



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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and
take it to the headwaiter.”

John 2:7-8



Sunday, January 19, 2025

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; I Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

ICC Cards & Games Day

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
10am-3pm Parish Hall

The next **ICC Cards & Games Day** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**, from **10am till 3pm**. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of Church. Don't wait to register, as the **deadline** is **February 1, 2025**.

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

John Larry Alpough, Tim Amond, Barbara Andre, Gerald "Cotton" Andrus, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Mike Bourgeois, Annie Bourque, Judah Burbank, Robin Casiano, Bernadette Chenevert, Monica Collie, Alma Collins, Pat Conerly, Daniel Cormier, Andy Daigle, Michael David, Patsy David, Tammy David, Dana Decuir, Darrel Decuir, Paulette Devillier, Wallace Dorgan, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, Anthony Alvarez Facione, Mary Firmin, Granger Fontenot, Horace Fuselier, David Gauthier, Gloria H. Genusa, Stuart Glasco, Shelby Gobert, Troy Green, Sr., Marshall Gremillion, Ylandra Hackett, Clay Hano, Emberly Hebert, Noah Jarreau, Stephanie Jarreau, Wayne Jarreau, Kiely Johnson, Judy & James Joseph, Linda Joseph, Juneau Family, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Bobbie Laurent, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Julie Lee, Janice Marks, Sutton McDaniel, Theresa McKnight, Abigail Medine, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Delores Mix, Myra Moniotte, Darlene Neal, Allen Olinde, Linda Olinde, Soody Olinde, Al Patin, Christine Patin, Gary Patin, Jr., Gary Patin, Sr., Gregory Patin, Carol Pharr, Jean Porche, Loretta Reviere, Mary Alice Robert, Monica Rosenblume, Julia Grace Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Wanda Smith, Beau Soulier, Shirley Sparks, Micah Theriot, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Frank Vienna, Randy Vossburg, Wayne Walton, Diane White, Diane Wildey, Harry Williams, Joyce York.

This Week at ICC

- 01/19** **KC Appreciation Gumbo**
@ 11am Parish Hall.
- 01/20** **Parish Office Closed.**
- 01/21** **Parish Office Reopens.**
- 01/22** **Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th**
@ 5pm.
- 01/23** **ACTS "Stoking The Fire" Service**
@ 6pm Church.

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Sunday, January 19, 2025
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Martin Luther King Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 20th**, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The office will reopen on **Tuesday, January 21st**, at 8:30am.

End Of The Year Statements

Due to the rising costs of materials and postage, End of the Year Contribution Statements, for your income tax purposes, **will no longer be automatically sent out**. Those parishioners wishing to receive a copy of their 2024 statement are asked to please call the Parish Office at 627-5124.

Interested in Becoming a Deacon?

There will be several discernment sessions for men interested in the diaconate, **beginning January 18, 2025**. These sessions will be held at various parishes throughout the diocese. More information can be found on the flyers, located in the back of Church, and on the Parish website.

2025-2026

Immaculate Conception Preschool Registration (Lakeland, LA)

We are currently taking applications for the upcoming **2025-2026** preschool year.

The program offers a "hands-on", age-appropriate pre-kindergarten curriculum for children ages 2-5 years.

(Children must turn 3 by December 31, 2025)

Pre-K Hours: 8:30am-2:00pm M/W/F

Application forms can be found near side door of the Office of Christian Formation and **must be received by February 6, 2025 at 2pm**.

For more information contact **Skye Johnston** in the **Office of Christian Formation** at **225-627-5819**.

ICC Food Bank Thank You

The ICC Food Bank would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to all those who generously donated toward this year's Christmas food baskets. It is only because of you and your unwavering support, that the Food Bank was able to help so many families in our parish community enjoy a wonderful Christmas season.

Feast of St. Blaise

On Monday, February 3, 2025, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise. This year, in lieu of individual blessings, Fr. Amrit will instead pray over the entire congregation, at all Masses the weekend of February 1st & 2nd.

Diocesan Priest Retreat

Fr. Amrit will be attending the **2025 Annual Diocesan Priest Retreat**, held in **Grand Coteau**, beginning **Monday, February 3rd thru Thursday, February 6th**. There will be **NO Masses** celebrated during this time. Father **will** return to celebrate **8am morning Mass** on **Friday, February 7th**.

ACTS of Pointe Coupee "Stoking the Fire" Adoration, Rosary & Prayer Service

ACTS "Stoking the Fire" Adoration, Rosary and Prayer Service, for the upcoming ACTS Men's retreat, will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning now through Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6pm in church.

You do not have to be a member of ACTS to attend. **ALL** are invited to come and be with Our Lord and Blessed Mother, for 1 hour.

Pointe Coupee Men's ACTS Retreat

Date: March 20-23, 2025

Place: Maryhill Renewal Center
Pineville, Louisiana

Cost: \$50.00 Application Fee
\$200.00 Retreat Fee

Application forms can be found on the tables in church. The application fee **must be received** by **Friday, January 31, 2025, before 5:00pm**. Please mail your application, along with a check to:

ACTS of Pointe Coupee
PO Box 259
Oscar, LA 70762

Financial Assistance is Available

Respect Life Mass

Saturday, January 25, 2025

8:30am St. Joseph Cathedral



AS WE HONOR DR. KING,
LET US REMEMBER HIS MESSAGES OF NON-VIOLENCE,
TOLERANCE, AND UNITY ARE AS IMPORTANT
TODAY AS THEY WERE OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Weekend Inspiration

You are God's delight! Yes, you. Isaiah talks about how God called you, and as a groom rejoices in his bride, He rejoices in you. And then, in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we have been given spiritual gifts that help us serve the people of God. He reminds us that while our gifts are different from others' gifts they are all manifestations of the same Spirit and are all needed. In the Gospel, we see Mary's gift of being concerned with hospitality and caring for others. She urges Jesus to help and while His reply to her is vague, she tells the waiters to "do whatever he tells you."

Are you ever a bit timid or even afraid to do whatever Jesus tells you to do? Or maybe you make excuses. I do the latter. Especially when I am not fond of what I am being asked to do. For example, I have felt a pull to be more intentional about intercessory prayer. In theory, it is a great idea. I believe in the power of prayer. The people who need prayers are people I care about. But praying takes time, Lord, and you know how that is in short supply. Based on my experience I know praying is important and necessary, not only for those I am praying for but for me. But I drag my feet and maybe whine a tad until I realize that saying no to Jesus is not a good plan. Ever.

And why would any of us say "no" or ignore a request from God who loves us? I think we each can think about that on our own. And then I hope we all come to the conclusion that doing what he tells us to do will always bear abundant fruit. We will be led to use the gifts we have been given for the glory of God and to build up the kingdom. As baptized Catholics, that is our purpose.

As you go through your day, ask Jesus to reveal to you the specific purpose he has for you right now. And then do it.

By Deanna Bartalini