Second Sunday of Ordinary Time **January 19, 2025**



Immaculate Conception
Jesuit Church

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Music

10:00 am & 7:30 pm

Gathering	**# 743 Sing a New Church**
Psalm Response	**"Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. "**
Gifts Preparation	**# 970 God, in the Planning and Purpose of Life**
Communion	**# 932 One Bread, One Body**
Recessional	**# 598 O God, Beyond All Praising**

The texts of the Mass responses, as well as the Creed, can be found in the front covers of the Gather Hymnal. Sunday evening Benediction hymns can be found in the Gather hymnal: #139, #137, and #615.

OUR ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY PRAYER

Loving and Faithful God, through the years
the people of our archdiocese have appreciated
the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness.
We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother,
and ask you to help us in the battle of today
against violence, murder and racism.
We implore you to give us your wisdom
that we may build a community
founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect
to the life and dignity of all people.
Bless parents
that they may form their children in faith.
Bless and protect our youth
that they may be peacemakers of our time.
Give consolation to those
who have lost loved ones through violence.
Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance
to be a voice for life and human dignity
in our community.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.
Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us
that we may be a holy family.

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MASSES

Monday-Friday:	7:30 am, Noon
Saturday:	8 am, 4 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday:	8 am, 10:00 am, 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday:	11-11:50 am
Saturday:	3:15-3:50 pm
Sunday:	7-7:25 pm

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday:	at Masses	Perpetual Help Novena
Friday:	at Masses	Sacred Heart Novena
	12:30 pm	Benediction
	12:40 pm	Stations of the Cross & Rosary
First Friday:	8-11:45 am	Adoration & Benediction
	at Masses	Sacred Heart Novena
	12:30 pm	Stations of the Cross & Rosary
Sunday:	9:30 am	Rosary
	7 pm	Adoration, Rosary, & Benediction
CHURCH TOURS	3:15 pm	Saturdays

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Stupidity

We become angry and nurse resentments when we blame other people for inflicting some wrong upon us or others. Sometimes we blame others and deny that we have any responsibility in a particular unfortunate situation. It is easier to find fault with others than to acknowledge our own role and accept whatever responsibility may be appropriate. Many of us think that blaming someone else provides relief in frustrating circumstances. Some people find therapeutic value in pointing the finger at someone else.

To counteract this negative thinking, I developed a rule that I found helpful in challenging circumstances. “Never underestimate stupidity. Stupidity usually provides a better explanation than malice.”

I discovered recently that this principle was previously developed by Robert Hanlon. “Hanlon’s Razor” states: "Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity." Hanlon's Razor reminds us to approach situations with an attitude of understanding and to give the benefit of the doubt, rather than jumping to conclusions about others' intentions. When something goes wrong, it is often due to incompetence, ignorance, or a mistake rather than an intentional act of evil. Human error and misunderstanding are far more common than deliberate evil intent. (Medieval philosopher William of Ockham developed a principle that the simplest explanation is superior to one that relies on unnecessary complexity.) Hanlon’s Razor like the more famous Ockham’s Razor leads us to accept the accurate explanation with the least complexity.

When we blame others, we project on them motivations that they do not have. Oftentimes it can be far more reasonable to suggest that someone hurt us because of their stupidity rather than their malice. Although some people deliberately injure others, more often than not, people act out of ignorance. They do not fully understand the effect of their words or actions.

Jesus set an example for us by extending forgiveness even to those responsible for his crucifixion. On the cross Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34) Let us remind ourselves of the words of Jesus when are tempted to assume malice without sufficient evidence.

Anthony McGinn, S.J.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Rooted in our identity as Catholic and Jesuit, and driven by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Immaculate Conception Parish gives glory to God by creating a faith community where all are welcomed to experience God's love in Word and Sacrament and Community, and where all are challenged to embrace the mission of fulfilling God's desires for us and our world by growing in love and by becoming Christ to others through lives of prayer, witness, and service.

VISITING? / WELCOME!

No matter where you are from, what you do, your current family or marital situation …
No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation …
No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church ...
we are very happy you are with us. Learn more about our parish by visiting our website, and if you would like to learn more about the art and architecture of our building, we invite you to consult the brochure found at the back of the church.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, January 18
4:00 p.m. Fr. McGinn , S.J.

Sunday, January 19
8:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn S.J.
10:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.
7:30 p.m. Fr. Gros, S.J.

Saturday, January 25
4:00 p.m. Fr. McGinn , S.J.

Sunday, January 26
8:00 a.m. Fr. Gros, S.J.
10:00 a.m. Fr. McGinn, S.J.
7:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph, S.J.

PRAY FOR PEACE

Every Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts are served in the parish hall following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses.

PARISH BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON LINE

Every Wednesday the parish bulletin for the upcoming Sunday is posted on the church's website, www.jesuitchurch.net. Likewise one may find a link to the bulletin on the Facebook page, *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church.*

DAILY MASS LIVESTREAMED

The parish will continue to livestream the first Mass of the day (7:30 a.m. on Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday). One may find the livestream on **YouTube** at *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church*. Similarly one can find the livestream on our **Facebook** page, *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church*.

BECOME A PART OF THE FAMILY

To become a member of the parish, please complete the registration form found on the parish website (www.jesuitchurch.net) by selecting tabs entitled "I'm New" and "I'm New to the Parish."

CHURCH TOURS

A 30-minute docent-led tour of our church takes place each Saturday at 3:15 p.m. With advance notice to the parish rectory, guided tours can be arranged at other times as well.
The church's high altar was designed by architect James Freret, who was one of the first two graduates of Jesuit High School. The altar was built in Lyons, France, and dedicated on December 8, 1873, 150 years ago. The first Jesuits in New Orleans emigrated from Lyons in 1847.

You might like to follow Immaculate Conception Parish on Facebook by logging onto www.facebook.com and then entering *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church* and "Like" us.

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP AYMOND

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each year during the last week of January, we join the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This year marks the 51st anniversary of Catholic Schools Week celebrations in our country. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans work tirelessly to remain institutions of academic excellence, grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church. To remain successful, our schools rely on essential financial support.

Like most things in today's world, there are significant costs associated with maintaining successful schools. Teachers must be paid a fair wage, facilities must be updated and maintained, and faculty and staff must work to be innovative in their educational practices. Recent years have been particularly difficult for many of our families, donors and benefactors bearing additional financial burdens. Despite these difficulties, it is our responsibility to make Catholic education more accessible and affordable.

By offering financial support to the mission and ministry of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, you are affording children an opportunity that is otherwise out of reach for their families. Catholic schools help form disciples who live out our Catholic faith, and it is the responsibility of every Catholic to assist in these efforts. As a result, every parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up a second collection on January 25-26. Thank you for your consideration in offering a gift at that time.

The funds collected through the second collection will support the Champions of Catholic Education tuition assistance fund. This fund will aid families that cannot afford the full cost of Catholic school tuition and those experiencing financial difficulties. Our Catholic schools and families need your support.

Wishing you God's blessings in 2025 and with gratitude for your generosity, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year 2025 has begun. Every 25 years, the church calls for a jubilee to celebrate and draw us deeper into our faith. For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has selected the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we have designated 12 churches as places of pilgrimage and will be sharing more information about the Jubilee, its significance, and ways to observe and celebrate it throughout the year. It is our goal to encourage all of the faithful to participate in the Jubilee throughout these next 12 months so that each may truly have an encounter with Christ Jesus that leads to a renewal of hope. You can learn more about the Jubilee 2025 as well find more information about the local pilgrimage sites online at https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Happy New Year! Keep the lonely, the poor, the elderly, the unborn, those who have no voice in our culture in the forefront, especially during these days of winter.

January Respect Life Focus - Abortion/the Unborn

Please join us Monday, January 27, 2025 at noon for the Memorial Service for the Unborn.
Archbishop Aymond will lead the prayer service at the Holy Innocents Prayer Garden in St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1, located at 5000 Canal St in New Orleans.

ACCESS Pregnancy & Referral Centers have provided pregnancy support services for more than 40 years. Our program is dependent upon donations to continue offering these vital services within the community. To make a tax-deductible donation, please call us at 504-885-1141.
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The 52nd annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 24, 2025, after a Rally on the Mall beginning at noon. For the latest information, please visit the March for Life website: https://marchforlife.org . May everyone attending have a safe and rewarding journey.

Praying to end Abortion (New Time)
Our Respect Life Committee will be praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at Planned Parenthood on the third Saturday of every month at 8:45am. Please join us. If you cannot attend, but would like a copy of the prayer booklet so that you can pray with us from home, please email
gwilson@truckandtransportation.com
Care for the Homeless-Since the pandemic has passed, the HTC has started up their medical clinic once a week. The HTC needs over the counter medicine such as: Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, as well as vitamins and especially cough drops. The address for the Harry Tompson Center is 1803 Gravier St., New Orleans, LA. 70112, Phone # 504-273-5547.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, January 18, 8:45 a.m.
Respect Life Prayer at Clinic

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26
Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

Wednesday, February 5, 1:00 p.m.
Parish Finance Council Meeting

Sunday, February 9 Superbowl Sunday
7:30 p.m. Mass CANCELLED

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting for parents of students being confirmed at Jesuit High School

Thursday, February 13, 5:00 p.m.
Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, February 15, 8:45 a.m.
Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

Saturday & Sunday, February 22 & 23
Collection for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

Saturday & Sunday, March 1 & 2
Mardi Gras parades
NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
SUNDAY MORNING Masses as usual
NO Adoration, Confessions, or 7:30 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 4, Mardi Gras
Church Closed, NO Masses

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday
Masses at 7:30 a.m., noon, and 5:15 p.m.
Confessions 11:00 a.m. to noon
Confessions 4:15 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 First Sunday of Lent
2:00 p.m. Confirmation classes begin

Thursday, March 13, 5:00 p.m.
Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, March 15, 8:45 a.m.
Respect Life prayer at Clinic 4636 S. Claiborne

PRAYER LIST

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or other life challenges.

Ana Amos
Imani Badie
Jennifer Bonam
Walter Bonam
Rena Cantrell
Rosalyn DeBartolo
Beverly George
Rosalie McCoy Johnson
Graham Laborde
McKord, Sumrall, Todd & Pinner Families
Shirley Schnyder
Sheldon Strasner
Betty Tedesco
Tevest Vance
Imelda Ward
Trent Washington & Family
Harold Werling
Lisa Werling
Yvonne J. Williams
Patricia Wilson

Names appear for three months unless otherwise requested. To request that a name be included, please phone 529-1477.

IN MEMORY

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sr. Ruth Angelette, O.P. †
B.J. Arceneaux †
Andrew Arestano †
Sophia Arellano †
Aline Hebert Barker †
Wade Buquoi, Jr. †
Anthony Bourgeois †
James E. Brown, Sr. †
Brandon Butera †
Grace Battiste Butler †
Gloria Albano Caldarera †
Edgar L. "Dookie" Chase III †
Jacquelyn B. Clarkson †
John Combes †
George Cook †
Patrice Cook †
Gina Guzzino Crooks †
Carol Daigle †
Edward Davis †
Roberto Diaz †
Milton Duckert †
Victor J. Duvernay, Jr. †
Pat Ellis †
Walker Foster †
Jason Franco †
Marie Giorlando †
Robert Paul Guilbault †
Shirley Hyde Hawkins †
Louise Huete †
Zena Ophelia Kiper †
Gloria Schexnayder Lewis †
Yvonne Bebe Maestri †
Johnny McCrossen †
Michael A. Melton †
Conrad Meyer IV †
Frank Misuraca †
Salvador Mule' †
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Carol St. Germain †
Frances Dee Tarantino †
Sheryl Anne Thornton †
Pat Uli †
Bill Wightkin †
Claire Wilson †

The names of recently deceased appear on the list for twelve months. Please phone 529-1477 to request that a name be included.

HOLY FATHER'S JANAURY INTENTION

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT & FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Saturday, January 18
8:00 am Theresa J. Jupiter †
4:00 pm Christopher Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Marie Caserta Giorlando †
Bonnie St. Pierre †

Sunday, January 19
8:00 am Victor J. Duvernay †
Kathryn Kramer Neilson †
Kristien B. Davis †
Cynthia Lowe Stromboe †
10:00am Mass for the People
7:30 pm Owen J. LaCour, Sr. †

Monday, January 20
7:30 am Bill Wessel †
Noon Paula Hebert †

Tuesday, January 21
7:30 am Arlene Richard †
noon Michael Jackson †

Wednesday, January 22
7:30 am James Arnold †
noon Special Intention

Thursday, January 23
7:30 am Mary Ellen Quinn
Noon Alquina Dickey

Friday, January 24
7:30 am Sissy Judy Martin
Noon Mellie Mohr †

Saturday, January 25
8:00 am Christy Kennedy
4:00 pm Richard Vanderbrook †
Carl Orgeron †
Jay Sunseri †
Lucille Rowley Daigle †

WEDDING BANNS

Please keep in your prayers those who in the coming weeks will be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony

January 25, 2025
Samantha Falgoust & Garrett Hamilton
February 1, 2025
Bailey Elizabeth East & Nathan Farley
Gabrielle Elizabeth Mayer & Thomas Jackson IV
February 15, 2025
Breanne Catherine Bizette & Gregory Evan Roy
Anna Claire Lusco & William Spencer Glass

COLLECTIONS (January 6-12)

Sunday: $7,277.50
Weekdays: $435.00
Ministry to the Poor: $421.00
Second Collection (Liturgical Music Fund): $867.00

ONLINE PARISHIONER REGISTRATION & GIVING

We invite you to register as a member of our parish family. To do so, log on to www.jesuitchurch.net and click the "I'm New" and "To the Parish" tabs, or contact the parish office. Also, follow Immaculate Conception Parish on Facebook by logging onto www.facebook.com and entering *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church* and "Like" us. In reflecting upon your support of the parish, please consider online giving, a quick and easy way to do your part to foster the life and ministry of our parish.

PARKING at 208 O'Keefe

The new management of the parking garage at 208 O'Keefe has installed a new system for payment. Instead of using pre-paid cards, you will enter a one-time code on the Premium Parking app. Details are available on the website www.jesuitchurch.net and on the parish Facebook page *Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church*.

Upon entering the garage, please enter the six-digit code and your license plate number in the Premium Parking app. You may park for 120 minutes.

The parish will provide special codes for parishioners at the previous rate of $2.00.

THE CODES ARE VALID ONLY DURING WEEKEND MASS TIMES.

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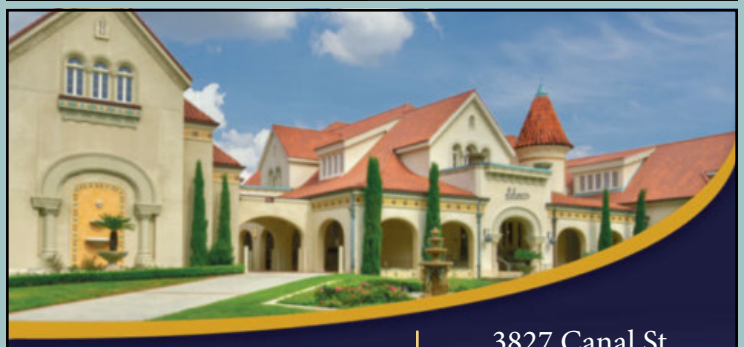

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