday, December 25

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

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

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



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


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.

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.

NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND
GREENWOOD FUNERAL HOME
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO




SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WHILE GRIEVING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
3:00 PM
GREENWOOD FUNERAL HOME
5200 CANAL BOULEVARD, NEW ORLEANS

JEWELL BAYHI, COORDINATOR OF GRIEF MINISTRIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICIATING

RSVP (504) 596-3050

PEACE, HOPE & JOY

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WHILE GRIEVING

New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries is partnering with Greenwood Cemetery to offer a special evening for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. All are welcome to Greenwood Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 13 at 3 pm for a special session "Surviving the Holidays While Grieving" facilitated by Jewell Bayhi. For more information or to RSVP call (504) 596-3050.

ECHO FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Echo, formally Dumb Ox Ministries, in consultation with the Office of Marriage and Family Life, is developing a new retreat for engaged couples. For the next two years, couples participating in the Echo: Engaged Couple's Retreat will satisfy the requirements for formal marriage preparation. This period of discernment will allow Echo to further develop their weekend as well as inform the decision whether to include the Echo: Engaged Couple's Retreat as an ordinary offering for marriage preparation in the Archdiocese. Please direct questions or comments to the Office of Marriage and Family Life at mfl@arch-no.org.

PARISH NEWS

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.

**VOLUNTEERS 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.

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 Christmas.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Thanks to all who participated in the Festival of Lessons and Carols held in the church on Sunday, December 10. Thanks to Kristin Valley, our organist and music director. Thanks to the singers and other musicians. Thanks to the parishioners who served as readers. Thanks to the parishioners who helped us celebrate the event by decorating the church.

**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.

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

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

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

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14

Liturgical Music Fund Collection

Saturday, January 20, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life Prayer at Clinic

Saturday & Sunday, January 27 & 28

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting for parents of students being confirmed at Jesuit High School

Wednesday, February 7, 12:30 p.m.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

PRAYER LIST

Your prayers are asked for the following

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

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</i>
Althea Hunter †	<i>appear on the list for twelve</i>
Charlie Kelley †	<i>months.</i>
Myrtle G. LeBlanc †	<i>Please phone 529-1477 to re-</i>
	<i>quest that a name be included.</i>

**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 16**

8:00 am Warren Davis †
4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Alex Roy †
O'Neil Parenton †

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Ronald J. Rizzo †
Laura Ann Arnold †
O'Neil Parenton †
Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †
9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest
11:00am Mass for the People
7:30 pm Joseph Donald Palmintier †

Monday, December 18

7:30 am George Clarence Adams †
Noon Alex Roy †

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 am Rosealie M. Foster †
Noon George Mack †

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 am Clifford Wright †
Noon Anna Guillot †

Thursday, December 21

7:30 am Donald "Truck" Hymel †
Noon Edwin Oscar Isentrout †

Friday, December 22

7:30 am Laura Arnold †
Noon Ladies Charity Guild of Houston

Saturday, December 23

8:00 am O'Neil Parenton †
4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Dr. & Mrs. Warren Ferrand †
Tim Parenton †

WEDDING BANNES

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

December 22, 2023

Emily Claire Sossaman & Richard Lewis Adams III

December 23, 2023

Emily Marie Touns & Preston Wesley Krummel

December 29, 2023

Taylor Norfleet & Austin Perrin

December 30, 2023

Jourdan Alyce Keen & Christopher LeCorgne Mills

Meredith Graf & Kapland Owens

Sydney Katherine Thompson & David Brett

COLLECTIONS (December 4-10, 2023)

Sunday: \$12,362.00

Weekdays: \$392.00

December 8: \$1,915.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$12,070.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1,716.00

**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.