

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

**The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent
and believe in the Gospel.**

Mark 1:15

Immaculate Conception

Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Music

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

Gathering # 474 From Ashes to the Living
Font

Psalm Response "Your ways, O Lord, are love
and truth to those who keep
your covenant."

Gifts Preparation # 691 On Eagle's Wings

Recessional # 724 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

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.

LENTEN MASSES

During Lent 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
Worship without sacrifice

This is the sixth in a series of weekly reflections on Mohandas Gandhi's 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.

Gandhi believed that true religion is based on love and compassion. We demonstrate our devotion by our willingness to surrender something valuable. Our commitment to family and community requires us make sacrifices.

In the Old Testament sacrifices were offered to atone for one's sins, to thank and praise God, and to ask for his blessings. Sacrifices were also part of the renewal of the covenant between God and his people. The laws of the Old Testament specified that sacrificial animals have no defects or blemishes. One could not get by with giving up something less valuable. Likewise, the first fruits of the harvest were offered in sacrifice.

Many of the prophets criticized the sacrificial system because many of those offering the sacrifices seemed not to care about injustice and immorality in their society. "I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings." (Hosea. 6:6) "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats." (Isaiah 1:11) In Gandhi's terms many of the prophets denounced temple sacrifices because they involved no personal cost; the sacrifices did not require repentance or any action to alleviate injustice.

The Apostle Paul encouraged the Romans, "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2) For Paul the daily sacrifice of living in accord with God's will was far more important any ritual. Self-control is the kind of worship God desires. Avoiding sins of pride, greed, envy, lust, and anger requires of us the costly sacrifice of our self-centeredness.

Sacrifice involves delaying gratification or enduring a hardship so one can achieve some important goal. Personal growth requires us to sacrifice immediate satisfaction of our desires as we focus on our responsibilities to God, our family and our community.

Fasting and other forms of self-denial especially in Lent remind us that all we are and all that we have comes as gift from God. We can easily fall into justifying our self-indulgence in all areas of life by saying we need to have or we must consume something. This disordered mentality results from considering our personal self-satisfaction as our number one priority. The call to self-denial reminds us that we can excuse ourselves all too easily by using the word "must." Our Lenten sacrifices remind us that what we "must have" is in truth far more limited than our self-serving desires tell us. May we open ourselves to the grace of personal growth during this Lenten season.

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."

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

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.

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

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. Kramer, S.J.

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.

PRAY FOR PEACE



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

Chris Carstens

*How to Pray the Mass
Better*based on his book
Devotional Journey into the Mass

EXPLAINING THE SPIRITUAL MEANINGS BEHIND THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS, WORDS AND ACTIONS OF THE MASS, AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER CARSTENS WILL TEACH US SPIRITUALLY-ENRICHING WAYS TO ENTER THE CHURCH BUILDING, MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, PRAY THE OPENING PRAYER, LISTEN TO THE READINGS, PREPARE YOUR SOUL AT THE OFFERTORY, PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, RECEIVE COMMUNION, AND EVEN RESPOND TO THE DISMISSAL.

COPIES OF HIS BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

FEBRUARY 22
6:30-7:30PM
IN
ST. PETER
CHURCH
COVINGTON



Christopher Carstens is director of the Office for Sacred Worship in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin; a visiting faculty member at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; editor of the *Adoremus Bulletin*; and one of the voices on *The Liturgy Guys* podcast. He is author of *A Devotional Journey into the Mass* and *A Devotional Journey into the*

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY GROUP FOR WOMEN

Starting February 22, 2024, 7:00 PM, St. Pius X Parish Center, there will be a three-part Ignatian prayer series for women only, developed to meet the desire for ongoing spiritual growth; for an appropriate response to the call to holiness; and for a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord. In facilitated faith-sharing prayer communities, the Lord, himself, teaches us to pray.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The second collection at all Masses **February 24-25, 2024**, will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your parish's support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need.

Ways to support the Catholic Charities Second Collection:

- Give online through this link: www.ccano.org/collection
- Send a check by mail to: PO Box 58009, NOLA 70158-8009
- Give during weekend in-person and online Masses on February 24 and 25, 2024. Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 73,000 individuals and families each year. Please encourage your parishioners to join in this mission of service to the poor and vulnerable by supporting Catholic Charities with an open and generous heart. 94 cents of every dollar received goes directly to community services. If you need additional collection envelopes or materials for this weekend, please contact Katie Truxillo at ktruxillo@ccano.org or (504) 592-5690.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1974 or before. (To register, please contact your parish office before Tuesday, March 12, 2024). Please Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be available in all parishes of the Archdiocese from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: **March 6, March 13, and March 20, 2024.**



PARISH NEWS

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all Catholics who are **18 years of age but not yet 59**. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics **14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent**.

PARISH RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

February Respect Life Focus - Human Trafficking

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free..." (Lk. 4:18).

This month we focus on our brothers and sisters who are victims and survivors of human trafficking, for those who buy them, for those who sell them. May victims and survivors experience restoration and healing. May those who perpetrate trafficking experience conversion of the heart.

Please be aware of the signs of trafficking:

<http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs>

if you see something, SAY SOMETHING. It is better to report a suspicious incident and be wrong than to be right and say nothing.

National Human Trafficking Hotline... 888-3737-888 — Keep this number in your phone.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, February 17, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

5:30 p.m. Confirmation classes begin

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, March 16, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17

Archdiocesan Seminary Collection

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

Confessions 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Collection for Support of the Holy Land

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Eddie Gros will lead a group of parishioners from Holy Name of Jesus on a pilgrimage of sites associated with the struggle for civil rights in and around Montgomery, Alabama.

On **Saturday, February 24**, the group will travel to Montgomery to tour two historic sites related to slavery and racism. The group visit the Legacy Museum: from Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, created by the author of *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson. The museum covers the experiences of men, women and children who were enslaved, to the current age of racial injustice. The second site is the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, a sacred space for truth telling and reflection about racial terrorism in the form of lynching of thousands of Black people. The pilgrimage will continue with a visit to the chapel at Spring Hill College, where Father Gros will preside at a Mass for the pilgrims followed by dinner on campus.

The group will depart early on the morning of February 24 on a deluxe motorcoach, and arrive back at Holy Name of Jesus at 10:00 p.m. The cost will be approximately \$150 (depending on the final number of participants) and will include the bus ride, admission to the sites in Montgomery, and dinner at Spring Hill. Participants will be asked to place a deposit at <https://www.hnjchurch.org/montgomery-pilgrimage>

PRAYER LIST

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

B.J. Arceneaux	McKord, Sumrall, Todd & Pinner Families	<i>Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested.</i>
John Barker	Myles & Ervin Red	
Gloria Albano Caldarera	Emmett Richards	<i>To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.</i>
Rena Cantrell	Susan Salm	
Gina Guzzino Crooks	Shirley Schnyder	
Rosalyn DeBartolo	Sheldon Strasner	
Tim Eichler	Tevest Vance	
Zachary Fowlkes	Imelda Ward	
Beverly George	Trent Washington	
Audrey Hart	& Family	
Ericka Lilledahl	Patricia Wilson	
Henri Louapre	Andrew Zander	
Bebe & Howard Maestri		

IN MEMORY

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

John Barbara, Sr. †	Jerry Mulkey †
Aline Hebert Barker †	Mary Nuttli †
Barbara Bense †	O'Neil Parenton †
Diane "DeeDee" Burns †	Tim Parenton †
John Cerise †	Vivian Perkins †
Bishop Fernand Cheri †	Toni R. Reaves †
Chris Chocheles †	Karen Riley †
James Commagere †	Dorothy Romig †
Edward Davis †	Alex Roy †
Benjamin J. deBoisblanc †	Beth Rush †
David Dietz †	Carol St. Germain †
Art Dore †	Lyle Schilling †
Victor J. Duvernay, Jr. †	Karen Schindler †
Calsidonia J. Fiorella †	George Smith †
Walker Foster †	Rose M. Simonson †
Gilbert Ganucheau †	Catherine Spadora †
Leonard "Buddy" Gately †	Wilbur Touns †
Judy Giorlando †	Roslyn Vance †
Mary Glassman †	Aline Walshe †
Philip Matthew Henriquez †	Fritz Windhorst †

*The names of recently deceased
appear on the list for twelve
months.*

*Please phone 529-1477 to re-
quest that a name be included.*

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY INTENTION

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS
OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:****Saturday, February 17**

8:00 am Joanne Manalla Chauvin †
4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Carl Schaubhut †
Mary Glassman †

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am Roslyn B. Vance †
Rita Roccaforte †
Eric Hanson †
Evan Schiavi †
9:30 am Intention of Celebrating Priest
11:00am Mass for the People
7:30 pm Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

Monday, February 19

7:30 am Karen Schindler †
Noon Phyllis Toledano †

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 am Melsy Saunders †
Noon Catholic Ladies Charity Guild of Houston

Wednesday, February 21

7:30 am Karen Cappiello †
Noon Kevin Preau †

Thursday, February 22

7:30 am Alex Roy †
Noon Donald Hymel †

Friday, February 23

7:30 am Joan Chauvin †
Noon Earl D. Retif †

Saturday, February 24

8:00 am Alex Roy †
4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Ut Thi Tran †
Charlotte Evola †

WEDDING BANNES

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

February 24, 2024

Ashlyn Lambert & Peyton Falgoust
Fernanda Langa & Gordon Cramer

March 2, 2024

Mattie Brown & Kai Rozas

March 9, 2024

Danielle Claire Sketchler & David Wayne Cannon, Jr.
Morgan Smith & Brandon Roy

March 16, 2024

Raini Walker & Donald Teller
Mary Grace Moran & Sam Allen Berry

COLLECTIONS (February 5-11, 2024)

Sunday: \$5,452.00

Weekdays: \$557.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$805.00



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 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.