



Families are the domestic church, cultivating a family life centered on Christ. Most people experience faith within their family, where it is planted and nurtured. Mary and Joseph nurtured Jesus in the ways of faith, and helped Him to grow in wisdom through their love and commitment to Him and to each other, and through their obedience to Scripture and Tradition. It is through our trust in God and our love for one another that we bring Christ to life in our own families and communities.

In the first reading, Sirach echoes God's mandate to honor our father and mother, for in doing so we honor God. In the second reading, Saint Paul instructs the Colossians to live in the spirit of Christ, loving one another and seeking peace. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the Temple for the ritual Jewish purification. There they encounter the prophet Simeon and prophetess, Anna, who offer thanks to God for this long-awaited Savior and foretell of His coming reign of power.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—January 1st—is *not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*, as it falls on a Monday. However, we will have Mass on Sunday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m., and Monday, January 1st, 9:30 a.m.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES—are available at the church office. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you want envelopes, please notify us, and we will have them ready for you to pick up.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—through Wednesday, January 3rd. It will reopen during regular hours on Thursday, January 4th. If you have any questions/business for Tara, **non-emergency**, please leave her a message at 640-9446, extension #0. She will attempt to return all calls on Thursday, January 4th. If you have an **emergency**, please leave Father Rick a detailed message at 640-9446, extension #3. Our phone system will notify him, and he will return your call a.s.a.p.

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

– Congratulations to those celebrating a wedding anniversary during January:

Jan. 3 ~ Dr. John & Joycelynn Lorio, 7 yrs.

Jan. 9 ~ Clyde & Gladys Brossette, 64 yrs.

Jan. 16 ~ Louis & Doris Brunett, 62 yrs.

Jan. 20 ~ Gregory & Kelly Duck, 22 yrs.

Jan. 22 ~ Ellis & Iva Isom, 52 yrs.

Jan. 26 ~ Roger & Rhoda Christopher, 27 yrs

“Enjoy life with the wife whom you love.”

(Eccl. 9:9)

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—Federal tax laws require that donors receive written acknowledgement of charitable contributions totaling \$250 or more before they can be claimed on tax returns. If you need a 2017 yearly statement of your donations to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, please call the church office before January 31st.



Vigil (4 p.m.) John Paul Costantino
Gertie McNeal
Sun. (9 a.m.) Gabby Dupont,
Casey Lewis Saunier
(11 a.m.) All People
Vigil (4 p.m.) All People
Mon. (9:30 a.m.) All People ** (No 8 a.m.)
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Deacon Ray “Whistle” Gibson
Thurs. Anna Janie Cooper
Fri. Ruby Primeaux

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Pete Ceasar; Sun. (9a.m) -Michelle Babineaux and Michael Shane Ryland, Aldon & Louis Granger, and, James Begnaud; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP—will burn in memory of the Louis VanAsselberg family. Please remember them in your prayers.

NO CCD CLASSES—Wednesday, January 3rd. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 10th. *Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year!*

CYLA AWARDS—Knights of Columbus Council 9753 is sponsoring the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. All Catholic high school seniors are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications to be returned to the church office completed and signed is Wednesday, January 17th. Applications are available at www.louisianakc.org under CYLA section.

OFFERTORY GIFTS :

Regular collection: \$3,398.00
Christmas: \$2,676.00
Church Vocations: \$1,184.00
Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,050.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST - Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Loretta Beebe, Sherri Bennett, Emma Benoit, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Roland Boudreaux, Aaron Boyt, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Joyce & Ray Burge, Kylie Bush, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, DeeDee Chrobus, Lebo Clark, Cleveland Craig, Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Carmen Hively, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Greg LeJeune, Mary Mantipty, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels, Jr., Willie Milam, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Bill Riggs, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zaubnercher, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS—Our Mass Intention book for 2018 is **filling up quickly**. If you have a specific date you would like a Mass offered, please call the office 3 to 4 months in advance. We will do our best to honor your request. The usual stipend is \$5.00 per Mass.



MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #92, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”; #91, “Come, Little Children”; #109, *Angels, From the Realms of Glory.*”

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

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

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

Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes
several months. Call Father

6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5th: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6th – 12th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

****Classes began August 16th ****

Ladies Altar Society:

2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1st Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)**

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

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

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

Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

****Classes began August 22nd****

Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

4th Thursday of each month

(Subject to change) **

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