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April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter



The Grapevine

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Frank M. Uter..... Pastor
Rev. Amal Raj, I.M.S. Associate Pastor
Mike Chiappetta Permanent Deacon
Rudy Stahl Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 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:

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.



• "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." *Jn 20:27b-29*

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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.

This Week at a Glance

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena/Cry Room
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA/Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Graduates Breakfast/Main Hall
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Small Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Baptisms/Church
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Retrouvaille Follow-up/Small Hall
 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Adult Confirmation/Room 2
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Altar Server Training/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Ministers Liturgical Training/SH/C

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass-Nov.-Bene./Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir/Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Men's Club/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Financial Peace/FFC-211

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ISM-High School/Youth Hall
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Parish Fair Meeting/Room 2
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Great Adventure Bible-Psalm/SH

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Timeline/FFC-211
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Core/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Flute & Drum Circle/Small Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM First Eucharist Practice-Retreat/
 Church/Main Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's Club Crawfish Boil/Pavilion

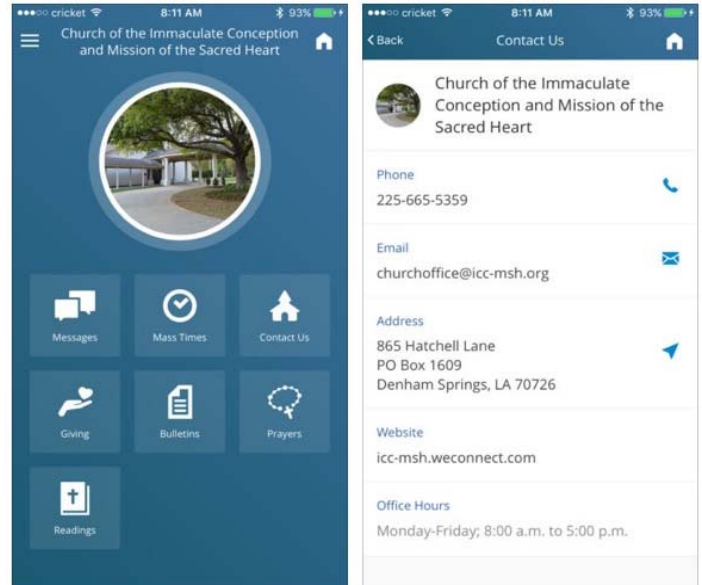
SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA/Main Hall
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church



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To receive notifications from us or any group from ICC, go to the upper left corner under notifications and select your preferences. Please be sure to select "General" to receive important messages from the Parish. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Matherne at 665-5359.

**Parish Festival Meeting—Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2. Anyone interested in helping with the Festival is welcome to attend!
 We need YOU!**

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: An Easter People

As we gather this Second Sunday of Easter, we gather as an Easter people who have both received and share mercy. This second Sunday of Easter is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, and we celebrate the loving God who reaches out to us with mercy and healing, and also give thanks for the gift of his Spirit who helps us show mercy to others. While Divine Mercy's main focus is the healing and forgiveness expressed in sacramental Reconciliation, there are many ways in which we partner with our heavenly Father to extend his mercy in our community and world.

I thought it might be good this Sunday to take a glimpse of the loving mercy which has been both received and shared in these eight months since the flood. Days and weeks after the flood, many came from neighborhoods in the parish and to the parish from the New Orleans area and out of state with food, personal items and supplies to help clean houses. Many helped clean houses and serve meals. Here in the parish, we began our outreach with gift cards in different denominations to help flood victims take care of their day to day needs as they sought to gut and clean houses.

Then we moved to another stage of preliminary rebuilding in which we were able to offer vouchers at the Holmes Lumber Yard for sheet rock, insulation and other building supplies. Then we reached the stage in which we were able to offer \$1,000 vouchers either at V. Watts Furniture Store who were giving 10% discounts in addition to our vouchers (making \$2,000 worth of furniture cost only \$800), or with St. Vincent de Paul which was offering with these \$1,000 vouchers appliances and simple furniture from Olinde's.

Finally we reached the stage toward the end of Lent when we began offering \$100 vouchers to assist in purchasing linens, pots and pans, and whatever might be needed to assist in making these rebuilt houses homes.

I cannot begin to say where all the funds came from. Some were given directly to the parish from other parishes around the country, from friends of mine who knew I was here and wanted to help, and from Catholic Charities who received funds to distribute to us and other parishes in the Diocese for flood assistance. **When all is said and done, as of this date, if you combine the gift cards, vouchers, etc., we have been able to give \$306,195 in flood assistance over these eight months in the community.** We cannot thank enough all those merciful parishioners and friends of the parish who have made this possible. Many thanks also to **Lota Lamonica** who was the person who took care of almost all of the interviews and oversaw the disbursement of funds, cards, vouchers over these months.

Among those who assisted are a young group who call themselves **Simple Shepherds**. They made Christmas



ornaments and sold them to offer Flood Relief. They spread their good work around Baton Rouge purchasing 25 mattresses for people, and made a generous donation to the parish to assist with flood relief here. I was able to meet with some of the youth who participated in the Simple Shepherd program, and really enjoyed being with them and getting to know them a little better.

There were many others who came to our aid and helped us give assistance to others, like the Mike O'Neil Family from Mobile who lent the RV to us which was home to Fr. Raj for seven months. We appreciate all who assisted us on the parish level and helped us assist others. These have been a graced seven months in many ways. A good Easter story about merciful Easter people.

As we neared Easter, we were sad to say goodbye to Mary Parker who moved from the parish to Florida, and

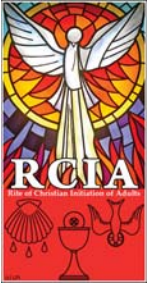


who will later be moving to Atlanta to be close to her family. For years Mary Parker has assisted us in the parish office as the volunteer who prepares the bulletins each week for mailing to the homebound and friends of the parish who wish to stay in touch with the parish and what is

happening. We were so blessed to have her cheerful services each week. She partnered with Elaine Matherne who prepares the bulletin for printing each week and then Mary would mail them. We thank her for her ministries and wish her and her family God's every blessing. Let us keep each other in prayer. Love,

John H.

Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Ministry



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

It is impossible to contain the joy of our new Catholics, their godparents and sponsors, the RCIA team, and the parish clergy during and after the marvelous events they have experienced and witnessed at the Easter Vigil. The graces received from the Easter mysteries propel the new Catholics into the final period of catechesis, called “Mystagogia.” The fifty days between Easter and Pentecost are marked by weekly gatherings of our “new” Catholics or NEOPHYTES (newly enlightened), and through continued catechesis and full participation in our Sunday celebrations, they will come to experience the joy of fully being a part of the Christian community.



Adult-Baptisms

Kailee Ash
Kristen Duplantis
Kelsey Valentine

Adult-Confirmation

Nicole McCarter
Sheena Thompson



Adult-Full Communion

Scott Dickerson
Avery Johnson
Desiree Kennedy
Georgia Langlois
Florita Lee
Jody Mayeux
Bruce Pearson
Monica Vosburg

Also, at the Easter Vigil services, the Church celebrated the Rites of Baptism, Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation with the RCIA Children’s group.

Children-Baptisms/First Eucharist/Confirmation

Lauren Farley
Haley Hoon



Children-First Communion/Confirmation

Michelle Duenez
Miguel Duenez
Danny Farley*
Anthony Howard

*Confirmation

We know that all the adults and children will be a beautiful asset to our church community as they join us to share their God-given talents and gifts. Please help us give them a warm and loving welcome.



You CAN understand the Bible!

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for *The Bible Timeline Study*, beginning on Thursday, April 27. By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. *The Bible Timeline* is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word.

Immaculate Conception will begin *The Bible Timeline* on Thursday, April 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 am in the Faith Formation Center, Room 211.

If you are hesitant to commit during the summer because of vacations and other obligations, please consider that the videos are available online. You will have the ability to keep up with the class even when you have to miss because of other obligations. For more information or to register for the study, contact Gwen Richard at 225-665-5926 ext. 223 or gcrichard@icc-msh.org.

Parish School of Religion News

PSR Second Grade:

- First Eucharist Practice and Retreat—April 29, 2017; 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Main Hall
- First Eucharist—May 7, 2017; 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School—June 19-23 (K-5th Grades)

SoulCORE

Everyone is invited to join us to pray the rosary and exercise with core strengthening, stretching, and full body movement. SoulCore is a sensory experience that combines candlelight and music, providing participants the opportunity to nourish body, mind, & soul while contemplating the mysteries and fruits of the rosary. Our schedule is as follows:

- ◇ Thursday, April 27; 6:30 p.m.-Small Hall
- ◇ Monday, May 1; 6:30 p.m.-Small Hall
- ◇ Wednesday, May 10; 9:15 a.m.-Small Hall

Please bring an exercise mat. All fitness levels are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Amanda Milton at 225-938-5236.

Liturgical Ministers Training

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans
Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m.; Small Hall
All interested ministers are welcome!

Parish Life ♦ Community ♦ Worship ♦ Stewardship



April 22, 2017-
April 30, 2017

SATURDAY: 04/22/17

4:00 p.m. W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Karen Matherne†; Kathy Alello†; Jimmy Bowen†; Rosalie Joubert†; Jonah Dugas†; Wilma James†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Teddy Anderson; Vertie Young; Dan & Betty Roche.

SUNDAY: 04/23/17

7:00 a.m. Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Phillip John Bilski†; †; Dominic Vang Nguyen†; Dominic Hai Nguyen†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Jeremy Gilmore†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Adolphus Stafford†; Zita Jones†; Edward Rayner, III†; Joe Silvio, Jr.†; Johnny Berkley†; Aline Stafford†.
11:00 a.m. Jean Meyers†; Deacon Pete Schlette†; Sgt. Shawn Anderson†; All Health Care Workers.
6:00 p.m. ICC Office Staff.

MONDAY: 04/24/17

8:30 a.m. Kelly Meaux†.

TUESDAY: 04/25/17

6:00 p.m. James Spillers, Sr.†.

WEDNESDAY: 04/26/17

8:30 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

THURSDAY: 04/27/17

8:30 a.m. Kelly Meaux†.

FRIDAY: 04/28/17

8:30 a.m. Barbara Fossier†.

SATURDAY: 04/29/17

4:00 p.m. Rosalie Joubert†; Katherine Broussard†; Laurie Blair†; Kathy Alello†; Dan & Betty Roche.

SUNDAY: 04/30/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Mary Guidry†; Dominic Hung Nguyen†; Maria Hoi Nguyen†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Phyllis Hartman.
9:00 a.m. Parishioners.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Zita Jones†; Edward Rayner, III†.
11:00 a.m. Deacon Pete Schlette†; Steve Rushing†.
6:00 p.m. Phillip John Bilski†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:

04/23/17—04/29/17 burns in memory of
KATHERINE BROUSSARD.

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT:

04/23/17—04/29/17 burns in memory of
JERRY VALENTINE, SR.



Recognizing God in your Ordinary Moments



Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

April 8/9, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$	18,736.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,465.99
Easter:	\$	195.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	5.00
Easter Flowers:	\$	88.00
Total Collected:	\$	21,489.99

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Income: \$ **1,048,480.74**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense:	\$	1,132,849.13
Surplus/Deficit	\$	-84,368.39
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	284.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	1,332.00
Retirement for Priests:	\$	295.00
Catholic Home Mission:	\$	20.00
Rice Bowl:	\$	10.00



We express our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **VICTORIA WARD.**



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Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Directory



Pray for the Sick

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665-5359. For the prayer line, call Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

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| Betty Allen | Stephen Gomez | John Sehon Jr |
| James Arnold, Jr. | Henry Harris | John Sehon III |
| Colby Austin | Pam Hebert | Carl Shelden |
| Clara Babin | Mark Henry, Jr. | Charles Stafford |
| Vince Baham | Debbie Kleinpeter | Cindy Stelly |
| Kaley Barr | Jason Kleinpeter | Dennis Strader |
| Lynne Blair | Will Kleinpeter | Mickie Todd |
| Linda Bourgeoise | George Landry | Nick Tullier |
| Cathy Brignac | Jamie/Leo Lott | James Turner |
| Leila Champagne | Jennifer McBride | Pat Ulbright |
| Lamy Chopin | Patty McFarland | Donald Webb |
| Linda Corkern | Christy Mumphy | Ruth Webb |
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| Shirley/Joseph DeSota | Ricky Robinson | Marion Wetzler |
| Darryl Dufour | Dan & Betty Roche | David Wetzler |
| Glen Ezell | Jerri Rogers | Richard/Vertie |
| Kelly Stovall Feese | Katherine Roy | Young |
| Beryl Fourroux | | |



Adoration Chapel News

Great News! The Perpetual Adoration Chapel re-opened on Easter Sunday! Thanks be to God! Please continue to prayerfully consider an hour with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Twelve Biblical reasons for wanting to Spend One Hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

#3 of 12...The specific way that Jesus asks you to love him in return is to spend one quiet hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament!

“Where your treasure is, there is your heart...”
“Could you not watch one hour with me?”
 (Mt. 6:21; 26:40)

The following hours are still needed:

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2:00-3:00 AM	4:00-5:00 AM	9:00-10:00 PM

You can contact Allison Renfrow at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net, call 665-1424 or you can call the Church Office at 665-5359.



I would like to thank Fr. Frank for his visits, the Catholic Daughters, parishioners, staff and so many others for their prayers and well wishes during my time of illness. God Bless each and everyone of you. I am feeling much better.

Mary Genusa



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The Chalice will be received by the Landry family (Arnold & Mary) the week of April 29, 2017 at the 4 p.m. Mass. If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 665-3505.

Readings for the week of 04/23/17

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

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