



Immaculate Conception

Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 26:2-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Music

4:00 pm, 10:00 am & 7:30 pm

Gathering # 556 Come Down, O Love
Divine

Psalm Response "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Gifts Preparation # 706 Where Charity and Love
Prevail

Communion # 920 Pan De Vida

Recessional # 644 There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy

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, 10:00 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:	9:30 am	Rosary
	7 pm	Adoration, Rosary, & Benediction
CHURCH TOURS	3:15 pm	Saturdays

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Utopia

In 1516 St. Thomas More wrote a political satire that described an island with seemingly perfect laws and customs. In *Utopia* the ideal society had no private property, a six-hour work day, no lawyers, no war, and religious freedom. More ridiculed some of the laws and customs of his day, but he did not seriously recommend this perfect society. ("Utopia" is Greek for "nowhere.") He was well aware that our disordered desires would make such a society impossible.

The first half of the Nineteenth Century in the United States witnessed the emergence of several utopian communities. Some were based on religious principles and sought to combine socialism with Christian faith. Other utopias were completely secular and drew their inspiration from European socialist philosophers. None of these communities survived.

Secular utopians believed in the perfectibility of mankind. They were convinced that all of our vices could be eliminated if the correct environment were established. The New Harmony commune in Indiana failed because of internal conflicts. Brook Farm in Massachusetts failed financially. The Oneida community in New York was successful financially but failed because of conflicts arising from the practice of group marriage.

The theoretical foundations for secular utopian communities led to their downfall. They were based on a fundamentally flawed philosophy of man. Utopians theorized that a perfect environment could be created so members of the community could live in harmony owning everything in common. Unfortunately, human nature cannot be transformed by changing the environment. The members of the communes continued to be envious, self-serving, greedy; some were lazy; others were authoritarian and wanted to limit the freedom of other members. The community structure did not change the hearts of the people. Their disordered desires remained unchanged. Human nature is deeply flawed, filled with greed, envy, and incompetence, which makes utopian goals unrealistic.

Secular utopians have great potential for unhappiness. Many believe that human reason, science, or social engineering can create a near-perfect society. But human beings are deeply flawed, and history shows that human nature resists utopian ideals. Since utopianism aims for an ever-improving world, anything short of perfection can feel like failure. If God is irrelevant and one's purpose in life comes from earthly progress, despair can follow when setbacks occur.

We need to acknowledge our own sinfulness. All too often we deny the truth that our disordered passions have great power over us. Our desires for status, power, wealth, and comfort can distort our attempt to live virtuous lives. Let us approach God in humility admitting our weakness and calling for the grace to put aside the desires that distort the way we live with each other in family and community.

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 10:00 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*.

MASS CELEBRANTS**Saturday, February 22**

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

Sunday, February 23

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

10:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

7:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph, S.J.

Saturday, March 1

4:00 p.m. NO MASS

Sunday, March 2

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

10:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.

7:30 p.m. NO MASS

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.

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

Days of Prayer



March 5, 2025
Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC

March 26, 2025
Betty-Ann Hickey



April 9, 2025
Caesar & Ducote

April 30, 2025
Dina Dow



Register today at neworleansretreats.com
or by calling Carolyn at (504) 267-9604

THE
CENACLE
on the lake

WORKSHOPS FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers are being presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Attendance at a workshop for EMHCs is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. Attendance at a workshop for readers is highly recommended. The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at <https://nolacatholic.org/lay-liturgical-ministry-formation>. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

The second collection at all Masses will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans the weekend of **February 22-23, 2025**. Your parish's support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

Ways to support the Catholic Charities Second Collection:

- Give online through this link: www.ccano.org/secondcollection
- Send a check by mail to: PO Box 58009, New Orleans, LA 70158-8009

Give during weekend in-person and online at Masses on February 22 and 23, 2025.

Last year, your parish's participation helped raise over \$150,000 to assist thousands of individuals and families in need. Through your parish's generous support, Catholic Charities is able to sustain our mission to help our neighbors meet immediate needs and face long-term challenges using our time, skills, resources and voices. 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.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

On **March 15 and 16**, 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 21 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.



PARISH NEWS

**MARDI GRAS WEEKEND
MARCH 1 AND 2**

The 4:00 p.m. evening Mass on **Saturday, March 1** and the 7:30 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, March 2** will be cancelled because the crowds and Mardi Gras parades will make access to the church impossible.

Masses will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 2** at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

MARDI GRAS AND ASH WEDNESDAY**Monday, March 3**

Mass at 7:30 a.m.

No Noon Mass or Confessions

Church closed after morning Mass

Tuesday, March 4, Mardi Gras

Church Closed, NO Masses

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

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

Confessions 11:00 a.m. to noon

Confessions 4:15 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: **March 26, 2025, April 2, 2025 and April 9, 2025.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**Saturday & Sunday, February 22 & 23**

Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

Saturday & Sunday, March 1 & 2

Mardi Gras parades

NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MORNING Masses as usual

NO Adoration, Confessions, or 7:30 p.m. Mass

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Sunday, March 9 First Sunday of Lent

2:00 p.m. Confirmation classes begin

Thursday, March 13, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, March 15, 8:45 a.m.

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, March 15 & 16

Archdiocesan Seminary Collection

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 5:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18, 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.

PRAYER LIST

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

Ana Amos	William Mentz	Yvonne J. Williams
Imani Badie	Shirley Schnyder	Patricia Wilson
Jennifer Bonam	Sheldon Strasner	
Walter Bonam	Betty Tedesco	
Rena Cantrell	Tevest Vance	
Mira Mae Cosey	Michael Vesley	<i>Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested. To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.</i>
Rosalyn DeBartolo	Betty Walsh	
Beverly George	Jay Walsh	
Rosalie McCoy Johnson	Imelda Ward	
Graham Laborde	Trent Washington	
McKord, Sumrall, Todd & Pinner Families	& Family	

IN MEMORY

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

Sr. Ruth Angelette, O.P. †	Gloria Schexnayder Lewis †
B.J. Arceneaux †	Yvonne Bebe Maestri †
Andrew Arestano †	Johnny McCrossen †
Sophia Arellano †	Ruth McKinnis †
Aline Hebert Barker †	Michael A. Melton †
Wade Buquoi, Jr. †	Conrad Meyer IV †
Anthony Bourgeois †	Frank Misuraca †
James E. Brown, Sr. †	Salvador Mule' †
Brandon Butera †	Kathryn Neilson †
Grace Battiste Butler †	Frank Perry †
Gloria Albano Caldarera †	Linda Rabalais †
Taylor Casey †	Milton Retif †
Edgar L. "Dookie" Chase III †	Frances Dee Tarantino †
Jacquelyn B. Clarkson †	Sheryl Anne Thornton †
John Combe †	Pat Uli †
George Cook †	Bill Wightkin †
Patrice Cook †	Claire Wilson †
Gina Guzzino Crooks †	
Carol Daigle †	<i>The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve months.</i>
Edward Davis †	
Roberto Diaz †	<i>Please phone 529-1477 to request that a name be included.</i>
Milton Duckert †	
Pat Ellis †	
Jason Franco †	
Marie Giorlando †	
Robert Paul Guilbault †	
Shirley Hyde Hawkins †	
Louise Huete †	
Zena Ophelia Kiper †	

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY INTENTION

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:**Saturday, February 22**

8:00 am Patricia McNamara Ellis †
 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †
 Carl Orgeron †
 Benjamin Earl Foster, Jr. †
 John Stassi †

Sunday, February 23

8:00 am Margaret & Gerard Johnson †
 Raymond Francis Rogers †
 Earl and June Magner †
 Richard Swensen †
 10:00am Mass for the People
 7:30 pm Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

Monday, February 24

7:30 am Walter Butler †
 Noon Kristien B. Davis †

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 am Jeanne Johnston †
 Noon Fay Hood Harrison †

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 am James Arnold †
 Noon Special Intention

Thursday, February 27

7:30 am Mary Ellen Quinn
 Noon Shirley Hyde Hawkins †

Friday, February 28

7:30 am Fr. Ulrich Haug, CRV †
 Noon David B. Harrison †

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am Richard Vanderbrook †
 4:00 pm NO MASS

WEDDING BANNES

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

March 8, 2025

Casey Wick & Brandon Daigle
 Margo Lane Watkins & Patrick Manuel Willis

March 15, 2025

Julia Kulakowski & Trace Messina

March 22, 2025

Erin Jessica Garcia & Grant Mathews LaSelle
 Savannah Rae Cheffer & Colin Michael Kulivan
 Kayla Cristen McCollum & Benjamin J. Birdsall IV

COLLECTIONS (February 10-16)

Sunday: \$7,979.50

Weekdays: \$563.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$252.00

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*.

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 VALID ONLY DURING WEEKEND MASS TIMES.