

**“We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”**

Luke 15:32

# *Immaculate Conception*

## *Jesuit Church*

### ***Scripture Readings***

**Joshua 5:9-12**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

**Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

### ***Music***

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

Gathering	<b># 742 The Church's One Foundation</b>
Psalm Response	<b>“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”</b>
Gifts Preparation	<b># 581 O God, You Search Me</b>
Communion	<b># 645 Amazing Grace</b>
Recessional	<b># 483 Forty Days and Forty Nights</b>

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 4:00 pm, 10:00 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.**

### **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, 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
<b>CHURCH TOURS</b>	3:15 pm	Saturdays

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**  
**The Prodigal Son**

Two of the most famous of Jesus' parables occur in the Gospel of Luke, The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) and The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Jesus intended that the stories engage us so that they call forth from us a decision to accept the challenge of the Kingdom of God. Many of Jesus' parables were colorful stories with outrageous exaggerations that were intended to gain the attention of the audience and make a memorable impression. Jesus intends for us to place ourselves in the parables. The parable challenges us, "Will you be like the Samaritan traveler when you encounter the vulnerable who are in need?"

Jesus aimed the parable of the prodigal son at the self-righteous religious leaders who were not interested in proclaiming God's forgiveness for sinners. Their focus was on the observance of the Mosaic Law. They condemned and shunned those who ignored the law. "The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So to them he addressed this parable." (Luke 15:1-3) Jesus told the parable to challenge the self-righteous. He challenged them to see themselves in the older brother, who resented the attention his father gave to his brother who squandered his inheritance. From his perspective his brother did not deserve the generous treatment their father gave him. The parable ends with the father inviting the elder brother into the party to share the joy of wayward brother who has returned to home. We do not know whether the older brother accepted the invitation to join the festivities. The parable asks us, "Will you join the heavenly father in rejoicing in the reconciliation of sinners? Or will you resent God's mercy shown to the undeserving? Will you allow your self-righteousness to dominate your life?"

Although Jesus' centered the story on the older brother, we can also see ourselves in the role of the other two characters. If we identify ourselves with the father, we need to ask whether we would be as overwhelmingly generous and forgiving of someone who betrayed us as the younger son did. Will we refuse to allow resentment and pride to get in way of forgiveness and reconciliation? Will we follow the example of the father in the story?

We should also see ourselves in the role of the younger brother. We need to come to our senses as he did and return to our heavenly father. We should eliminate any obstacles in the way of our repenting and changing direction so we can experience God's overwhelming love forgiveness. Let us look upon the challenges and disappointments of our lives as opportunities to return to God and surrender to his will for us.

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](http://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](http://www.jesuitchurch.net)) by selecting tabs entitled "I'm New" and "I'm New to the Parish."

### MASS CELEBRANTS

#### Saturday, March 29

4:00 p.m. Fr. McGinn

#### Sunday, March 30

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, April 5

4:00 p.m. Fr. McGinn

#### Sunday, April 6

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fr. Gros, 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.



You might like to follow Immaculate Conception Parish on Facebook by logging onto [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and then entering *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church* and "Like" us.

### PRAY FOR PEACE

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**ATTENTION RETIRED CATHOLICS**

Share your lifetime of experience and get the experience of a lifetime. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a community of mature men and women who use their time and talents to help others. IVC members commit one or two days per week to work directly with non-profit service organizations that address poverty and marginalization. Members gather monthly to reflect prayerfully on their apostolic work and discover the deeper meaning on the service they do. For more details see our website [www.icvusa.org/NewOrleans](http://www.icvusa.org/NewOrleans) or contact Becky Goff at [bgoff@icvusa.org](mailto:bgoff@icvusa.org).

**CARLO ACUTIS—FILM ABOUT THE FIRST  
MILLENNIAL SAINT  
IN THEATRES APRIL 27-29**

the film, **Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality**, about the life of the first millennial saint (to be canonized on April 27, 2025), will be in theaters on April 27-29, 2025. This is a great opportunity for individuals to invite people to an evangelistic event during this mission year of the Eucharistic Revival. Once the first 5,000 tickets are sold, the film has been guaranteed an additional three days in theaters. Locations and advance tickets may be purchased now at <https://carloacutisfilm.com/>

**ARCHDIOCESEAN MASS FOR VOCATIONS**

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will preside. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Seminarians, women and men in formation for consecrated life and diaconate candidates will join together in thanking God for their vocation. Everyone present will be invited to pray for those who serve the Archdiocese of New Orleans as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. For more information, contact the Vocation Office 504-861-6298.

**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.**

**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. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where Christ was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday collection, you join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).



## PARISH NEWS

**ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR**

Many thanks to the parishioners who contributed to the St. Joseph's altar in the church on March 19. Thanks to those who decorated the altar and cooked the meal.

**BAPTISMS & BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Baptisms usually occur after the 10:00 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 on **April 10 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>

**FIRST COMMUNION AT  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

Children in the second grade who have been prepared in their Catholic elementary school or in their parish schools of religion may receive their first communion at Immaculate Conception Church at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, May 3, 2025**. One may register on the church's website [www.jesuitchurch.net](http://www.jesuitchurch.net).

<https://jesuitchurch.net/have-a-child-receive-first-communion>.

First confessions will take place on the preceding **Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**ATTENTION: LECTORS, USHERS,  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND SERVERS**

Please sign up for the Holy Week services in the sacristy. We will need the help of many ushers on Good Friday when hundreds of people visit the church on the Nine Churches Walk. Thank you.

**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 Celebration of the Passion to help set up for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**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.

Collection for Support of the Holy Land

**Saturday, April 19, 8:45 a.m.**

Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

**Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday**

Masses at the usual times

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Maintenance Fund Collection

**Tuesday, April 22, 5:00 p.m.**

Confirmation Rehearsal

**Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.**

Confirmation

**Saturday, April 26**

First Confession for Second Grade Children

**Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27**

Catholic Home Mission Collection

**Saturday, May 3**

11:00 a.m. First Communion

**Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11**

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund Collection

**Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.**

Parish Finance Council Meeting

**PRAYER LIST**

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

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

**IN MEMORY**

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

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

**HOLY FATHER'S MARCH INTENTION****For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:****Saturday, March 29**

8:00 am Christina Brown †  
 4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †  
 Carl Orgeron †  
 Mike Guillot †  
 Rose Jemison †

**Sunday, March 30**

8:00 am Archbishop Philip M. Hannan †  
 Gordon Kennedy †  
 Carolina Ozuna Garcia †  
 Trevor Teaff Wright †  
 10:00am Mass for the People  
 7:30 pm Owen J. LaCour, Sr.

**Monday, March 31**

7:30 am Anna King †  
 Noon Theresa J. Jupiter †

**Tuesday, April 1**

7:30 am Skip Brechtel †  
 noon James Patrick Finigan †

**Wednesday, April 2**

7:30 am Charles Bordes †  
 noon Audrey Cline Hyer †

**Thursday, April 3**

7:30 am Women's Charity Guild of Houston  
 Noon Skip Brechtel †

**Friday, April 4**

7:30 am All Souls †  
 Noon Joanne Foster

**Saturday, April 5**

8:00 am Skip Brechtel †  
 4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †  
 Carl Orgeron †  
 Marie C. Giorlando †  
 Fr. Berthold Mayr †

**WEDDING BANNES**

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

**April 5, 2025**

Raegan Meredith Tafaro & Alexander G. Watermeier  
 Lorelei Pons & Dalton Prihoda

**April 12, 2025**

Isabel Yarborough & Courtland Vice  
 Megan Erwin & Jeffrey Barbera

**May 3, 2025**

Abby Katherine Saint & Christopher Dalton Bivings  
 Jessica Elizabeth Hart & Dillon Andrew Fuchs

**COLLECTIONS (March 17-23, 2025)**

Sunday: \$6,533.00

Weekdays: \$811.00

Ministry to the Poor: \$598.00

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**