

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours  
Monday & Friday: 8 am - noon  
Tuesday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

*Closed Holidays*

**New Parishioners:** Welcome! Please call or come by the Parish Office for registration.

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (Anticipated): 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, & 5:00 pm  
Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 am  
Saturday: 8:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: 7:30-7:50 am  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm  
Sunday: 9:15-9:45 am  
Sunday: 4:30-4:50 pm  
Wednesday: 6:00-6:25 am  
Or by request

## Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Funeral Arrangements

Please see website or contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must contact Pastor at least six months prior.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Seelos Chapel

## Perpetual Help Rosary and Novena

Tuesday 6:00 am - Rosary 6:15 am - Novena

## Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Johnathan Janise *Pastor*  
Mrs. Joan Trahan *Office Manager*  
Ms. Janice Trahan *Parish Life Coordinator*  
Miss Eulalie Cormier *Religious Formation Director*

## IHM Youth Faith Formation Program

*Grades K - 5th*  
2 Sundays each month, 11:15 am - 12:45 pm  
*Grades 6th - 8th*  
2 Sundays each month, 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
*9th - 11th Grade (Confirmation)*  
2 Sundays each month, 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm

## Come, Lord Jesus

Monday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Office

## Bible Study

Wednesday at 5:30PM in the Parish Office

## Legion of Mary

Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Parish Office

## Cor Jesu Adveniat Regnum Tuum

## Adveniat per Mariam

Heart of Jesus, Your Kingdom Come, Come Through Mary

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."*

*(Luke 1:38)*



## Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2023

### Gospel Summary

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive and bear a son and name him Jesus. Mary does not understand how this can be, and the angel explains that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and “the power of the Most High will overshadow [her].” Gabriel then tells Mary that Elizabeth, too, will bear a son, emphasizing that “nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary replies, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

### Reflection for Families

As Christmas nears, what seems most impossible to you? Does it seem impossible that all the gifts will be bought, wrapped, and under the tree in time for Christmas morning? Does it seem impossible that you will have time to complete the preparations for and cooking of the Christmas meal? Does it seem impossible that family members will get along? Take time to talk to the Lord about these seeming impossibilities. Quietly repeat the promise of the angel Gabriel, “nothing will be impossible for God.”

### Bring the Gospel Into Your Family

Continue the above reflection with your family members. Light the four candles of the Advent wreath and invite each family member to name something that seems impossible – perhaps a difficult task or deadline – that he or she must take care of by Christmas Day. Then pray together the words of the angel Gabriel; “Nothing will be impossible for God.” Support and encourage each other in the days between today and Christmas Day.

--RCL Benziger--



Returned to Christ through death:  
Our prayers and sincere condolences are offered  
to the families of:  
James Nelson Treadway  
and  
Ronald James Picard  
May they rest in the Lord's Eternal Peace.

### A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"*

Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

**2024 offering envelopes are out.** Please remember to pick up your box. If you should have a box but you do not find it or if you need to make changes to your information, such as phone numbers, addresses, name changes or children born or no longer living in your home, please contact the Parish Office. Also, if you do not receive envelopes but would like to, contact the office so a number can be assigned to you. Thank you for supporting Immaculate Heart of Mary Church!



Father Janise  
and the Parish Staff  
wish everyone a  
Merry and Blessed Christmas.

The Parish Office will close  
Monday, December 25  
Tuesday, December 26  
for the Christmas holiday.

**Offertory Collection for Dec. 17 – \$4,509.04**  
**Building Fund – \$30.00**

Many thanks to all who give to our church as an act of faith. Thank you for trusting the Lord.



**Masses for the week Dec. 23 – Dec. 30, 2023**

**Saturday, Dec. 23, 4PM – Ronald Picard**

*Also remembered in prayer:* Adris & Orillia Richard, Adam Richard, Robertson Istre, Ronald Comeaux, Jordan Puissogur, Alice, C. J., & Carlton Prevost

**Sunday, Dec. 24, 8AM – James Treadway**

*Also remembered in prayer:* Ovey Guidry, Jr., Wahneta Mire, Charles & Mary Ann Toney, Henry & Gloria Clement, Ken Cook Hundley Family

**10AM – Wanda Trahan**

*Also remembered in prayer:* George William Hoffpauir, Dennis Quebodeaux, Sr., A. D. Foreman

**5PM – Christmas Vigil Mass**

*Also remembered in prayer:* \*\*See Bulletin Insert\*\*

**Monday, Dec. 25, 8AM & 10AM – Christmas Day Mass**

*\*\*See Bulletin Insert\*\**

**Tuesday, Dec. 26, 6:30AM – NO MASS**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27, 6:30AM – Prayers for Pope Francis**

**Thursday, Dec. 28, 6:30AM – Fr. Janise & Parish Staff**

**Friday, Dec. 29, 6:30AM – Helen Simon Cormier (BD), Mary Trahan**

**Saturday, Dec. 30, 8AM – Wayne Richard (1<sup>st</sup> Annv), Leander Higginbotham**

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for:  
Wayne Richard**

**Blessed Sacros Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burning for:  
Broussard, Danna, & Trahan Families**

**Please pray for our friends who are sick.**

Hazel Senux, Brooke Habetz, Noah Faul, Leona Spell, Neal Romero, Irene & George Dill, Edward Abshire, Abby Foreman, Elizabeth Betty Spallino, Thelma Richard, Albert "Butch" Schexnaider, Ronald Duhon, Linda Duhon, Cheryl Edwards, Angelina Quebodeaux, Ronald Quebodeaux, Delton & Clara Bertrand, Cindy Istre, Jeanette Guidry, Betty Adams, Linda LaCombe, Greg Nolan, Jane Quebodeaux, Stacy Hebert, Rena Cramer, Janet Richard, Todd Sevin, Dudley Meaux, Gerald Constantin, Scotty Cormier, Madelyn Daigle, Dorothy B. Somier, Mary Stutes, Brandt Terro, Nolan Leger, Agnes Biehol, Cliff Somier, Nancy Kondart, Bill Grnboski, Sophia Bellard, Barbara Cormier, Dawn K. Murphy, Kenneth Leger, Rene Earles, Robert Garrie, Becky Schexnaider, Callie Domingue, Priscilla Baker, Hailey Montet, Enimalynn G. Quebodeaux, Debra Cormier, Beulah Ortega, Debbie Robichaux, Johnny Richard, J. D. Family, Leighla LeBlanc, Larry Trahan, Shelly Arnaud, Dakota Leger, Sherry Primeaux, Emily Mouton, Newjay Richard, L. & T. Brown, Angie Johnson, Dustin Martin, Garin Thibodeaux, Kenny LaBorde, Amy Fusilier, Martha Menard, Russell Mouton, Robert Matthews, Barbara Hornsby, U S Military Personnel

**Readers & Extraordinary Ministers for December 30 – 31**

**Saturday – December 30**

**4PM R – Marian Hundley**

**EM – Marcia DeVille**

**Sunday – December 31**

**8AM R – Greg Schmid**

**EM – Tim Monceaux**

**10AM R – Toni Romero**

**EM – Mike Ritchie**

**Sunday – December 31 – Vigil, Solemnity of Mary,**

**Holy Mother of God**

**5PM R – Toni Romero**

**EM – Janice Trahan**

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

*Sunday, December 24, 5PM, Christmas Vigil*

*Christmas Day*

*Monday, December 25, 8AM & 10AM,*

*NO 5PM Mass*

*Tuesday, December 26, NO 6:30AM Mass*

*Saturday, December 30, 4PM, Sunday Obligation*

*Sunday, December 31, 8AM & 10AM,*

*Sunday Obligation*

*Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*

*Sunday, December 31, 5PM Mass*

*No Mass will be celebrated*

*Monday, January 1, or Tuesday, January 2, 2024*

**Retirement Fund for Religious...** Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation (\$756.00) makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

Schedules are ready for all who serve. Please remember to pick up your copy in the Sacristy. IHM appreciates the time you volunteer to the Parish. **THANK YOU!**

**Altar Servers for December 30 – 31**

**Saturday – December 30**

**4PM Elijah Murphy, Levin Murphy**

**Sunday – December 31**

**8AM Allie Ronkartz, Ryleigh Oestricher**

**10AM Dale Simon, Daxton Simon**

**Sunday – December 31 – Vigil, Solemnity of Mary**

**5PM Volunteer**

**God's Housekeepers for December 29**

**Sandra Trahan & Betty Daigle**

**Coffee & Donut Host /8AM/ December 31**

**Tim Monceaux**

## **CATECHISM...The Profession of the Christian**

**Faith...** The Greek word symbolon meant half of a broken object, for example, a seal presented as a token of recognition. The broken parts were placed together to verify the bearer's identity. The symbol of faith, then, is a sign of recognition and communion between believers. Symbolon also means a gathering, collection, or summary. A symbol of faith is a summary of the principal truths of the faith and therefore serves as the first and fundamental point of reference for catechesis.



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