

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

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

Gathering # 466 We Three Kings of Orient

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Psalm Response "Lord every nation on earth will

adore you."

Gifts Preparation # 463 What Child Is This?

Recessional # 460 The First Nowell

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: Rosary 9 am

> Adoration, Rosary, & 7 pm

> > Benediction

CHURCH TOURS 3:15 pm Saturdays

WEEKLY REFLECTION Wealth without work

From the beginning of Christianity, preachers of the gospel and teachers of the faith have used the teachings of pagan philosophers to help communicate the message of salvation in Christ. The writings of Paul the Apostle show the influence of Stoic philosophers. The Greek philosopher Plato influenced the writings of St. Augustine. St. Thomas Aquinas used the teachings of Aristotle. Mahatmas Gandhi, who was assassinated in 1948, influenced Martin Luther King's nonviolent approach to resisting government power.

In 1925 Gandhi published an article that enumerated seven deadly social sins, wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, and politics without principle.

The thought of someone gaining significant wealth without working for it seems to be very unjust. Attaining one's goals, whatever they may be, without any effort, strikes us as very unfair. It is also unhealthy spiritually and emotionally. A sense of entitlement leads us to attempt to satisfy our desires without making the effort or sacrifice needed to achieve our goals. We do not grow as human persons if we avoid the work it takes to achieve our purpose. The illusion that we deserve wealth or any other goal without required diligence to achieve it may lead us to take dishonest means to attain our goals. Dishonesty, manipulation, and exploitation come from our desire to have wealth without work. As small children, we wanted instant gratification. As we moved into adulthood, we should have developed more self-control and wisdom. The refusal to wait comes from an entitled attitude that says, "I am better than others, and I deserve my fame or fortune right now." The demand for overnight success emerges from arrogance and an exaggerated sense of superiority.

Jesus warned his disciples, "No one can serve two masters, because either he will hate one and love the other, or be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and riches." (Matthew 6:24) "Be careful to guard yourselves from every kind of greed. Life is not about having a lot of material possessions." (Luke 12:15) We place ourselves in spiritual danger when preserving and increasing our wealth preoccupies us. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains." (1 Timothy 6:8)

We should look upon wealth as an instrument that enables us fulfil our responsibilities to our family and our community. Let us pray for the grace to avoid using what we have been given solely for our status, our power, or our comfort. Let us pray that the spirit of God guide us to use wisely things of this world.

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, 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.

Saturday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 14

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.

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

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.

The church's high altar was designed by architect James Freret, who was one of the first two graduates of Jesuit High School. The altar was built in Lyons, France, and dedicated on December 8, 1873, 150 years ago. The first Jesuits in New Orleans emigrated from Lyons in 1847.



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.

2024 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS 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. The conference will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Saturday, February 24, 2024. 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.

BATON ROUGE LIFE MARCH

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10 AM, meet at the Louisiana State Capitol and join pro-life citizens to march for life at the State Capitol. The 2024 Life March theme "Here for Her" announces that the pro-life community and the state of Louisiana are ready to support every pregnant and parenting woman regardless of the circumstances she may be facing. Incoming Attorney General Liz Murrill is the keynote speaker. Learn more at www.LALifeMarch.com or call 1-866-463-5433.

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 up to make this 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 <u>NOT</u> 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

PRO-LIFE GALA JANUARY 13

The 2024 Proudly Pro-Life Gala with Jim Caviezel will be held at **7:00 PM on Saturday, January 13, 2024** in the Great Hall of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

The Patron Party will begin at 6:00 PM in the Great Hall, on the corner of Julia St. and Convention Center Blvd. More information about Patron Levels, Tickets, and Underwriting Opportunities, our Hotel Room Block, purchasing Parking Passes, our Metairie Bus, and more, is available on the website, https://prolifelouisiana.org/gala.

Patrons at the Lover of Life \$5,000 level and above have the opportunity to meet and take a photo with Jim Caviezel at our VIP Party.

Louisiana Right to Life is a pro-life light to the nation. Your donation to the Louisiana Right to Life Federation enables us to save babies, help moms, and advance adoption across Louisiana. We have worked since 1970, through education, public policy, activism, and service, to protect the right to life.

Our work together has led to generations of lives being saved, hearts and minds being inspired, students being educated, and mothers being loved.

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 holiday 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.

We will need help to take down the church's Christmas decorations on Monday, January 8, beginning at 12:30 p.m. We appreciate the help of our volunteers.

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

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 the pastor, Fr. McGinn.

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

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 8, 12:30 p.m.

Removal and storage of Christmas decorations

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

Confessions 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

PRAYER LIST

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

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

IN MEMORY

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

John Barbara, Sr. † Ellen Mashburn † Aline Hebert Barker † Robin McKeever † Barbara Bensel † Sellers Meric † Judy Brown † Lexi Mestas † Diane "DeeDee" Burns † Jerry Mulkey † Fr. Stephen Campbell, S.J. † Kenneth L. Odinet, Sr. † John Cerise † O'Neil Parenton † Bishop Fernand Cheri † Tim Parenton † Chris Chocheles † Toni R. Reaves † James Commagere † Karen Riley † Edward Davis † Dorothy Romig † Benjamin J. deBoisblanc † Alex Roy † David Dietz † Beth Rush † Art Dore † Lyle Schilling † Yvonne Ferrand † Karen Schindler † Calsidonia J. Fiorella † Patricia Schiro † Gilbert Ganucheau † George Smith † Leonard "Buddy" Gately † Rose M. Simonson † Dr. A. J. Giorlando † Catherine Spadora † Judy Giorlando † Ann DePass Stuart † Mary Glassman † Wilbur Toups † Cleon Gros † Rosalyn Vance † Dorothy Schutten Guste † Aline Walshe † Philip Matthew Henriquez † Edward Ward † Andrew Hillery † Fritz Windhorst † 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, January 6

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

Alex Roy † Fr. Ian Abbott †

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Kristien B. Davis †

Alex Roy †
Lucille Jacques †
Carl Schaubhut †

9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest

11:00am Mass for the People 7:30 pm Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

Monday, January 8

7:30 am Alex Roy †
Noon Esther Pedesco †

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 am Mary Glassman †

Noon H. Norman Winterton MD †

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 am Catholic Ladies Charity Guild of Houston

Noon Anna Demma †

Thursday, January 11

7:30 am Mary Glassman † Noon Joe Lloyd Pratt †

Friday, January 12

7:30 am Melsy Saunders † Noon Walker Foster †

Saturday, January 13

8:00 am Joanne Manalla Chauvin † 4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †

Carl Orgeron †
Alex Roy †
Austin D'Alfonso

WEDDING BANNS

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

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

January 27, 2024

Madison Martin & Myles Kuss

February 17, 2024

Elise Karen Glueck & James Edward Szesycki, Jr.

COLLECTIONS (December 18-25, 2023)

Sunday: \$11,798.00 Christmas: \$8,545.00 Weekdays: \$553.00 Ministry to the Poor: \$818.00 Maintenance Fund: \$13,394.00



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.