

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



JOHN 20:19-31



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Sacraments

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISMS: To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements for the Mass of Christian Burial.

VISITING THE SICK: If you or a family member are sick or in the hospital, please call the parish so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in the parish before hospitalization. Please call also to arrange for a Eucharistic minister to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to request prayers for someone who is sick, please call the parish so that the name may be placed in the bulletin.

MARRIAGES: Preparation must begin at least six months prior to the wedding. Please make arrangements with the parish before scheduling the reception.

ANNULMENTS/CONVALIDATION: Please arrange a meeting with the Pastor to begin the process of celebrating your marriage in the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

RCIA: Adults who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Preparation usually begins in September and Baptism or Reception is celebrated at the next Easter Vigil.

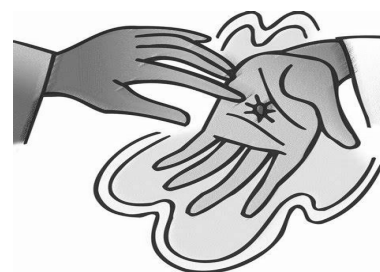
TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial Advisory Committee.

To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.362-0907
Traditional Choir: Deidra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I have to thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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APRIL 16, 2023

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-20

When the disciples gathered together on the first Easter evening, the doors were locked. The reason given was their "fear of the Jews." But one scripture commentator has opined that there was another reason — their fear of Jesus. Recall that when Jesus was arrested, all of them deserted Him. Recall, too, that when they were told that Jesus had risen early that morning, except for the "beloved disciple," they did not believe. They feared that if Jesus really rose from the dead, He would confront them with their desertion and unbelief. They must have breathed a sigh of relief when Jesus said on His first appearance to them, "Peace be with you." Everything was forgiven.

Like Thomas, let us say to the Risen Christ, "My Lord and my God!"

Father Al Carino

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serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.*

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IN RESIDENCE: Father Fred Kammer, S.J.(225) 774-3241

SECRETARY: Juliet Betts(225) 775-7067

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen(225) 936-8162

ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Kalli Gregory

RCIA COORDINATOR: Cathy Glover(225) 772-6099

MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:

Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

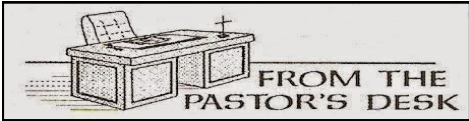
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL EASTER!



Thank you to all the members of the parish who made our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and so uplifting. It was a particular joy to see the great attendance at all the services!

Thank you to Walterine Whitfield and the Beautification committee who decorated the sanctuary each day of Holy Week so beautifully. Thank you to our Traditional and Gospel Choirs, directors, musicians, and soloists. Thank you to Tara Winder, our cantor. Thank you to our altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and ministers of hospitality. Thank you to our videographers. Thank you to Father Fred Kammer. Thank you to all our parishioners for your presence and your prayerfulness. May God bless us with Easter joy and peace throughout these fifty days of Easter. Remember, we fasted, prayed, and sacrificed for forty days. Now, it is time to rejoice and be glad for fifty days!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEOPHYTE, TERYN DE ROUEN



Congratulations to our newly baptized, confirmed and communicant, Teryn DeRouen who celebrated the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8. We are overjoyed to have her as a member of our church, and we wish her all blessings and happiness as she continues her Christian journey. Thank you to Cathy Glover who guided her on her journey of initiation.

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES TO TAYLOR WILLIAMS AND NEKEISHA BRADLEY



Please remember in prayer Taylor Williams and Nekeisha Bradley who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony here at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, April 22. Taylor attended Immaculate Conception Church when he was a student at Southern University. We wish them a lifetime of happiness and joy!

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ON TUESDAY APRIL 18



There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30 PM. All chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations are asked to attend. An agenda and minutes of the last meeting have been sent out.

WILFRED B. RICARD COURT 116 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARD



Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for their Education Assistance Award in the amount of \$1500.00. All female students of the Catholic faith that attend Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, and who have completed 4 years of high school (a graduate of the class of 2023) and plan to continue their education are eligible to apply. Applications are available in the rear of the church and in the office of the church parish secretary. The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 30, 2023. Contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354 if you have questions, or bdunbar2@cox.net to request an electronic copy of the guidelines and application.

WILFRED B. RICARD COUNCIL 116
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER



Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 12th annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a **MALE APPLICANT** from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up in the rear of the church, by contacting the parish secretary, or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com. The application deadline is May 5, 2023. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, at 504.810.3555 or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com -- Sincerely, Aubrey Jones, M.Ed., LPP Advisor, Scholarship Committee

Happy Birthday

CATHERINE	ABUWI	4/16
VICTORIA	CHRISTOPHER	4/16
MARILYN	ALEXANDER	4/16
MARY	FOSTER	4/16
JANIYA	HOWARD	4/16
ALBERT	LEWIS, JR.	4/16
JARED	NELSON	4/16
JENNIFER	O'CARROLL	4/16
JAMARI	LOCKETT	4/16
LADONNA	EVANS	4/17
DICKSON	IDUSUYI	4/17
ERICA	JOHNSON	4/17
ARCHIE	BROWN	4/18
VIOLET	HAYNES	4/18
ANNA	JACKSON	4/18
DEJUAN	ROSS	4/18
ASALENA	LEBLANCE	4/19
DEBORA	TUCKER	4/19
CASSANDRA	BROUSSARD	4/20
JOSEPH	MATHIS	4/20
LEONA	WILSON	4/20
HENRY	CARMEN	4/21
DARRYL	HONORE, I	4/21
ANTHONY	BRADFORD	4/22
KAYLAN	LISTACH	4/22
CHLOE'	SHELMIRE	4/22
JOHN	THIBODEAUX	4/22

CONFIRMATION ON APRIL 27

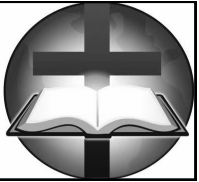


Please remember in your prayers our candidates for Confirmation who will celebrate the sacrament on Thursday, April 27 with Bishop Duca. Our candidates are Chaise Bias, Taylor Boudreaux, Bailey Dehon, Ronald Gathe Jr., Khloe Gregory, Ronald Johnson III, Skyler LeDoux, Chaise McClinton, Joshua Morrison, Lundyn Plain, Evan Valliere, Thomas Walker, and Kayla Watkins.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON
MAY 13



Please pray for our candidates for First Holy Communion and their families. We will celebrate this important moment in their lives on Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 AM. Our candidates are Sadie Bonton, Leo Borne, Sophie Burrel, Peter Knight, Koli Malters-Spears,



Mass Readings

April 16th - April 23rd

Sunday

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47; Psalms 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Psalms 2

Gospel: Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Psalms 93

Gospel: Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34

Gospel: Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34

Gospel: Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Psalms 27

Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33

Gospel: Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalms 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

Forms for new parishioners or changes
are located in the vestibule of the church.



PARISH MINISTRY FAIR ON APRIL 30

Please make plans to attend our Parish Ministry Fair on Sunday, April 30 following the 10:30 AM Mass. Now that we have moved out of the restrictions due to Covid, we really want to renew our parish ministries. Please consider the ways in which you can serve the parish. Everyone has a gift! What is your gift that you can share!