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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM (Anticipated)
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM
5:00 PM (Extraordinary Form)
Monday—Friday 12:05 PM
Extraordinary Form: Monday 5:30 PM
*See inside for First Saturday 8:00 AM
temporary changes Sunday 5:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday 11:00 AM—Noon
Saturday 3:00 PM—3:55 PM
30 minutes before all other Masses

HOLY HOUR, VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Before 12:05 Mass on Tuesday

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Catholics, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions from: IgnatianSpirituality.com

- ◆ Ask God, every day, **"What does my soul need?"** Just ask and wait quietly. Because we're very good at fooling ourselves about how we're doing it might take several days of praying this question before we're truly open and humble enough to know the answer.
- ◆ Ask God, every day. **"What about my life makes you happy?"** When God looks at your life, some parts of it - perhaps many aspects of it - bring joy to God's heart. God is in a relationship with you, which means that your sins grieve God's heart, but also that your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe
- ◆ Tell God, and yourself, every day, **"I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season."** Maybe you're not open right now, or you're not as open and willing as you'd like to be or think you should be. We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth.

This is a beginning: Three short and simple prayer starters to ready yourself for the holy season.



Ash Wednesday Mass schedule (Wednesday, February 26):

7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
(Extraordinary Form)

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception offers Vespers and Benediction each Sunday from 4 to 5 PM in the Cathedral, as well as a Holy Hour of Reparation each Thursday from 11 PM until midnight, also in the Cathedral.

"By His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5)

Can We Bring Jesus to You or Your Loved One?

If anyone is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, or if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office at 436-7251 and we will contact you.

As a ministry to our parishioners who are sight impaired we copy and mail a large print bulletin each week. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a large print bulletin, please inform the Cathedral office—436-7251.

**Not All Gifts Are Equal...
*But, they're all important. Give what you can!***

You may make your donations to the Cathedral online at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On Sunday, February 9, Myles Stevens was received into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. As we welcome our newest member into our faith community, let us offer prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide Myles as he worships with us in joy.

Also, let us offer prayers for **Sydney Thomas, Alexander Reese, Kat Ramirez and Christopher Neff** who are continuing their journey of preparation for Initiation into the Catholic Church.



Gemma Leighanne Camel

daughter of Briane and Reece Camel
and

Andrew Loehn Meche

son of Bridget and Andrew Meche
were welcomed into the Family of Christ
through the Waters of Baptism
on February 8, 2020.

In Loving Memory...

Judy Fontenot, sister of Charlene Baham, died on January 9, 2020. We pray that she will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and to all who mourn her death.



Next Sunday, February 23, is our **Fruitful Sunday** (the last Sunday of each month) when we collect and donate canned fruit for Catholic Charities. You may drop your canned items in the basket in the foyer of the Day Chapel or deliver them to the Cathedral office during regular office hours. We appreciate your generosity!

Cathedral Sacristans needed! If you would like to serve our Cathedral Parish by serving as Sacristan at either the Monday or Friday weekday 12:05 Mass, please call the church office at 436-7251.

Duties include opening of the church at 11:00 a.m. for Confession and Mass and setting up for daily Mass, as well as taking down after Mass and closing up. This is a weekly responsibility but you might consider teaming up...we have families, couples and friends who share duties. **Sacristan duties are essential as well as a blessing!**

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 17...CDA meeting: 6:00 p.m., AMH
Tuesday, February 18...Come Lord Jesus (Men): 6:00 a.m., Library; **Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m., Library; **EF Choir Practice,** 6:00 p.m.; **Knights of Columbus:** 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19...Cathedral Choir Practice: 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 20...RCIA, 4:00 p.m., Library; **Holy Hour of Reparation,** 11:00 p.m.—midnight
Friday, February 21...Encounter, 9:00 a.m., Ave Maria Hall; **GNATS meet,** 9:30 a.m., Library



Catholic Daughters Court Lady of the Lake #695 will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ave Maria Hall.

They invite all members and prospective members to attend!



The Cathedral office will be closed on February 24 and 25, 2020 for Mardi Gras.

Here is the schedule of the Traditional Latin Masses at the Cathedral while Canon Jean Marie Moreau is in residence here:

Sunday, 5:00 PM - High Mass
Monday, 5:30 PM - Low Mass
Tuesday to Friday, 7:00 AM - Low Mass
(First Friday to be announced due to possible conflict with parish schedule)
Saturday, 8:30 AM - Low Mass

Thank you to the many families who signed up for our Online Giving at our website:

immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like the convenience of online giving. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes!

Offertory Collections: February 9, 2020

Offertory...\$9,027.

Online.....\$970.

Religious Education...\$692.

The second collection next weekend will be for BSA. There will be a collection on Ash Wednesday, 2/26/2020

Join our Pastor, Father Rommel Tolentino, for a Pilgrimage to Germany, Switzerland and Austria—with the Passion Play in Oberammergau! June 15—25, 2020

Visit medieval Heidelberg, cruise the scenic Rhine River, enjoy the stunning scenery of Lake Lucerne, travel to picturesque Innsbruck in the heart of the Austrian Alps, tour Mozart's and the "Sound of Music" city of Salzburg, pray in the shrines of the Black Madonna in Einsiedeln and Altotting, see the fairy tale like Neuschwanstein castle, visit the Bavarian capital of Munich, and experience the once-in-a-decade Oberammergau Passion Play.

Cost is \$3,999 per person with round trip air from Houston. The trip includes First class hotels, double occupancy, two meals a day - breakfast and dinner, daily sightseeing, daily Mass, airport taxes, fuel surcharges, Passion Play Package and Trip Protection Plan.

Tickets are limited. For more information or to request a brochure, call the Cathedral office at (337) 436-7251.

For more information, please visit:

www.nativitypilgrimage.com/frommel-lakecharles



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism. These classes are held the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Arrangements for celebration of Baptism may be made by calling the parish office after having attended the Baptism Class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months before the wedding date by calling the parish office. An appointment must be made for a pre-marriage interview.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

An ongoing process of formation and education is provided for anyone who is interested in inquiring into the Roman Catholic faith. The RCIA process is available throughout the year to those who are seeking initiation into the church as well as for those non Catholics seeking more information about the Roman Catholic church. Information concerning participation in the RCIA process may be obtained through the parish office.

E.S.S.A. Food Pantry d.b.a.

Faith & Friends Food Pantry

P. O. Box 7344

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FOOD MINISTRY

February 10, 2020

Immaculate Conception Cathedral
935 Bilbo Street
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On behalf of the volunteers & many recipients of Faith & Friends Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your generous donation. Donations like this make it possible for us to continue our mission to meet the food needs of the poorest of our parish. We continue to serve over one hundred twenty five families per week.

I would like to sincerely thank The Outreach Committee for your most recent donation of toiletries & diapers. Your support is appreciated more than you know. We couldn't do it without you!

Faith & Friends Food Pantry prepares food boxes thanks to the service of volunteers from several area churches. Our pantry is open Monday through Thursday from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about our food pantry, please contact our current president, Janice Gray, at 478-8389.

With much gratitude & may God bless,

Lisa Hicks

Lisa Hicks
Secretary

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in..." Truly, I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brothers, you have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:35-40

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
February 17—February 23, 2020**

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Start your legacy at ICCS!

ICCS has limited 1st—8th Grade openings for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the academic and spiritual offerings at ICCS, please contact Kay Morgan at (337) 433-3497, or by email at kmorgan@iccschool.org. Private tours are available.



Some of your children may have come home from school excited about the "Atrium." The "Atrium," is a special room here on campus where children come to deepen their relationship with God, learn about the Bible and the Liturgy using hands-on works that are based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

"The Atrium" consists of:

- **Life in the Church:** Students work with a model altar and learn the vessels used during Mass and the priest gestures. They learn about the vestments the priest wears and the Liturgical Calendar and the significance of each color during the Church season.

- **Mystery of the Incarnation:** The Biblical Geography, Messianic Prophecies, and Infancy Narratives are discovered in this area of the atrium. Recently the children were presented "The Presentation in the Temple," which corresponded to last Sunday's Gospel.

- **Mystery of the Kingdom of God:** The stories of the Parables Jesus taught are presented. Presently the students are learning the "Parable of the Mustard Seed" and "The Precious Pearl." - The Good Shepherd: Through this hands-on work the children learn of the Good Shepherd's love and mercy.

- **The Paschal Mystery:** The students learn about The Last Supper, The Resurrection, and The City of Jerusalem using maps and hands-on pieces of the places where Jesus walked.

- **Practical Life and Baptism** are two other areas the students work in.

We are so blessed to have former ICCS Kindergarten teacher, and Cathedral parishioner, **Mrs. JoLynn Marcantel**, helping out in the Atrium on a regular basis. We are also grateful for the many donations that have been given to our Atrium project.

Mrs. Rose Viau, Director of Religious Education

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SAINTS



**Russell J. Stutes Memorial
ALL SAINTS Golf Tournament!**



Join us **Friday, March 6**, for lunch at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Get a hole-in-one on #6 and drive away in a new Jeep from Navarre Jeep Ram Dodge Chrysler!

Sign up your team of four for \$600, or sponsor the event and save on the entry fee at:

<https://www.slchs.org/allsaintsgolftournament/>

Contact Ashley Ivey-Atkins, Director of Advancement at 337-494-0724 or by email: aatkins@slchs.org with any questions.

Cathedral Youth Group

Our Cathedral Youth Group, led by Mrs. Monica Broussard, invites all Middle School and High School students to join them as they strive to practice and live out our faith. It's a safe, fun group with lots of activities and socializing with their peers!

This Sunday, February 16, there will be a special Youth Group Meeting. Both middle and high school students are invited to come from 5:30-7:15 p.m. to the Ave Maria Hall. Mrs. Mandy Robichaux has graciously offered to bring a wonderful presentation on the Papacy in celebration of the Chair of St Peter which is on February 22nd. There will be the presentation, games, and door prizes. There will also be a donation basket for Vocations available. **Please join us for this great evening!**

Confirmation

Please continue to pray for our young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation: that God will enkindle in their hearts the fire of the Holy Spirit; that their parents and sponsors will witness, by word and example, the truth and mercy of Jesus Christ; that their Confirmation leaders will be strengthened by the Spirit.

Home School & Public School Parishioners:

We are proud of all our students who are parishioners of the Cathedral and we want to include them in our bulletin! If you have any news to share, please send it to us by Tuesday afternoons as we have to submit the bulletin to the publisher on Wednesday mornings. Email it to: iccathedral@structurex.net.



**TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S
HAPPENING AROUND
THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES!**
www.lcdioocese.org

Cor ad Cor is a prayer and discussion group for unmarried women ages 18-39, who want to deepen their capacity to hear and respond to God's voice as He leads them on their daily pilgrimage of faith, hope and charity. Women do not have to be discerning religious life to participate.

The Religious Sisters of Mercy will lead the group in discussion, meeting on the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 8:15 p.m. in their Convent at 1414 Martha Street, Lake Charles, beginning on March 5.

Dates for the remainder of 2020 are April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5 and December 3.

Call 337-564-0030 or email saint.huberts.convent@gmail.com for more information.



Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, hosts its next retreat weekend Friday through Sunday, Feb 21-23, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The retreat is for both men and women who are suffering from the trauma and after-effects of abortion. These can include: eating disorders, difficulty with relationships, repeat abortions, substance abuse, depression, suicidal urges, anxiety/panic attacks, nightmares, emotional numbness, guilt, anger & gear of punishment from God.

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways an abortion may have affected you. Rachel's Vineyard offers a number of powerful exercises that allow the wounded soul to speak its grief and sorrow. The exercises help to connect participants to their inner voice, to each other, and to the love and compassion of God.

They also help participants to accept forgiveness for themselves and others. There is also an opportunity to reconnect with the children that were aborted on a spiritual level, to give them honor and dignity through special and creative spiritual exercises as well as in a memorial service.

If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please reach out by contacting Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or by e-mail at rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

UPCOMING LENTEN MISSIONS

- ◆ A Pre-Lenten Mission, featuring inspirational and motivational speaker Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P., will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Maplewood on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Feb. 17-19. He will preach the homily at all Masses this Sunday, Feb. 16. Father Pisegna will celebrate the daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. and lead a 7 p.m. Word Service each of the three days. The best-selling author of 23 books, he can be seen on the Trinity Broadcasting Network on Sundays at 6 a.m. and on Daystar TV at noon on Sundays. All are welcome.
- ◆ **Our Call to Lenten Grace Ash Wednesday Evening of Reflection** presented by Fr. Whitney Miller and Deacon Brian Soileau, February 26, 6:00—9:00 p.m. This Ash Wednesday program will consist of Eucharist and the Distribution of Ashes, a simple supper, and a presentation. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be accepted. To register please call the St. Charles Center at 855-1232 or visit their website at stcharlescenter.com. Please register by Friday, February 21 so that adequate arrangements can be made for supper.
- ◆ **St. Henry Parish Mission** presented by Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM on March 2—5. Confessions and Adoration will be at 5:00 p.m. and the Mission will be at 6:00 p.m. There will also be morning Masses on March 3—5 at 6:30 a.m. St. Henry Church is located at 1021 8th Avenue, Lake Charles.
- ◆ **"A Lenten Journey with St. Therese"** a women's day of reflection will be held on Saturday, March 14 at St. Louis Catholic High School. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by the presentation by Robin Hebert from 9—1:00 p.m. Cost is \$25. For registration information call Laura Thomas at 504-756-0000 or visit their Facebook page, Fleur De Lis Theresians.
- ◆ **Lenten Private Directed Retreat** presented by Fr. Whitney Miller, Fr. Marshall Boulet, Deacon Brian Soileau, Judy Savoie and Gloria Villegas, Monday, March 16—Sunday, March 22. For this retreat you must call the St. Charles Center to register and cannot do so online. Suggested donation is \$350 for three days and \$475 for five days. Scholarship information is available upon request for those in need of assistance.
- ◆ **OLQH Women's Silent Lenten Retreat "Spot of Grace"** presented by Sister Camille Martinez, SEC at the St. Charles Retreat Center on Friday, April 3—Sunday, April 5. To uncover our "Spot of Grace" we will begin with *Luke 4:1-13, Jesus is Tempted, Finding Light/Finding Christ, Freedom and Forgiveness, Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath*. Suggested donation for the retreat is \$225 for a private room and \$205. for shared accommodations. For registration you must contact Andrea Blanchard at 337-794-9679.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, February 15...(4:00 p.m.)—Phyllis Scalisi Penning; Julie Stutes Moon; Rita & Jessie Stutes; Judy Fontenot; Gwen Craft & Family; Cate O'Byrne (living); Lucia O'Byrne (living); Ceci O'Byrne (living); Souls in Purgatory.

SUNDAY, February 16...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)
(9:30)—Evelyn & Roy Broussard; Dr. Francis X. Bride, Jr.; Enos Miller Family; Regina Hidalgo (living); Fred Nodier; Edmund Cappel; Bev Wise; Larry Miller; Leslie O'Byrne (living); Lucy Fontenot; Ann Brady Iles; Vickie Denison (living).
(11:15)—Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi.
(5:00 P.M.) - Beverly Beard & Family.

MONDAY, February 17... (12:05)—Mrs. Erica Barrios & Family (living).
(5:30 p.m., Extraordinary Form)—Tarry Franck.

TUESDAY, February 18...(12:05)—Mrs. Rose Viau (living).

WEDNESDAY, February 19...(12:05)—Olive & Clifford Broussard.

THURSDAY, February 20.....(12:05)—James Aswell "Pat" Hanchey.

FRIDAY, February 21.....(12:05)—Mrs. Lindsay Bourgeois & Family (living).

SATURDAY, February 22...(4:00 p.m.) - Gladys & Delma Devillier; Dora Jean "Dori" Scalisi Rogers; In Thanksgiving.

SUNDAY, February 16...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)
(9:30)—Robichaux & Robert Families; Ryan Skrnich; Lorraine Yelverton; Doris & Earl Duhon.
(11:15)—Scott Caraway Family (living).
(5:00 P.M.) - Catherine & Wilson Lemelle.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Sondra Abraham; Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Owen Arceneaux; Renee Arceneaux; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Henry Barnatt; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Leneta Boudreaux; Robert Boudreaux; Melanie Bowles; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Teresa Chapoy; Ada Cochran; Denise Collette; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Vickie Denison; Claudia Dyle; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; Lamont Francisco; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Jessica Hulin; Georgia Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; Sarah LeCompte; James Leger; Michael Lee; Della Lemaire; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Judy Marcantel; Jules Maust; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Ray Miles; Elaine Morrow; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Ruth Ottenweller; Larry Parker; Chris Percle; Ben Perry; Clifford Raleigh; Oliver "Rick" Richard; William P. Richard; Taylor Rock; Marian Rome; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Michael & Marie Scimemi; Cammie Shaddock; Sue Spears; Jaxson Spikes; Chris Stemmann; Rob Stephens; Darrell Sullivan; Theresa Theriot; Warren Thomas; Betty Trahan; Charlie Viccellio; Aly and Riley Wilkins; Gay Young; Martha Young.

***If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 436-7251.
Please let us know if your loved one has recovered or is deceased.***

Prayer Intentions for the month of February:

Pope Francis: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Bishop Provost: For the sick and homebound, may God extend to them His healing touch, support them in their loneliness, and answer their needs through our loving care.