

First Sunday of Lent

We Repent

The kingdom of God is at hand. *Repent and believe in the Gospel.* These sound like simple words from our short Gospel today. But it is fitting that Jesus begins His earthly ministry with this powerful message after the Spirit descended upon Him at His baptism. He asks us to believe in the Gospel and embrace its message of humble service and discipleship.

In the reading from Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah, declaring the rainbow as the reminder to all his people. In the second reading, we hear that the eight who had been saved by the water in the story of Noah prefigure our baptism which saves us now. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins His Galilean ministry by proclaiming the need to repent and believe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of March. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents Day.

RITE OF ELECTION—Sunday, February 18, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 2:30 p.m. There is no Mass, but a time to celebrate as the Church makes its election of catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES—Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers and ushers, please call the church office before Tuesday, February 27, if you are unable to serve any Mass during March or April.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS— are available on the table at the church entrance. Please pick up a copy this weekend.

ADORATION / BENEDICTION—each Friday during Lent, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS—will immediately follow. It commemorates key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion—His final walk through Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

LENTEN MEAL—will be served in Allen Hall, following the Way of the Cross.

LENTEN REGULATIONS—are on the back of the bulletin

OPERATION RICE BOWL— Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. Please pick up one today and return it by Wednesday, March 21st.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES—are available on the table at the church entrance. Your donation will be used to decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may drop your gift in the collection basket.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Shelby Clark
Jules Robertson
Sun. (9 a.m.) Gabby Dupont
Mira Wilkerson
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. James Carter
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Frances D. Lanclos
Thurs. Pete Snow
Fri. Hazel Roberts

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Michael and Irvin Brouillette, Johnston and Pelletier families; Sun. (9a.m.) - Lloyd Gray; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN— in memory of Shelby Clark. Please remember him in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE—Frances D. Lanclos, mother of Judy (Elvie) Zerangue; and, Connie P. Butts, sister-in-law of Cindy (Dave) Wear. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY— brings the ladies of the Parish together to help the Pastor and parish family. Membership is open to all ladies of the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through May; attendance is not mandatory. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 8th. You are cordially invited to join us! Please call Doris Buelow, 640-3350, or Tara, 640-9446, ext. 0, if you are interested.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$3,632.00
Church Today: \$654.00
2nd collection: Black & Indian Missions
Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,060.00

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, Paul Burks, Kylie Bush, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, DeeDee Chrobus, Lebo Clark, Rusty Cutler, Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larriou, Stephanie Larriou, Greg LeJeune, Mary Mantiply, 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 Zauberbercher, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS— If you need a 2017 yearly statement of your donations to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, please call the church office.



MASS HYMNS

are in the missal,

#126, *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

#604, *Come to the Water*

#648, *Baptized in Water*

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER- E.F.T. is a simple and easy way to make regular offertory contributions by having your donations drafted from your checking /savings account, or credit card, on a regular basis. It will automatically be posted on your giving statements, as in the past. It is a convenient way to consistently remember your church's life and ministry, and helps the church by ensuring that our home parish is not forgotten when you are away. You may indicate Regular collection, Improvement fund, or both. If you would like to participate in the EFT program, please stop by or call the church office and request the *Authorization for recurring gifts form*. Return the form to the church office or place it in the collection basket.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

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

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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)** (especially during flu season) ** (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

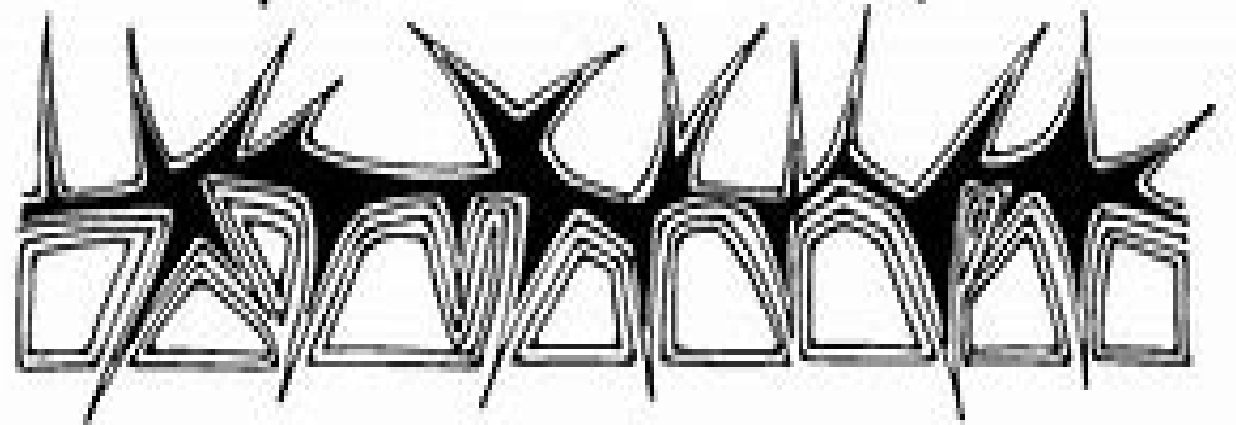
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