Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit.

John 12:24



Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

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

- Gathering # 724 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- Psalm Response "Create in me a clean heart, O God. "
- Gifts Preparation # 945 | Am the Bread of Life
- Recessional # 688 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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 |
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| 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 |
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| Saturday: | 3:15-3:50 pm |
| Sunday: | 7-7:25 pm |

DEVOTIONS

| Tuesday: Friday: | at Masses at Masses 12:30 pm 12:40 pm | Perpetual Help Novena Sacred Heart Novena Benediction Stations of the Cross & Rosary |
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| First Friday: | 8-11:45 am at Masses 12:30 pm | Adoration & Benediction Sacred Heart Novena Stations of the Cross & Rosary |
| Sunday: | 9 am 7 pm | Rosary Adoration, Rosary, & Benediction |
| CHURCH TOURS | 3:15 pm | Saturdays |

WEEKLY REFLECTION Wrath

Almost all of the seven deadly sins, pride, greed, wrath, gluttony, lust, envy, and sloth involve some form of self-deception. Convenient falsehoods facilitate anger. We are tempted to shift the blame if we can, so we tell ourselves that someone else made us angry or that our anger is justified.

Contrary to what we would like to believe, no one can make us angry. We delude ourselves into thinking that we are not responsible for our rage because it seems to come over us so quickly. We tell ourselves that the discourteous driver's action led immediately to our blowing the horn in anger or our shouting some expletive. In fact there is an intervening thought between the stimulus and the response. We make instantaneous judgments often so guickly that we do not notice it. We tell ourselves that we have been victimized by a terrible offense that requires us to respond with ferocity. If we can acknowledge the truth, we will admit that our catastrophizing thoughts are the source of our anger. One way to control to our outrage is to dispute our automatic irrational thoughts. Is the situation we find ourselves in really humiliating or merely irritating? How can we deal with the frustration we experience? How can we adapt ourselves appropriately?

Anger over significant injustices inflicted upon someone who is undeserving may be righteous. However, many people justify their wrath by claiming it to be righteous. This rationalization depends on self-deception. We can all too easily claim that our outrage is justified. Hitler thought his anger toward to the Jews was justified. John Wilkes Booth might claim that he acted out of righteous anger. American history has numerous examples of violence inflicted by mobs who perceived themselves as victims. Some examples include the New York City draft riots of 1863, the lynching of 11 Italians in New Orleans in 1891, and the race riot that destroyed a prosperous Black neighborhood in Tulsa in 1921.

Before we can claim righteous anger, we need first to be open to the truth, and then we should take responsibility for responding in an effective, appropriate way. Inflicting pain, emotional or physical, on someone we think has victimized us may seem satisfying, but all it does is create another victim with a story that justifies his inflicting pain on someone else. We may irrationally believe that the source of our anger is an evil person who ought to be punished for what he did. One of the best ways to counteract blaming others is to take to heart the words of Jesus, "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:44-45)

Let us pray that wisdom and self-control may help us to moderate our angry impulses.

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, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

| 8:00 a.m. | Fr. McGinn, S.J. |
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| 9:30 a.m. | Fr. McGinn, S.J. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Fr. McGinn, S.J. |
| 7:30 p.m. | Fr. Kramer, S.J. |

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

| 8:00 a.m. | Fr. McGinn S.J. |
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| 9:30 a.m. | Fr. McGinn, S.J. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Fr. Waldrop, 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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR THOSE HURTING FROM ABORTION OR MISCARRIAGE

There is forgiveness, hope and peace after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, we can help. Please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat on April 5-7, 2024. All faiths are welcome! Open to women and men. Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time. To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators: Pam Richard – (504) 460-9360 or <u>richj504@bellsouth.net;</u> Donna Scheuermann – (504) 258-9183 or <u>donnas@1791.com</u>

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 plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, in the Msgr. Bendix Center located at 10021 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge. The series will be for five (5) **Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2024.** Hours are 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The cost of materials is \$25.00. To register go to our website <u>https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop</u>. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243 or email mfl@arch-no.org.

ST. ANN LENTEN MISSION

Fr. David Michael Moses, a priest from Houston Texas will lead the Lenten mission at St. Ann Church on **March 18, 19, and 20** with Masses at 10 AM and 7 PM.

Fr. David Michael Moses grew-up in Houston, Texas. He was accepted into several law schools, but ultimately felt called to the priesthood and entered seminary for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He was ordained in 2019 at the age of 25 and is now the parochial vicar at Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring, Texas. He enjoys writing music and his "Concerts for Life" have raised over \$788,000 to assist women in crisis pregnancies. Fr. David Michael is the founder of the Pilgrim Rosary project.

LCCB FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITAL

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops is having its Catholic Faithful Citizenship Day at the Capital on **April 17**. The goal is to continue educating and engaging Catholics on Catholic Social Teaching and legislation, LCCB positions, and to develop relationships with each other and legislators. We invite you to attend. For questions, contact Susan Wolf at <u>swolf@laccb.org</u>.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

On March 16 and 17, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All funds collected will go directly to supporting the education and formation of the 22 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund a single seminarian is \$45,000, and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation. Please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 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.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The parish will display a St. Joseph's altar in the church beginning on Sunday, March 17. The altar will be blessed after the noon Mass on Tuesday, March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. A light lunch will be provided in Lenes Hall after the blessing.

If you are interested in helping with the altar or assisting with the meal, please contact Veronica Davis at 504-329-5621.

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.**

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND USHERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers and ushers are asked to signup in the sacristy for Holy Week services from Palm Sunday to Easter. We need a large number of volunteers to serve as guides and ushers on Good Friday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK DECORATION VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with church decorations during Holy Week .

Palm Sunday for a few minutes after each of the morning Masses.

Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m.) to help set up for Good Friday.

Good Friday after the Cerebration of the Passion to help set up for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17 Archdiocesan Seminary Collection

Tuesday, March 19, 12:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Day lunch in Lenes Hall

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.

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday

Masses at the usual times 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Maintenance Fund Collection

Tuesday, April 2, 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 5:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, April 20, 8:45 a.m. Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, April 20 & 21 Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund Collection

Saturday, April 27 First Confession for Second Grade Children

Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & 28 Catholic Home Mission Collection

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

John Barker **Britnell Family** Gloria Albano Caldarera Rena Cantrell April Cook Gina Guzzino Crooks Rosalyn DeBartolo Tyler & Holly Dickens Caleeah Fontenot Zachary Fowlkes Beverly George Charles Green Ericka Liliedahl

Henri Louapre Bebe & Howard Maestri McKord, Sumrall, Todd & Pinner Families Myles & Ervin Red Emmett Richards Shirley Schnyder Sheldon Strasner **Tevest Vance** Imelda Ward **Trent Washington** & Family Patricia Wilson

Andrew Zander

Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested. To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.

IN MEMORY

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

B.J. Arceneaux + John Barbara, Sr. + Aline Hebert Barker + Wade Buquoi, Jr. + Anthony Bourgeois + Diane "DeeDee" Burns + John Cerise + Edgar L. "Dookie" Chase III Bishop Fernand Cheri + Chris Chocheles + James Commagere + George Cook + Carol Daigle † Edward Davis † Benjamin J. deBoisblanc + David Dietz † Art Dore + Victor J. Duvernay, Jr. + Walker Foster + Gilbert Ganucheau + Judy Giorlando + Mary Glassman + Andrew Hillery + Althea Hunter + Lucille Jacques + Charlie Kelley + Myrtle G. LeBlanc + Elleen Mashburn + Robin McKeever +

Sellers Meric + Lexi Mestas + Jerry Mulkey + Mary Nuttli + O'Neil Parenton + Tim Parenton + Vivian Perkins + Toni R. Reaves + Karen Riley + Dorothy Romig + Alex Rov + Beth Rush + Carol St. Germain + Lyle Schilling + Karen Schindler + George Smith + Rose M. Simonson + Catherine Spadora + Wilbur Toups + Roslyn Vance + Aline Walshe + Claire Wilson + Fritz Windhorst +

The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve months. Please phone 529-1477 to request that a name be included.

HOLY FATHER'S MARCH INTENTION

For the new martyrs.

We pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with courage and missionary zeal.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS

OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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| | Saturday, March 16 Lucie Roussel † Richard Vanderbrook † Carl Orgeron † Alex Roy † Roslyn B. Vance † |
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| | Sunday, March 17 |
| 8:00 am | Lucille Jacques + |
| | Donald LeBlanc + |
| | Mary Nuttli † |
| | Mary Glassman + |
| 9:30 am | Carol St. Germain + |
| 11:00am | Mass for the People |
| 7:30 pm | Owen J. LaCour, Sr. † |
| | Monday, March 18 |
| 7:30 am | Catholic Ladies Charity Guild of Houston |
| Noon | Fr. Simeon Doyle + |
| | Tuesday, March 19 |
| | Greg Chaix + |
| Noon | William Trepagnier + |

Wednesday, March 20 7:30 am Melsy Saunders +

Noon Joanne Manalla Chauvin +

Thursday, March 21

7:30 am Evelyn M. Peltier + George Frilot + Noon

Friday, March 22

7:30 am Gasper Bivalacqua + Noon Adele Antonia Martinez +

Saturday, March 23 8:00 am Catholic Ladies Charity Guild of Houston 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook + Carl Orgeron + Mary Glassman + Vivian L. Perkins +

WEDDING BANNS

Please keep in your prayers those who in the coming weeks will be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony March 23, 2024

Brittany Rene' Major & Coleman D. Ridley, Jr. Kelly Chung & Trent Charles Smith

April 5, 2024

Shelby Paige Sullivan & Garrett Louis Drouant

April 6, 2024

Hannah Moran & Connor Maginnis Emily Morgan Shinn & Joshua Saunders DeBlieux

April 13, 2024

Nicole Roca & Nathan Alvarez Grace Josephine Evans & Jacob Michael Vinet

NEW ORLEANS, LA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

COLLECTIONS (March 4-10, 2024)

Sunday: \$7,174.50 Weekdays: \$830.00 Ministry to the Poor: \$2,455.00



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.

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