



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

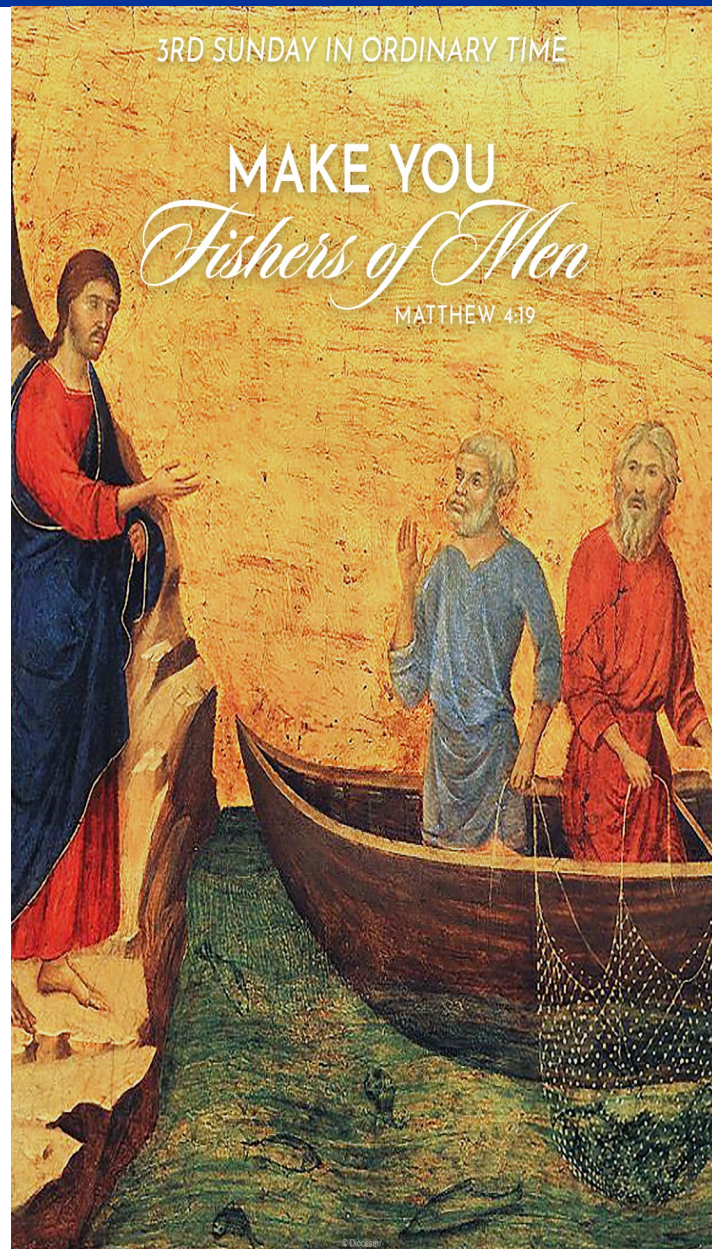
Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM Church
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM Chapel
First Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM Chapel

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

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office 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.



Sunday, January 25, 2026

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; I Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; I Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Sanctuary Candle

January 31 - February 6
In memory of Ben LaGrange

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; Jordan Jones, P.F.C., Army; Chad Ashton Patin, Marines; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines; Analise Reed, Marines; Gage Tate, Army Specialist; William P. Tate, P.F.C., Army.

Prayer Requests

Tim Amond, Barbara Andre, Marc Barker, Ronnie Barlow, Hazel Bello, Blaine Benoit, Mike Bourgeois, Annie Bourque, Judah Burbank, Colin Carlton, Robin Casiano, Bernadette Chenevert, Mary Chustz, Diane Cline, Robert Cole, Monica Collie, Alma Collins, Rose Collins, Pat Conerly, Daniel Cormier, Lori Treuil Couvillion, Patsy David, Tammy David, Darrel Decuir, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, Anthony Alvarez Facione, Mary Firmin, Granger Fontenot, Horace Fuselier, David Gauthier, Jenni Gauthier, Stuart Glasco, Shelby Gobert, Brandy Gremillion, Marshall Gremillion, Ylandra Hackett, Emberly Hebert, Debra Jarreau, Posie Jarreau, Stephanie Jarreau, Judy & James Joseph, Linda Joseph, Juneau Family, Kyle LaChapelle, Trey LaCour, Patricia LaMotte, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Marilyn LeDuff, Janice Marks, Abigail Medine, Rebecca Medine, Rob Melacon, Delores Mix, Myra Moniotte, Lane Mouget, Darlene Neal, Erik Neusetzer, Adele Olinde, Allen Olinde, Linda Olinde, Al Patin, David Patin, Sr., Gary Patin, Gregory Patin, Kayson Davis Patin, Carol Pharr, Jean Porche, Loretta Reviere, Laurie Roche, Monica Rosenblume, Debra Rudolph, Julia Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Wanda Smith, Shirley Sparks, Frank Vienna, Amber Volker, Randy Vossburg, Sheila Ward, Diane White, Diane Wildey, Harry Williams, Joyce York.

This Week at ICC

01/25 Rel. Ed Grade 9th
Public / Home School Students
8:00 AM Meeting room #2

01/26 ICC Fundraiser Meeting
6:00 PM Meeting room #2

01/28 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd - 5th
@ 5:00 PM. - 6:30 PM.

ICC Fundraiser Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 PM Meeting Room #2

All are welcome to attend

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:

The family of **Leona Jarreau.**

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Through this collection, we support ministries that serve the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized, bringing Christ's light to communities marked by hardship and fear. Your generosity helps share the healing message of the Gospel with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This Collection will be taken up the weekend of January 24-25, 2026. You may also give online at:

www.diobr.org/special-appeal

Ministry Seminar

Alter Servers, Lectors, & Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers Members are asked to attend a **Mandatory** ministry seminar on **Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 PM.** Your presence and participation are most necessary. Should there be a reason why you cannot attend, **PLEASE CALL** Fr. Amrit at the parish office, as soon as possible.

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

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate Mass at **2pm on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Church,** in Denham Springs. The Bishop will be honoring those 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 email or mail in the forms to the appropriate address listed on the registration form. The registration deadline is **Thursday, February 26, 2026.**

Feast of St. Blasé

This year, in honor of the Feast of Saint Blasé, and in lieu of individual blessings, Father will provide a blessing over the entire congregation during all Mass the weekend of January 31st – February 1st. Through the intercession of Saint Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.

ACTS of Pointe Coupee Men's Retreat March 19 - 22, 2026

ACTS of Pointe Coupee will have the next **Men's Retreat, March 19 - 22, 2026**, at **Maryhill Renewal Center** in Pineville, LA. Men who have yet to experience this wonderful opportunity to become closer to Our Lord, are asked to please consider doing so. Application forms can be found on the tables in the back of church. Forms must be received by **Friday, January 30, 2026 before 5:00 PM.**



Pilgrimage Details

We are planning a 10-day pilgrimage to **Greece**, from **September 7 - September 16, 2026**. Those who are interested in this pilgrimage, please pick up a brochure and registration form. These forms are located in the back of Church. For more details, please contact **Jennifer Cline, (225) 718-0261** or **Karen Aucoin, (225) 939-6427**.

Greece's importance to Catholicism and St. Paul's work lies in its role as the cradle of Greek culture, the common language for early Christianity and the New Testament and a key mission field for St. Paul, who established major churches in Athens, Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica the land where faith met civilization.

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 2025 statement are asked to please call the Parish Office at (225)627-5124.

Michael Denson Can Collection Drive

Next Weekend
Saturday, January 31 & Sunday, February 01

Weekend Reflection

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand”

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' first public words are, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” These were likewise the words of St. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), and now that John has been arrested for speaking inconvenient and uncomfortable truths to the powers-that-be, Jesus takes up the same message with a new authority and urgency.

While we often think of the word “repent” as a Lenten message – a sorrowful self-condemnation for our sins – the Greek word “metanoieite” refers to a deep interior conversion, a reorientation, a change in heart and mind and direction. If we are turning away from something, we must be turning *toward* something else. Yes, repenting means to turn away from sin, but more importantly, a turning *toward* God. The Catechism tells us that it is “a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart.” (CCC 1431)

In order to turn fully toward God, we must turn away from all that keeps us from seeing Him clearly and drawing near to Him as our loving Father. So while part of repentance is looking at our sin, confessing to a priest, and intending not to sin again, the better part is looking at the Lord, seeing His Truth and Beauty and Goodness, and opening ourselves to love Him more than ourselves, our sin, and our comfort.

Why? Because the Kingdom of Heaven is near; the King has arrived and the reign of God begins now. This Kingdom is not a political or earthly administration of borders and laws, but the reign of the King of Love, present to us in our hearts, in the Word, and in the Sacraments. St. Augustine teaches that the Church is the seed and beginning of this Kingdom on earth; we are made citizens of this Kingdom and true members of the family of the King through Baptism, and we grow to maturity through the Sacraments and prayer and service.

John prepared the way but Jesus *is* the way, which He will later make clear. This call to “repent” is a call to hope: hope in the loving Heart of the Savior who came to bring reconciliation and peace, hope in the call and value of each and every life, hope in the truth that no one can out-sin God's mercy and love, hope in the certain victory of the Kingdom of Love.

By Kathryn Mulderink