



Jesus, Who is the fulfillment of God’s laws and prophets, tells us how to live out God’s commandments Today, we think about the best way to live out God’s commandments, passed on to us through Moses, by witnessing God’s blessings and presence in our midst. We can go beyond our human traditions and rituals by washing our hearts and getting rid of evil thoughts and desires. We practice it by caring for all who are vulnerable and in need.

In the first reading, Moses calls on God’s people to witness God’s blessings and presence in their midst by keeping his laws and commandments. In the second reading, James asks God’s people to follow the Word of God and not the ways of the world. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the Pharisees, scribes and the crowd not to simply observe human tradition and rituals. Rather, they need to look into their hearts and clean out evil thoughts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 \$5.00.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES—Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of September.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

NO MORNING MASS—There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass Monday, September 3rd, through Friday, September 7th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS— monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 10th, because of Labor Day. Please make a note of this change.

CCD CLASSES— began Wednesday, August 22nd. If you have not registered you child(ren), please do so as soon as possible. Grades KN—5th meet 5:30—6:30 p.m.; 6th—11th meet 7:00—8:00 p.m., in Allen Hall. Registration forms may be printed online at our website.

R.C.I.A. -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—will begin Tuesday, September 11th, 6:00—7:30 p.m., in Allen Hall. If you are interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation, or inquiring about the Catholic Faith, please call the church office.

R.C.I.C. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Children - is available for children between the ages of seven and 15 who are not fully initiated in the Catholic Church, and therefore need to celebrate Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Classes will be held during regular CCD times on Wednesdays, and classes began August 22nd.



Vigil (4 p.m.)	Ray Burge John & Lynne Weis
Sun. (9 a.m.)	Gabby Dupont Lloyd Gray
(11 a.m.)	All People
Mon.	No Mass
Tues.	No Mass
Wed.	No Mass
Thurs.	No Mass
Fri.	No Mass

Mass Intentions next weekend: - Vigil (4:00 p.m.) - Deacon Ray “Whistle” Gibson, Ruby Primeaux; Sunday (9:00 a.m) - Michelle Babineaux, and Michael Shane Ryland, Aldon and Louis Granger, James Begnaud; (11 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN— this week in memory of Gabby Dupont. Please remember her in your prayers.

FLOWERS ARE DONATED— by Greg Dupont, in memory of his wife, Gabby Dupont. Please remember her in your prayers.

NATIONWIDE NOVENA - for Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28; The U.S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray/!

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
 Regular collection: \$4,215.17
 2nd collection: Improvement Fund
 Allen Hall Roof Fund: \$26,191.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST-Nancy Affeltranger, Evon Airhart, Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Dorothy Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Donald Brouillette, Spec. Int. (LB), Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Jonie Burch, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Rita Cantu, Lebo Clark, Jim Cutler, Susan Degeyter, Mary and John Deslatte, James Etta Dixon, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Heidi Howell, Jane Hulin, Dana Isom, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Mike Killian, Shelly Larriou, Arland McConathy, James and Mary Michiels, John Musgrove, Josephine Norwood, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Frances Philpot, Gayle Porto, Judy Rechs, Mark and Alma Reitzell, Joyce Santos, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Nick Tullier, Deborah Tumminello, Artis White, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Residents Tioga Manor.

FLOWERS—If you would like to donate fresh flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please call the office. The cost for two arrangements is \$110.00.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
 Congratulations to those celebrating a wedding anniversary during September:
 Sept. 1~Brian & Wendy Kerry, 11 years
 Sept. 16~Deacon E.J. & Lynette Barre’, 13 yrs.
 Sept. 21~Doug & Diane Chenevert, 44 years
 Sept. 23~Bob & Loraine Yeager, 35 years
 Sept. 25~Lance & Amy Christen, 14 years
 “He who finds a wife finds happiness;
 It is a favor he received from the Lord.”
 Proverbs 18:22

MASS HYMNS- are in the missal, - #311, “As We Gather at Your Table”; #668, “Where Love is Found”; #384, “The Summons.”

President of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Renews Commitment for Greater Effectiveness and Transparency in Disciplining Bishops

WASHINGTON— Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued the following statement.

"In communion with the Holy Father, I join the Executive Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in taking upon ourselves his exhortation, 'this open wound [of abuse] challenges us to be firm and decisive in the pursuit of truth and justice.'

"On August 1st, I promised that USCCB would exercise the full extent of its authority, and would advocate before those with greater authority, to pursue the many questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick. On August 16th, I called for an Apostolic Visitation, working in concert with a national lay commission granted independent authority, to seek the truth. Yesterday, I convened our Executive Committee once again, and it reaffirmed the call for a prompt and thorough examination into how the grave moral failings of a brother bishop could have been tolerated for so long and proven no impediment to his advancement.

"The recent letter of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò brings particular focus and urgency to this examination. The questions raised deserve answers that are conclusive and based on evidence. Without those answers, innocent men may be tainted by false accusation and the guilty may be left to repeat sins of the past.

"I am eager for an audience with the Holy Father to earn his support for our plan of action. That plan includes more detailed proposals to: seek out these answers, make reporting of abuse and misconduct by bishops easier, and improve procedures for resolving complaints against bishops. Inspired by his recent letter to the people of God, and his *motu proprio* of two years ago, *As a Loving Mother*, I am confident Pope Francis shares our desire for greater effectiveness and transparency in the matter of disciplining bishops. We renew our fraternal affection for the Holy Father in these difficult days.

"To the survivors of abuse and the families who have lost a loved one to abuse, I am sorry. You are no longer alone. Since 2002, hundreds of professionally trained staff across the country have been working with the Church to support survivors and prevent future abuse. Nationwide, the Church has a zero-tolerance policy toward priests and deacons who abuse, safe environment training, background checks for those working around children, victim assistance coordinators, prompt reporting to civil authorities, and lay review boards in dioceses.

"In other ways, we have failed you. This is especially true for adults being sexually harassed by those in positions of power, and for any abuse or harassment perpetrated by a bishop. We will do better. The more she is buffeted by storms, the more I am reminded that the Church's firm foundation is Jesus Christ. The failures of men cannot diminish the light of the Gospel. Lord, by the help of your mercy, show us the way to salvation."

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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, Ball, LA

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

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

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

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