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## OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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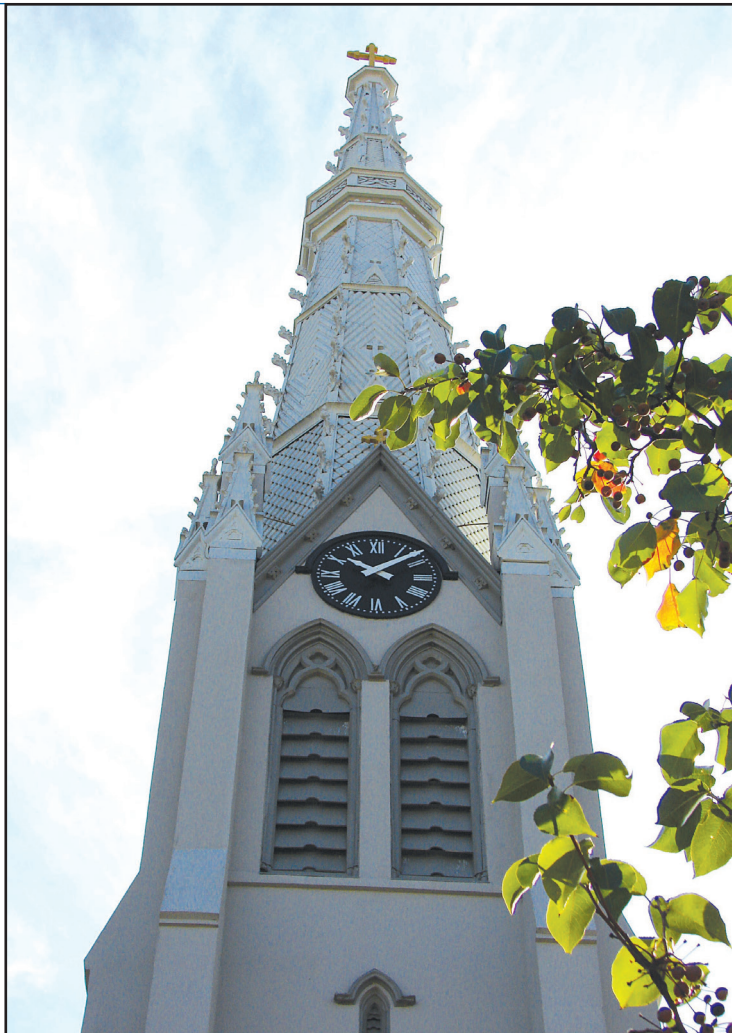
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### *Mission Statement*

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, January 17

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

### Monday, January 18

*Weekday*

Heb 5:1-10

Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday, January 19

*Weekday*

Heb 6:10-20

Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c

Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday, January 20

*St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;*

*St. Sebastian, Martyr*

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday, January 21

*St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 7:25 – 8:6

Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Mk 3:7-12

### Friday, January 22

*Weekday*

Heb 8:6-13

Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday, January 23

*St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;*

*St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM*

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Mk 3:20-21

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

## COME AND SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS FOR YOU

*Reflection on John 1:35-42*

God does not seem to follow any pattern, protocol, or formula in making Himself known, or in calling individuals into relationship and gifting them for service. Over and over again, Scripture and countless stories in our tradition reveal that there is no predicting when God will come to us or how the visit might occur.

God can call the apprentice instead of the master, in the middle of the night while he is sleeping, as God did with Samuel. God can call an ordinary fellow out of a crowd of people at 4:00 in the afternoon, as God did with Andrew. Or two fisherman busy cleaning their nets, as with James and John. Or a tax collector hiding up a tree, as with Zacchaeus. Or an atheist walking down a crowded street in mid-town Manhattan, as with Thomas Merton. Or an old woman in her 70s, as with St. Mother Teresa.

“Come and see” – the invitation of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel – can come to any of us, at any time, anywhere. When the invitation comes to you, even if you are, like Samuel, not yet familiar with the crazy ways of God, may you at least imitate his openness and innocent honesty by saying: “Here I am Lord. Speak, for your servant is listening.”

~ Fr. Jay



## SAINT MARIANNE COPE

*Feast Day: January 23 • Patron Saint of Lepers, outcasts, those with HIV/AIDS, Hawaii*

Marianne held the post of superior in several places and was twice the novice mistress of her congregation. A natural leader, three different times she was superior of St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, where she learned much that would be useful during her years in Hawaii.

Elected provincial in 1877, Mother Marianne was unanimously re-elected in 1881. Two years later the Hawaiian government was searching for someone to run the Kakaako Receiving Station for people suspected of having leprosy. More than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada were asked. When the request was put to the Syracuse sisters, 35 of them volunteered immediately. On October 22, 1883, Mother Marianne and six other sisters left for Hawaii where they took charge of the Kakaako Receiving Station outside Honolulu; on the island of Maui they also opened a hospital and a school for girls.

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters went to Molokai to open a home for “unprotected women and girls” there. The Hawaiian government was quite hesitant to send women for this difficult assignment; they need not have worried about Mother Marianne! On Molokai she took charge of the home that Saint Damien de Veuster had established for men and boys. Mother Marianne changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, pride, and fun to the colony.

*The government authorities were reluctant to allow  
Mother Marianne to be a mother on Molokai.*

*Thirty years of dedication proved their fears unfounded.  
God grants gifts regardless of human shortsightedness  
and allows those gifts to flower for the sake of the kingdom.*

Read the full article: “Saint Marianne Cope.” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-marianne-cope> (Accessed 30 Dec 2020).





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