



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM Church
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM Chapel
First Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM Chapel

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM
(Or By Appointment)

Baptism: Please contact Deacon Bob (337) 278-7923 during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Care of the Sick: For emergencies, please contact the priest immediately. Communion is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

PARISH EMAIL

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They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;
Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mk 2:13-17



God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Jules Craig Cifreo, Air Force.; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines; Analise Reed, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Tim Amond, Linda Beauvis, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Annie Bourque, Doris Bourque, Judah Burbank, Robin Casiano, Pearl Christopher, Barry Comeaux, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Daniel Cormier, Michael David, Patsy David, Tammy David, Brilynn Davis, Dana Decuir, Wayne Delatte, Todd Dolce, Wallace Dorgan, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, David Gauthier, Gloria H. Genusa, Shelby Gobert, Marshall Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Ylandra Hackett, Dana Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Stephanie Jarreau, Wayne Jarreau, Kiely Johnson, Judy & James Joseph, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Jimmy Landry, Mike Marcello, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Julie Lee, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Theresa McKnight, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Darlene Neal, Margo Olinde, Al Patin, Christine Patin, Gary Patin, Jr., Gary Patin, Sr., Gregory Patin, Carol Pharr, Jean Porche, Brody Roberts, Justin Roberts, Julia Grace Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Whitney Simoneaux, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Billy Soulier, Jeff Soulier, Shirley Sparks, Micah Theriot, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Wayne Walton, Diane White, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

01/10 Rel. Ed Grades 1st-5th
@ 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Your Stewardship

Collection Totals Not Available
At Time Of Publication

25th, 50th, 65th & Over Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate mass at **2pm on Sunday, March 3, 2024**, at **Most Blessed Sacrament Church** in Baton Rouge. The Bishop will be honoring couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 65th or over wedding anniversary. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Couples wishing to attend are asked to register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of church. Once completed, please return the forms to the Parish Office. Registration deadline is **Thursday, February 1, 2024**.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIA-C) is a journey for welcoming adults and children into the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA prepares the newcomers for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist by providing a personal journey that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit.

If you are looking into fully realizing your walk in faith with the Catholic church by Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, please call **Mrs. Dina Tunstall at (225) 627-5819** for more information.

KC Appreciation Gumbo

Sunday, January 21st
11am Parish Hall

2023-2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

When you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are investing in the future of our local Church. The BAA serves the communities of our 64 church parishes, 29 diocesan schools and 10 seminarians, while also extending our outreach to shelter the homeless, care for the imprisoned and serve those with special needs.

The greatest way to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal is through prayer and financial support. Each gift, no matter the size, directly impacts our diocese! To learn more about the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the ministries it supports, visit diobr.org/baa.

Weekend Reflection

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

Epiphany of the Lord

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphaino*, a verb that means "to shine upon", "to manifest", or "to make known". Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2: 1-11).

