# Feast of the Holy Family

# December 31, 2023



# Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church

# **Scripture Readings**

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12 Luke 2:22-40

### Music

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

#430 Angels We Have Heard on **Gathering** 

High

"The Lord remembers his **Psalm Response** 

covenant forever."

Gifts Preparation #441 Silent Night

Recessional **#435 God Rest Ye Merry** 

Gentlemen

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

A Jewish biblical scholar once remarked that every family in the book of Genesis is dysfunctional. Adam and Eve blamed each other for their rebellion against God. Cain's distorted envy and sense of entitlement provoked him to kill his brother. Noah's son Ham mocked his father when he discovered him in his tent drunk and naked. Since she was barren, Sarah suggested that her husband Abraham conceive an heir by her slave girl Hagar. After Sarah's son Isaac was born, she insisted that Abraham send Hagar and her son out into the wilderness. He complied with her wishes. Isaac's son Jacob, with his mother's help, took advantage of his blind father and connived to steal the inheritance that belonged to his brother Esau. Ten of Jacob's sons resented that their younger brother was their father's favorite and conspired to sell Joseph into slavery.

God created the human person in such a way that we thrive in the context of family. The committed relationship of husband and wife empowers each to grow and accept further responsibility for the development of the children entrusted to them. Various generations play key roles in the development of a healthy family spirit. The gift of grandparents and grandchildren enhance the experience of family life.

Unfortunately, we take God's gifts for granted and fail to express our appreciation for all that God has done for us. This principle applies to our family life as well. The disordered desires that have so much power in our lives can affect how we relate in our families.

Envy distorts our perception of the world and corrupts relationships within our families and with everyone else we encounter. Resentment intensifies our envy and adds bitterness to our relationships. A sense of entitlement justifies our anger. Self-pity then enters the scene and deepens our hostility.

A distorted idea of one's power over others can have disastrous consequences in the workplace and in families. Parents have authority in the family, but some can demand compliance that infringes on the legitimate autonomy of others in the family. On the other hand, it can be very frustrating for family members to ignore the wise and appropriate advice of those who are more experienced. Tensions arise when the disordered desire for power meets the disordered desire for autonomy.

Let us turn to thank God for the gift of our families. May we express our gratitude by acknowledging any disordered envy or desire for power. May we resolve not to play the destructive and unhealthy games of envy and power. Let us pray for the grace of gratitude and for a deeper awareness of how we are blessed in our families.

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, December 30

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

### Sunday, December 31

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.

### Saturday, January 6

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

### Sunday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J. 9:30 a.m. Fr. Penn Dawson, S.J. 11:00 a.m. Fr. William McCormick, S.J.

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

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN

All are welcome to pray with us at the Memorial Service for the Unborn in observance of Roe v. Wade anniversary in the Holy Innocents Prayer Garden (St. Patrick #1 Cemetery, 5000 Canal St., NOLA) on **Monday January 22, 2024, at noon**. We will be praying for those lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and those who mourn them.

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### **PARISH NEWS**

### THANKS TO OUR PARISHIONERS

The parish thanks all of the parishioners who helped during the Christmas season. Thanks to those who helped decorate the church for the holyday season. Thanks to those who served as lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Thanks to those who served as ushers. Thanks to those who participated in and helped with the Festival of Lesson and Carols.

### MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Thanks to all those who made a contribution to the parish's ministry to the poor. This ministry helps families in need with their utility bills and rent. Our goal is to donate \$80,000 each year in support these families. This amount is roughly one-tenth of the parish's income. Thanks to John Barker and Maddy Engel who work with this ministry with great dedication.

### **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**, **January 11**, **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

### **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

https://jesuitchurch.net/get-confirmed

One may register at

https://jesuitchurch.net/confirmation-registration-form

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On **Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm** there will be a thirty-minute information meeting for the parents of those whose son or daughter will be participating in the preparation program. The meeting will take place at Jesuit High School.

### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

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

Saturday & Sunday, February 10 & 11

Mardi Gras parades NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass SUNDAY MORNING Masses as usual NO Adoration, Confessions, or 7:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, February 12

Church Closed after 7:30 a.m. Mass NO noon Mass

Tuesday, February 13 Mardi Gras

Church Closed, NO Masses

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:30 a.m., noon, 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Confessions 11:00 a.m. to noon

### **PRAYER LIST**

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

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

### IN MEMORY

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

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. † O'Neil Parenton † John Cerise † Tim Parenton † Bishop Fernand Cheri † Toni R. Reaves † Chris Chocheles † Karen Riley † James Commagere † Dorothy Romig † Edward Davis † Alex Rov † Benjamin J. deBoisblanc † Beth Rush † David Dietz † Lyle Schilling † Art Dore † Karen Schindler † Yvonne Ferrand † Patricia Schiro † Calsidonia J. Fiorella † George Smith † Gilbert Ganucheau † Rose M. Simonson † Leonard "Buddy" Gately † Catherine Spadora † Dr. A. J. Giorlando † Ann DePass Stuart † Judy Giorlando † Wilbur Toups † Rosalyn Vance † Mary Glassman † Cleon Gros † Aline Walshe † Dorothy Schutten Guste † Edward Ward † Philip Matthew Henriquez † Fritz Windhorst † Andrew Hillery † Althea Hunter † The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve Lucille Jacques † months. Charlie Kelley † Please phone 529-1477 to re-Myrtle G. LeBlanc † quest that a name be included.

### **HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY** PRAYER INTENTION

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize different charism within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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

### Saturday, December 30

8:00 am Christmas Novena 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook † Carl Orgeron † R. A. (Trey) Osborn III † Tim Parenton †

### Sunday, December 31

8:00 am Juan Bustamante † Ronald J. Rizzo †

Dr. and Mrs. Warren Ferrand †

Alex Roy †

9:30 am Christmas Novena 11:00am Clifford Wright †

7:30 pm Joseph Donald Palmintier †

### Monday, January 1

7:30 am Christmas Novena Kristien B. Davis † Noon

### Tuesday, January 2

7:30 am Christmas Novena

Noon Catholic Ladies Charity Guild of Houston

### Wednesday, January 3

7:30 am O'Neil Parenton † Joanne Manalla Chauvin † Noon

### Thursday, January 4

7:30 am Anna Demma † Noon Gaspar Bivalacqua

### Friday, January 5

7:30 am Walker Foster †

Joanne Manalla Chauvin † Noon

### Saturday, January 6

8:00 am Lawrence Chighizola 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook † Carl Orgeron † Alex Roy †

Fr. Ian Abbott †

### WEDDING BANNS

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

### January 6, 2024

Aishia Brady & Zachary Miller Jenna Kelly & Cory James Lemoine Tate Elaine Johnson & Justin Tyler Serrett

### January 13, 2024

Alexandra Ruello & Peter Choi Mary Katherine Karam & Brent Thomas Danley

### January 20, 2024

Peyton Alexis Watkins & Alex William Houser Chelsea Pace & Blake Baker

### **COLLECTIONS (December 11-17, 2023)**

Sunday: \$8,458.00 Weekdays: \$501.00 Ministry to the Poor: \$444.00



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 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 <a href="https://www.jesuitchurch.net">www.jesuitchurch.net</a> 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.