



# 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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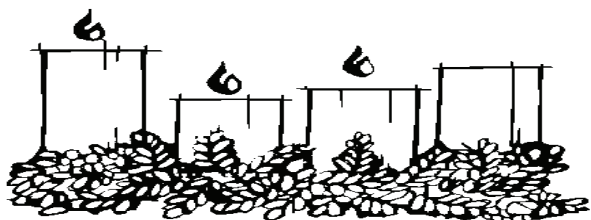


Sunday, December 17, 2023

## Scriptures for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;  
I Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25  
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,  
20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
**Friday:** I Sm 1:24-28; I Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56  
**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

## 3rd Week of Advent



## 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, Daryl Cazes, Pearl Christopher, Barry Comeaux, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Daniel Cormier, Michael David, Patsy David, Tammy David, Brilynn Davis, Dana Decuir, 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

**12/20 No Rel. Ed Classes.**  
**KC 3rd Degree Officer Meeting**  
@ 6:30pm.

## Your Stewardship

### Weekend of December 10, 2023

**Collections** \$ 9,699.18  
**Building Fund** \$ 1,205.00  
**Retirement Fund Religious** \$ 1,997.00

## Just a Reminder

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas Holidays beginning Friday, December 22, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8:30am.

## ICC Food Bank Thank You

ICC Food Bank would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to all those who kindly donated toward this year's Thanksgiving baskets. A special word of thanks goes out to Super Foods in New Roads, for their very generous gift card donation. It is only because of you and your generosity that they were able help so many families have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

ICC Food Bank serves those in need in our parish 12 months out of the year. Monetary donations, as well as non-perishable food items, are always accepted and very much appreciated.

## 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> & 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> 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.**





**2023**  
**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**Regular Weekend Mass Obligation**

**Saturday, December 23rd**  
 Vigil Mass 4pm

**Sunday, December 24th**  
 Mass 8am & 10am

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24th**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
 No Confession  
 Vigil Mass 4pm

**Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25th**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
 Mass 8am & 10am

**Regular Weekend Mass Obligation**

**Saturday, December 30th**  
 Vigil Mass 4pm

**Sunday, December 31st**  
 Mass 8am & 10am

**New Year's Eve**

**Sunday, December 31st**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
 Vigil Mass 4pm

**New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
 Mass 10am ONLY



**Eucharist to the Homebound**

For those parishioners who are sick or homebound and cannot attend mass, but would still like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please call the parish office so we can schedule a time for Fr. Amrit or a Eucharistic Minister to visit you.

**A Special Thank You**

Fr. Amrit would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our KC's for their hard work and generosity in providing our parish with an amazing gumbo dinner, in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you for the gift of your service which, in turn, allowed us to come together to share in God's love for our church and each other.

**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.

**2023-2024**  
**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Did you know that for the past 38 years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has supported those in need throughout the Baton Rouge community? Established by Bishop Stanley Ott in the 1980s, the BAA was created with the purpose of *directly* assisting, through fundraising, those experiencing spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional poverty. The BAA also supports the handing on of the Catholic faith by directly supporting Catholic education and our Baton Rouge seminarians as they study to become priests.

To learn more about the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the ministries it supports and join in this tradition of giving, visit [diobr.org/baa](http://diobr.org/baa).