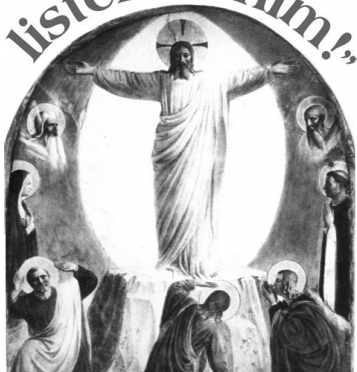


From the cloud  
came a voice,  
"This is my Son,  
the Beloved;

listen to him!



God's love for us is limitless. Today, we hear the familiar passage from St. Paul when he says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God's children; we are his instruments in the world.

In the first reading, Abraham is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of surrendering his son to the Lord. St. Paul reminds the Romans that having God with them will allow them to face any challenge. In the Gospel, the disciples realize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law after He is transfigured before them.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of March...

March 2 ~ Rocco & Dana Guirlando, 16 years

March 10~ Brian & Angie Buelow, 17 years

March 10 ~ Mark & Sonya Voda, 39 years

March 15 ~ James & Mary DeSlatte, 43 years

March 29 ~ Joe & Barbara Costantino, 50 years

March 30 ~ Mark & Tonya DeSoto, 22 years

March 31 ~ Mike & Colynda Byrnes, 35 years

"Love is patient, love is kind..." (1 Cor. 13)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES — Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers and ushers, please call the church office before Tuesday, February 27, if you are unable to serve any Mass during March or April.

ADORATION / BENEDICTION—each Friday during Lent, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS—will immediately follow. It commemorates key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion—His final walk through Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

LENTEN MEAL—will be served in Allen Hall, following the Way of the Cross.

LENTEN REGULATIONS—are on the back of the bulletin

OPERATION RICE BOWL—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. Please pick up one today and return it by Wednesday, March 21st.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES—are available on the table at the church entrance. Your donation will be used to decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may drop your gift in the collection basket.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Michael and Irvin Brouillette  
Johnston and Pelletier families  
Sun. (9 a.m.) Lloyd Gray  
(11 a.m.) All People  
Mon. Trey Brown  
Tues. No Mass  
Wed. Gene & Linda Dupuis Intention  
Thurs. Jeanette Snow Rivers  
Fri. Ruby Primeaux

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) -Shelby Clark, Johnston and Pelletier families, Annie VanAsselberg; Sun. (9a.m) - Michelle Babineaux and Michael Shane Ryland, Aldon and Louis Granger, James Begnaud; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN— in memory of Sandie Buelow. Please remember her in your prayers.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY— brings the ladies of the Parish together to help the Pastor and parish family. Membership is open to all ladies of the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through May; attendance is not mandatory. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 8th. You are cordially invited to join us! Please call Doris Buelow, 640-3350, or Tara, 640-9446, ext. 0, if you are interested.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.

#### OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$3,729.00  
Black & Indian Missions: \$911.00  
Central/Eastern Europe: \$811.00  
Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,060.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

SICK LIST- Dealva Abel, Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Loretta Beebe, Sherri Bennett, Emma Benoit, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Roland Boudreaux, Aaron Boyt, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Joyce & Ray Burge, Paul Burks, Kylie Bush, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, DeeDee Chrobus, Lebo Clark, Rusty Cutler, Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Jack Goudeau Ernest Griffin, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Greg LeJeune, Mary Mantiply, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels, Jr., Willie Milam, Melissa Miller, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Bill Riggs, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zaunbercher, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS— If you need a 2017 yearly statement of your donations to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, please call the church office.

RENEWAL MASS FOR PERMANENT DEACONS - Bishop Talley will celebrate the Annual Renewal Mass for Permanent Deacons, Saturday, March 24. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend and support our deacons at this special celebration. We are so blessed by the ministry of Deacon L.G. Deloach!

MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #533, "O Bless the Lord, My Soul; #523, "Prayer of St. Francis"; #397, "Be Thou My Vision."

**ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER-** E.F.T. is a simple and easy way to make regular offertory contributions by having your donations drafted from your checking /savings account, or credit card, on a regular basis. It will automatically be posted on your giving statements, as in the past. It is a convenient way to consistently remember your church's life and ministry, and helps the church by ensuring that our home parish is not forgotten when you are away. You may indicate Regular collection, Improvement fund, or both. If you would like to participate in the EFT program, please stop by or call the church office and request the *Authorization for recurring gifts form*. Return the form to the church office or place it in the collection basket.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS** - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

### ***Regular Schedule***

#### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

#### Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes

several months. Call Father

6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5<sup>th</sup>: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**\*\*Classes began August 16th\*\***

Ladies Altar Society:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)\*\* (especially during flu season) \*\* (Subject to change)

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

**\*\*Classes began August 22nd\*\***

Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)\*\* (Subject to change)

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