



# Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church † Mission of the Sacred Heart

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## The Grapevine

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil. . . . . 4:00 p.m.  
Sundays . . . 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 9a.m. (MSH), 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday . . .6:00 pm followed by Novena/Benediction  
Holy Days. . . . . As announced

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday . . . . . 5:30-5:45 p.m.  
Friday . . . . . 8:00-8:20 a.m.  
Saturday . . . . . 2:45-3:45 p.m.  
Other times as announced or by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

**PRAYER LINE:** (confidential ministry)  
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**  
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
Contact Allison Renfrow at 665-1424.

Information or news for the Grapevine (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

## —Directory—

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*Happy*  
**THANKSGIVING**

*Come Join Us as We Give  
 Thanks to God*

**Thanksgiving Mass Celebrations**

**Wednesday, November 23 at 6 p.m.**  
 (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

**Thursday, November 24**  
 at 8:30 a.m.

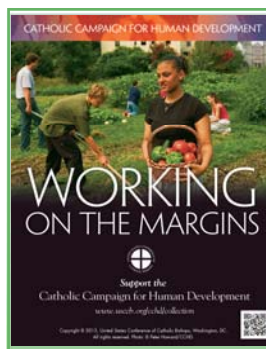
## —Administration—

**Merciful to a Word in Need,  
 We Serve Others Together**

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop Robert Muench directs a unique Catholic effort, ensuring special projects and ministry programs receive essential funding, and extending the mercy of Jesus Christ to parishioners and parishes that need the Lord's mercy most of all. As a Diocese, we begin our fourth decade of ministry support, thankful for the many thousands whose contributions have helped to fund vital work throughout the capital region over the years.

As we begin a new era of ministry support, this may be the year you decide to increase your gift. If so, we invite you to consider membership in the Crosier Society (for those whose gifts total \$500 or more), or The Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott Society (a tribute to the BAA's visionary founder, for parishioners whose gifts total \$1,000 or more). We encourage you to Be Merciful. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

Remember, the Lord blesses the Diocese of Baton Rouge through the BAA because of the shared commitment of every participant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift by donating online at [www.baabr.org](http://www.baabr.org) or responding to the recent mailing from Bishop Muench. Together, we can accomplish much, and that is the legacy of the BAA.



**Special Collection:** This Sunday, November 20, collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection Campaign for Human Development this weekend.

If you would like to sign-up for WeShare online giving, follow these simple steps:

- Go to [icc-msh.weshareonline.org](http://icc-msh.weshareonline.org).
- Click on any collection or event.
- Select your donation amount and frequency.
- Enter your account and payment information.
- WeShare will immediately send you an email with a temporary password which you may reset.
- You now have access to WeShare through our website, computer and our future parish app on your phone or tablet. **It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.**



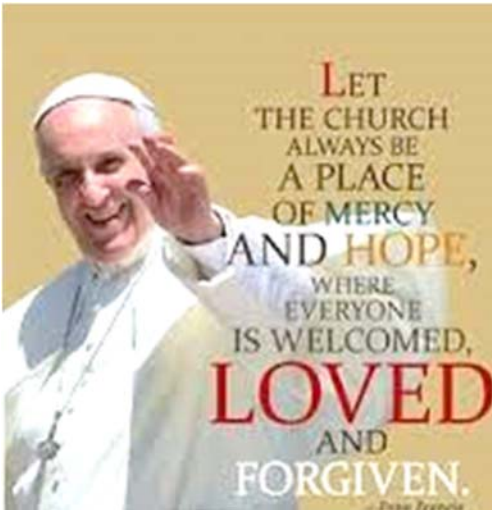
**NOTE: WeShare now has Special/Second Collections listed for your convenience.**



## CONSIDERATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT: ORDINARY TIME THANKS

**This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King,** and bring another Liturgical Year to its close. St. Paul continues with our theme of thanksgiving this month as he reminds us to “give thanks to the Father, who has made us fit to share the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” This Sunday, as we also end the Year of Mercy, it is very appropriate that Jesus in the Gospel today expresses mercy to the repentant thief from his place on the cross. Even his sufferings on the cross couldn’t deter him from showing mercy. It was his desire to share mercy with us that had brought him to the cross.

**This Sunday we officially end the “Year” of Mercy,** but we do not stop seeking to share the mercy we have focused on this year. Hopefully we have all grown as a parish and as individuals in expressing mercy. When



announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis made the statement on the left. I would hope as we end the Year of Mercy and begin another Liturgical Year next Sunday, we focus on the “always” in the statement above. “Let the Church [parish,

and us as individuals] always be a place of mercy...

This Sunday we prepare to begin another Liturgical Year with a renewed commitment to prayer next Sunday. The them for Stewardship this year which will be expressed in prayer, finance and ministry this coming year is “**Mercy**

**Surrounds Us.”** I think Mother Teresa, who has been chosen for the Stewardship posters, expressed it so beautifully when she said, “**To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting**



**oil in it.”** If we are going to be places of mercy throughout our lives, we will need to keep our hearts filled with mercy ready to be shared, and I don’t know of any better way to let mercy into our hearts, to let mercy reside in our hearts, than through prayer. With her as our prayer partner, let us prayerfully consider our commitment to prayer for the coming year. This Sunday you will receive after the homily, prayer commitment cards. Please bring them with you next Sunday so that you can participate in the commitment procession after the homily.

**I couldn’t find a photograph of me opening the Gate of Mercy here on December 8, 2015, but because of the flood, I happened to find a photograph of me practicing,**



**getting ready for last year, only I was doing it about 70 plus years ago in Labadieville. I guess Providence was already getting me ready at an early age to celebrate the Year of Mercy here with you seventy plus years later. God is so good.**


As we continue through this month of thanksgiving, let us ask the good God to help us become more and more a people of gratitude and thanksgiving. With a spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts we will be assisted in sharing mercy in our homes, schools and workplace year ‘round. Let us pray for one another and for those who journey with us.

**I join with the staff in wishing you a very good and Happy Thanksgiving.**


In spite of the flood, we have so much to be grateful for. Fr. Raj and I still won’t be home, and perhaps many of you will not be home yet either. But our good God has seen us through it all thus far, and I am confident he will help us bring it all to fulfillment. We hope and pray that your Thanksgiving is a good and graced one. Love,

*John H.*

Immaculate Conception Church November 20 — December 3, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>20</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/MSH 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/C 12:30 - 2:00 PM PSR-9 Grade/ FFC/MH 2:30 - 4:00 PM PSR-10 Grade FFC/MH 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Youth Choir/C 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sunday Mass/C 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Patriotic Rosary/C	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/ FFC-112 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Catholic Daughters/MH	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC -112 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/C 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Mass/C 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM PSR Grade 11 Confirm Prep Two/MH 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Nov/Bene/C 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/C	<b>23</b> <b>NO 8:30 A.M                      MASS</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Mass/C	<b>24</b> <b>HAPPY                      THANKSGIVING</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112  <b>CHURCH                      OFFICE                      CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CHURCH                      OFFICE                      CLOSED</b> 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/C 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AA/FFC-112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/SH	<b>26</b> 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM RCIA Retreat/FFC- 211 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/C 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/C
<b>27 First Sunday                      Of Advent</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/C 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA Rite of Welcome/FFC- 211 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-C/FFC-105 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/MSH 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/C 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Baptisms/C 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Youth Choir/C 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sunday Mass/C 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Patriotic Rosary/C	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC/TBldgs. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/ FFC-112 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM PSR-1-5 Grade/FFC 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PSR-1-5 Grade/FFC	<b>29</b> 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC/TBldgs. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC -112 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/C 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Mass/C 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Men's Club/SH	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC/TBldgs. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM PSR-1-5 Grade/ FFC 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir/ MH <b>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM                      Reconciliation:                      The Light is On                      For You/C</b> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PSR-1-5 Grade/ FFC 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM PSR 1-8/MSH	<b>1 DECEMBER</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC/TBldgs. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/C 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC/TBldgs. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AA/FFC-112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/C	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/C 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/C

**Patriotic Rosary for our Nation**—Join us to pray a rosary for our nation every Sunday in the Church after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

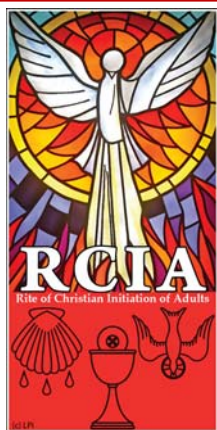


**MASS INTENTIONS (11/19/16-11/27/16)**  
**Saturday: 11/19/16—4 p.m.**  
 Ron Rinker†; Dominic Tranh Nguyen†; Keith David Budde, Sr.†; Kathy Alello†; Stephanie Guzzardo†; Thanksgiving; Paul and Priscilla Varnado; Brooklynn LeBlanc†; Jean Meyers†. **Sunday: 11/20/16—7 a.m.** Lloyd DeGeneres†; Leo & Linda Ware; Al & Mickie Todd; Lota Lamonica. **9 a.m.**—Mary Guidry†; Louis “LJ” Berthelot†; Phillip John Bilski†; John Gentile†; Butch Calmes†; Mark Andrew Smith†; Kalaj Family. **9 a.m.**—(MSH) Edwin Lohr†; Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Parent†. **11 a.m.** Parishioners **6 p.m.** Lucille O’Neill†; Laura Diaz†; Michael Bui & Tran Bon†.  
**Monday: 11/21/16—4:00 p.m.** Bill Collier†.  
**Tuesday: 11/22/16—8:30 a.m.** Michelle Crosby.  
**Wednesday: 11/23/16—6:00 p.m.** Pauline Hebert†.

**Thursday: 11/24/16—8:30 a.m.** Toney Stikeleather †.  
**Friday: 11/25/16—8:30 a.m.** Alex Theriot, Jr. †.  
**Saturday: 11/26/16—4 p.m.** Jerry Valentine, Sr. †; Virgil & Mary Brown†; Kathy Alello†; Lindell Gill, Sr. †; Douglass Fuentes; Peter Lan Nguyen†. **Sunday: 11/27/16—7 a.m.** Dominic P. Nguyen†; Lloyd DeGeneres†. **9 a.m.**—Garrett Minard†; Myrtle & John Bubrig†; Phillip John Bilski†; Mary Guidry†; William & Josephine Chiappetta†; William Chiappetta, III†; Deacon William Chiappetta†; Laura Diaz†. **9 a.m.**—(MSH) Open Intention. **11 a.m.** Butch Calmes†; Lucille O’Neill†; Jean Meyers†; Ashley Nicole Purpera†; Rodney Williams†; Valerie Jordan†; Dominic Nham Truong†. **6 p.m.** Parishioners.

**CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 11/20/16—11/26/16**  
 burns in memory of **STEPHANIE GUZZARDO.**





Next Sunday, November 27, the Rite of Welcome/Acceptance will be held at the 9:00 a.m. Mass for the inquirers who have made the decision to enter into the Order of Catechumens and continue their journey of faith. The Rite of Welcome/Acceptance is the first of the public rites celebrated in the R.C.I.A. During this important ritual, the inquirers publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church, and we (as the Church community) accept them and offer our support. Please join with us next week in the celebration as we present the catechumens and candidates to the Church community, share in their journey, and offer our prayers.

Contact Judy Graphia at the Church office, 665-5359, if you would like more information.

**Parish School of Religion News  
Dates to Remember!**

- Confirmation Classes: 11/22/16—6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Day of Prayer: Sunday, January 8 at St. Joseph Cathedral—Mass at noon
- Confirmation Practices: Monday, January 16-7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.; Wednesday, January 18-7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
- Confirmation: Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

PSR Classes 6th-10th grade:

- 9th Grade—November 20; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—November 20; 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Anyone making up classes for October, please call the office at 665-5926 for correct times.

Please consider volunteering to be a catechist or aide. Because of the many changes in our lives and community, as well as our new schedule, some of our faithful, long time catechists will not be able to return.

**Religious Education Office Hours**

2nd and 3rd Sundays: 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.  
Monday and Wednesday: 12:00 noon—7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

*Gianna Marie Richardson*



For more information about Youth Events, contact Kevin Acord, Youth Minister; [acordkp@gmail.com](mailto:acordkp@gmail.com).

**COME SERVE ICC!  
ON TUES 11/22 AND  
WED 11/23  
FROM 1-4PM  
AT ICC WE WILL  
#SERVEDENHAM  
TOGETHER!  
ALL YOUTH  
GRADES 9-12 ARE  
INVITED  
TO COME HELP!  
RSVP KEVIN AT  
225.268.9962**



**1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Please join us at 5:30 p.m. – in the Church for Children's Choir Rehearsals.

The children sing on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. Mass and Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.



We express our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **MARGARET QUINN.**



More than any other time in the history of our parish, families need our prayers. On Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Immaculate Conception Church will open its doors to host **A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PARISH FAMILIES**. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end about 3:45 p.m. We are asking parishioners to join our effort to pray for every family of the parish.

- Choose the time that fits best into your schedule—stay as long as you like.
- When you arrive, we will give you a number of prayer cards. You specify how many.
- These prayer cards have a prayer for healing, a picture of the Holy Family and the name of an ICC family and its members.
- Sit in church, in the presence of Jesus, and pray for each family by name.
- The prayer takes less than 30 seconds to read making it possible to pray for 30 to 60 families in one hour.

This **DAY OF PRAYER** gathers us, in hope and solidarity, to instill comfort, change hearts, stir enthusiasm, and foster a more real and personal relationship with Jesus and his flock. If you can commit to this day of prayer, please notify us by either calling the office at 665-5359 or email [pcowart@me.com](mailto:pcowart@me.com). We want to ensure that we will have enough people to pray for all 4000+ families before 4:00 Mass begins. You are also welcome to drop by even if you haven't contacted us. However, it is helpful to let us know. Please invite others who are willing to help. With just a small effort, the Holy Spirit will accomplish great things.

## Book Of Remembrance



During the month of November, we have the custom of giving a place of honor to the Book of Remembrance in which we write the names of our deceased relatives and friends. The book will remain on a stand near the altar for the convenience of those who wish to write the names of their deceased in it until Advent. Those whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance will be remembered at the Eucharistic celebrations through the month of November.

The presence of the Book of Remembrance in the Church at Thanksgiving will be especially meaningful as we give thanks not only for the blessings of the earth, but the blessing of family, friends and eternal life.

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**Adoration Chapel News:** Besides restoring the chapel, there is obviously the need to restore our list of Committed Adorers. **Allison Renfrow is seeking to rebuild our list of Committed Adorers.** If she has not reached you yet, you can contact her via email at [arenfrow05@bellsouth.net](mailto:arenfrow05@bellsouth.net).



## Readings For The Week of November 20

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43  
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Luke 23:35-43

In today's Gospel, we hear the repentant criminal's plea: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." How do you find this request compelling?