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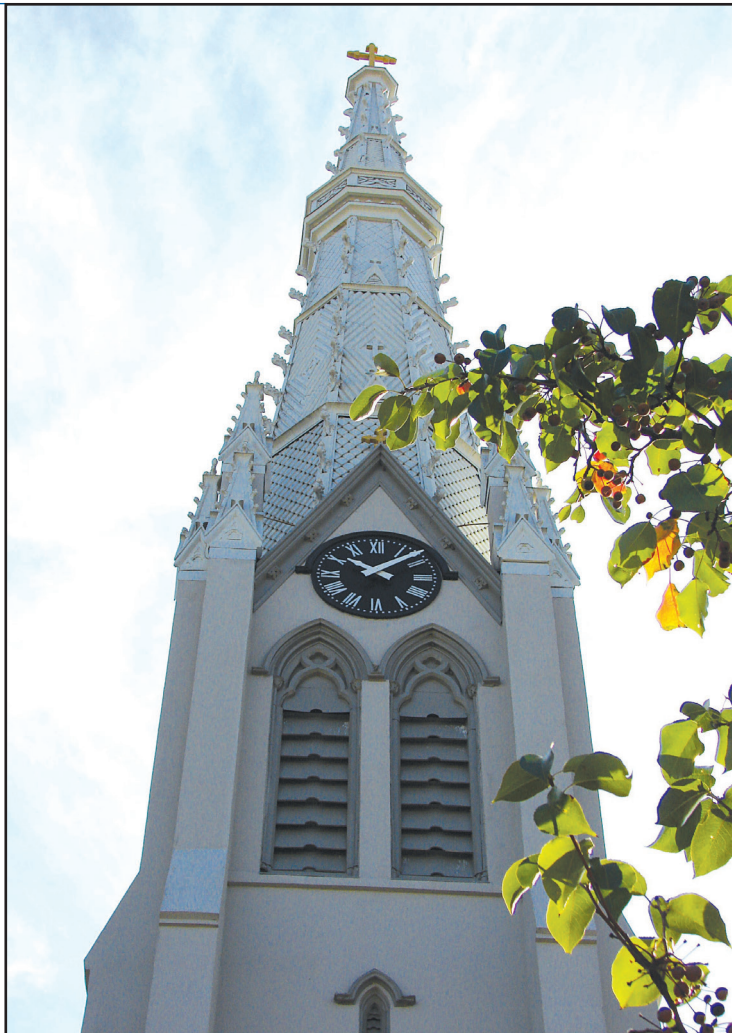
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Mission Statement

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is the only African-American Basilica in the United States and the cornerstone of Catholicism in Tidewater. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of race, language or culture. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish this by drawing on our rich African-American heritage of Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered service, and fellowship that recalls our common Father.

This is our call. This is our mission.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sundays

9:00 am and 12:00 Noon

Tuesday-Friday

12:10 pm

Holy Days

12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Religious Education

Sundays

September through May

10:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

4:15 pm or by appointment

Marriage

Contact priest 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

Ministry to Sick

and Homebound

Please contact Church Office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick or when someone is ill, in the hospital, or in need in any way.

Baptism

Parents who present children to be baptized are expected to be registered members of the parish for 6 months. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to baptism 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact the Church Office.

Interested in the

Catholic Faith?

The RCIA process is for you. Please contact the Church Office.

The Ministry of Consolation

meets on the last Saturday of each month in St. Joseph's Chapel at 3:00 pm. If this is your time of grief and pain because of the loss of a loved one, this ministry encourages you to join us at a meeting where you will meet others who have suffered a loss.





WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9

Monday, April 5

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 9

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Mk 16:9-15

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible, Revised Edition
(NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

NEW LIGHT

Reflection on John 20:1-9

God is Light! In God there is no darkness!

The Resurrection opens up a new world for us. If God is love, if the very source of existence is nothing but light, then our world so characterized by the shadows of violence, hatred, retribution, and the inability to forgive, is itself the illusion, the shadow. And we who belong to Christ are the lights to show that darkness for what it is, we are the heralds of a new way of being.

At the Easter Vigil celebration on Holy Saturday evening, we welcome those who, through Baptism and profession of faith, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and by joining us for the first time at the Lord's Eucharistic table, have been on a long journey to the Catholic Church. The Church now calls them neophytes, New Lights, living and breathing symbols of this new way of life made possible by Christ's Resurrection. And all of us, in renewing our baptismal vows, are asked to say NO to the shadows and darkneses of vengeance, violence and sin, and YES to the light we are called to be through the power of Christ's Resurrection.

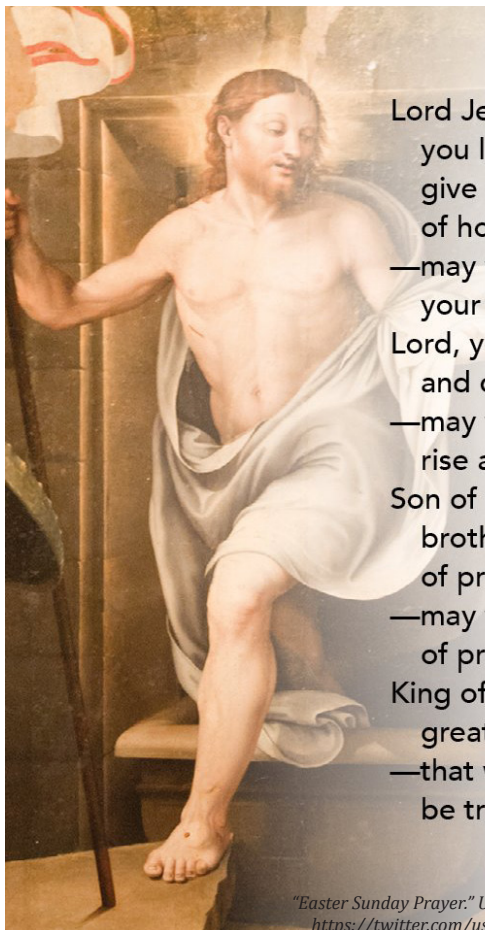
The Exsultet, the Easter proclamation which we sang last night, is the most beautiful and sublime of all the prayers of the church; it is filled with these images of fire and light. As the light of Christ spread from the Paschal Candle to touch each of us, we prayed:

*All the earth is ablaze with the glory of God,
For the light has come to burn away the darkness!
Let us fill every space with the sound of our joy,
Praising Christ who is living now among us.
As this candle shines out through the darkness of night,
May the love of Christ burn ever in our hearts.*

My brothers and sisters, may we be compelled to imagine this new life, and may we work with Christ to dispel the darkness in this world with the Light of Love we have been given.

~ Fr. Jay

EASTER SUNDAY



Lord Jesus, light shining in the darkness,
you lead your people into life, and
give our mortal nature the gift
of holiness,
—may we spend this day in praise of
your glory.
Lord, you walked the way of suffering
and crucifixion,
—may we suffer and die with you, and
rise again to share your glory.
Son of the Father, our master and our
brother, you have made us a kingdom
of priests for our God,
—may we offer you our joyful sacrifice
of praise.
King of glory, we look forward to the
great day of your coming in splendor,
—that we may see you face to face, and
be transformed in your likeness.



"Easter Sunday Prayer." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Apr. 2020,
<https://twitter.com/usccb/status/1249346543049719808> (Accessed 26 March, 2021)



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