

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 • THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Monday Through Friday 8:30 a.m. to Noon; 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Daily Mass: Tuesday—Friday 7:00 a.m.
(No Weekday Mass on Monday)
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays Following 7 a.m. Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday.....3 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.
Thursday During Adoration Following 7 a.m. Mass
Other Times By Appointment. Please call Pastoral Center to Schedule.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Pastoral Center to schedule an appointment with the Pastor before preparation class and baptismal date can be set.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastoral Center to schedule an appointment with the Pastor before wedding date can be set. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Diocesan preparation course is mandatory.

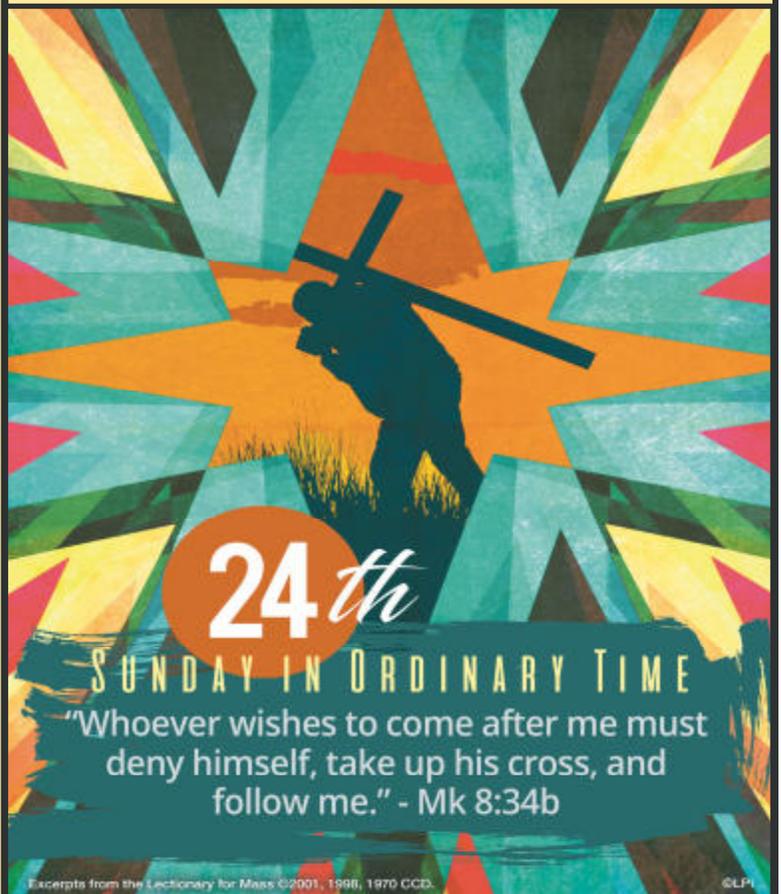
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.





Saturday, September 11, 2021

4:00 P.M. Agnes Theodile, Earl Boutte, Sr., Celestine Guidry, Mary Gordon, sConstance Bellard, The Anniversary of Cecilin DeCloutte

Sunday, September 12, 2021

7:00 A.M. Frances LeBlanc, Carlton Goodwin

8:30 A.M. Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People of IHM Parish)

11:00 A.M. Reginald Malveaux, Anthony Malbroux, Calvin Malveaux, Joyce Malveaux, Arsene & Sadie St. Mary, Junius Washington

Monday, September 13, 2021

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

7:00 A.M. Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

7:00 A.M. Aaron Bellow

Thursday, September 16, 2021

7:00 A.M. Celebrant's Intention

Friday, September 17, 2021

7:00 A.M. The Anniversary of Lynwood J. Chachere

Saturday, September 18, 2021

4:00 P.M. Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People of IHM Parish)

Sunday, September 19, 2021

7:00 A.M. Father Wayne LeBleu, Father Joby Mathew, Aaron Bellow

8:30 A.M. Margaret Harmon, Florence Green, Sidney Jean Sr., Mary Williams, The Anniversary of Veronica Jones

11:00 A.M. Robert A. Collins, Albert Lee Simien Sr., Agnes Theodile, Joseph and Hazel Pete, Pamela Ann Richard



We remember those who have who died. May angels lead all of our deceased family members and friends into paradise. Upon their arrival, may the martyrs receive them and lead them to the holy city of Jerusalem. May the ranks of angels receive them, and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may they have eternal rest.



Scripture Study Groups
Mondays in Founders' Hall
 Ladies Group Meets @ 4 p.m.
 Men's Group Meets @ 5:30 p.m.



Senior Bingo
Friday, September 17th
10 a.m. Until Noon

September 12-18, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/ Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Second Collection

September 18th and 19th
 will benefit The Bishop's Services Appeal.
 Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the Week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's way allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

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Have an item for the bulletin? Important milestones in your family's life? To meet printing deadlines and have your event in the bulletin in a timely manner, we need to have your information three weeks prior to your event. Please call the Pastoral Center (337-436-8093), fax (337-436-8033) or email (ihmchurch@suddenlink.net) your information.



Religious Education

PREP Classes for All Grades
Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
In Founders' Hall

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The seven sorrows refer to seven momentous events in the life of Mary:

- *Simeone, the Holy Man, forecasting the pain that Mary would suffer because Jesus was the Savior.*
- *Joseph and Mary fleeing with the infant Jesus in order to escape Herod the King's threat to the child.*
- *Mary and Joseph losing the 12-year-old Jesus for three days until finding him in the temple.*
- *Mary witnessing Jesus carrying the cross to Calvary.*
- *Mary witnessing the crucifixion of Jesus.*
- *Mary receiving the body of Jesus when it is removed from the cross.*
- *Mary witnessing the burial of Jesus.*

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette



Barbara Adams, Irma Ambrose, Carolyn Anderson, Evelyn Avery, Juanita Francis Bell, Constance Bellard, Patricia Valiere Bellard, Elizabeth Bellow Family, Francis Bellow, Patrick Bellow Family, Elaine Billadeaux, Jordan Bushnell, Joseph Cook, Mary Cook, Paul K. Cook, Michael Danos, Derrick Davis, John Davis, Jason Dourousseau, Nolton Fontenot, Norris Gobert, Joe Murl Goodley, George Guillory Jr., Hilbert "Bob" Guillory, Matthew Hardy, Leatrice Hebert, Terrell Joseph, Gerald LeDay, Kim LeDoux, Lurlin Leger, Christopher Marshall, Veronica Miller, Angela McZeal, Tiffani Paul, Clemus Perkins, Lora Perkins, James Poullard, Bonnie Poullard, Regis Poullard, Sheila Prescott, Vincent Paul Richard Jr., Nellie Rideaux, Laura Semien, Jessica Brignac Singleton, Rena Sterling, Jesse Strauss, Jarrell Thibodeaux Family (Jarrell, Kelly, Tyler and Karlie), Kenneth Thibodeaux, Gloria Wilridge, Shelby Wilson Sr.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM
OPENING CEREMONY AT 9:30 AM
WALK 10:00-11:00 AM
CLOSING CEREMONY AT 11:00 AM

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 **Offerory Envelopes for 2022 will be ordered very soon. All registered parishioners/families will automatically be sent envelopes in late December to the address we have on file, as well as their 2021 contribution statements in early 2022. With hurricane recovery continuing and other issues affecting residency, please contact the Pastoral Center ASAP to make any updates to your name and/or address — or to double check your registration status. If you are dropping your offerings into the collection basket without using an envelope, you may not be on the active registered parishioner roll. Registered families, with children 18 and older, please have your "adult" child register separately as an individual parishioner of IHM even if they still live at home.**

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IHM 68th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

ONE DAY ONLY!

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8 a.m. Until Sold Out

To Go Orders Only

(Cash and Credit/Debit Cards Accepted)

BBQ DINNERS -- \$15

*(1/2 Chicken OR Large Pork Steak, Potato Salad,
Rice Dressing, Baked Beans, Bread)*



SWEET POTATO PIES - \$4



SOFT DRINKS - \$1

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