



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

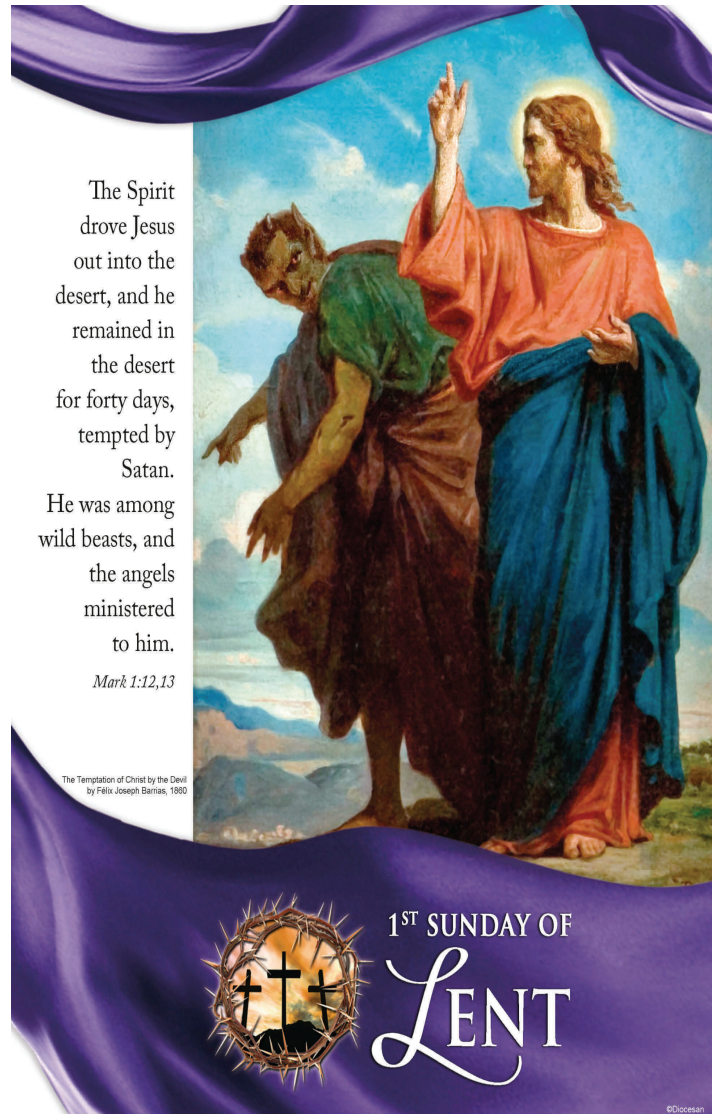
Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM Church
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM Chapel
First Saturday of the Month 8:00 AM Chapel

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.



The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.
He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.
Mark 1:12,13

The Temptation of Christ by the Devil
by Felix Joseph Serrano, 1910



1ST SUNDAY OF
LENT

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; I Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: I Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18;
Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Your Stewardship

Collection Totals Not Available
At Time Of Publication

Lenten Books

During the Lenten season, let us make time for the Lord by reading and meditating on His words. The booklet, "Treasures of Lent Reflections" can be helpful resource during this time. Please pick up your copy today. The booklets can be found on the tables in the hall.

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, Barbara Andre, Linda Beauvis, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Donna Bonaventure, Annie Bourque, Doris Bourque, Judah Burbank, Robin Casiano, Barry Comeaux, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Daniel Cormier, Michael David, Patsy David, Tammy David, Brilynn Davis, Dana Decuir, Darrel Decuir, Wayne Delatte, Todd Dolce, Wallace Dorgan, Jimmy Dupre, Malachi Engen, Elizabeth Fisher, David Gauthier, Gloria H. Genusa, Shelby Gobert, Marshall Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Ylandra Hackett, Emberly Hebert, 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, Julia Grace Ruiz, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Harper Showalter, Anna Graves Smith, Leona Smith, Shirley Sparks, Micah Theriot, Maxell Thompson, Jr., Wayne Walton, Diane White, Diane Wildey, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

- 02/19 KC 4th Degree Meeting**
@ 6:30pm in Hall.
- 02/20 Divine Mercy Novena**
following 6:00pm Mass.
- 02/21 Rel. Ed Grades 3rd–5th**
@ 5:00pm.
Peer Bereavement Meeting
@ 5:30pm Meeting Room #2.
KC 3rd Degree Officer Meeting
@ 6:30pm in Hall.
- 02/22 2nd Grade First Penance Ceremony**
@ 5:30pm.
- 02/23 Stations of the Cross**
following 6:00pm Mass.
- 02/24 Baby Bottle Drive Begins.**

Weekend Reflection

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news.

That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?



Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Following 6:00pm Mass

Stations of the Cross Friday, February 23, 2024

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on all Friday evenings during the Lenten season. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6pm with Stations of the Cross immediately following. Please note that on Fridays during Lent, there will be **NO 8am morning Mass celebrated**.

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.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Retrouvaille (pronounced **retro-vi**) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For more information or to register for the next Weekend Program here in Baton Rouge, **March 8-10**, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Enrollment is now open.

Contact

Randall and Robin Bellard
CommUNITY Coordinator Couple
Retrouvaille of Baton Rouge
Home 225-271-4092
Randall's Cell 225-993-2443

BatonRougeCoordinators@helpourmarriage.org

Woman's New Life Clinic 2024 Baby Bottle Drive

Olivia's unplanned pregnancy filled her with fear—enough so that she considered abortion. Even though abortion is largely illegal in Louisiana, she knew she could easily order the abortion pill online or travel to another state that has an abortion clinic.

Thankfully, she went to Woman's New Life Clinic where she encountered the life within her through a free ultrasound and found relief from her anxiety through free professional counseling. No longer in a state of crisis, Olivia could freely choose life for her child.

Woman's New Life Clinic has been providing free professional medical and mental health services for women in need for 22 years. Women have come to Woman's New Life Clinic to get confirmation of their pregnancy and gestational age, encounter their child through ultrasound, and receive mental health support every step of the way. They have received free diapers, baby clothes, portable sleepers, and more.

Woman's New Life Clinic's social workers and professional counselors have assisted women with adoption plans, health insurance applications, housing assistance, and treatment for substance abuse. Woman's New Life Clinic has compassionately cared for hundreds of women who have lost children through miscarriage and stillbirth. The clinic has walked with women and men, parents and grandparents, friends and family, through the healing of past abortion.

Regardless of the legality of abortion, unplanned pregnancies and abortions continue, but Woman's New Life Clinic is empowering women with life-affirming care. Since their start in 2001, **over 2,672 lives have been saved from abortion**.

For this Baby Bottle Campaign, we ask that you please take home a baby bottle, and kindly return it with your enclosed donation. Collection will take place over the next two weekends.

Your donations will go to help women in unplanned pregnancies by providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, professional counseling, abortion pill reversal, and more.

Please keep the staff of Woman's New Life Clinic in your prayers. Pray for them and the heroic women they serve, as well.

