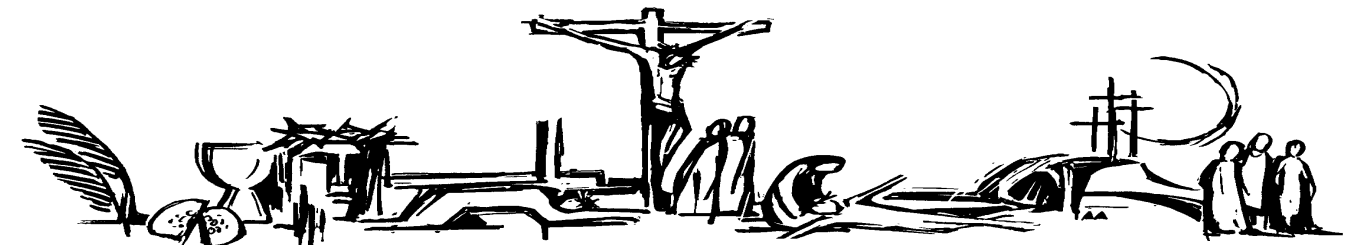


PALM SUNDAY



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

Lamb of God, we worship you and we proclaim the power in your name. We thank you and we glorify you as we acknowledge your deity on this special day of Palm Sunday. Blessed is he who comes in the name of God. You are the prince of peace. We adore you. Your love has set us free. Let the gospel of your grace settle in our hearts as we look up to you for all our needs. Amen.



PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 2, 2023

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Matthew 26: 14-16

Palm Sunday is a Christian celebration that marks the beginning of the Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, when people laid down palms and branches in front of him as a sign of honor. In modern times, churches hold Palm Sunday services in which worshippers are given a palm branch or cross made from palm leaves. The celebration involves singing hymns, reading Scripture, and sometimes even a procession with the palms. Palm Sunday is a reminder of the selfless love Jesus showed by laying down his life for us, and it is a time to reflect on our own lives and how we can show that same love to those around us.



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SECRETARY: Juliet Betts(225) 775-7067

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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

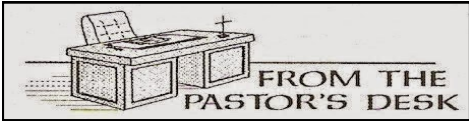
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

PALM SUNDAY: 4:00 PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Gather with Camphor UMC at 9:45 AM for Interfaith Blessing of the Palms at Scotlandville Square.

HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM

Washing of the Feet

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration until 10:00 PM

Could you not watch with me for one hour?

GOOD FRIDAY: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH 3:00 PM

Passion according to Saint John

Universal Prayer

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM

Service of the Light

Liturgy of the Word

Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Teryn DeRouen

First Eucharist of Easter

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EASTER SUNDAY: MASS OF THE RESURRECTION 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Celebration of Baptism

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

This is the day that the Lord has made!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most solemn week of the year as we participate in the Paschal Mystery—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. Here are some ways in which you can make this week special.

- Participate in the Holy Week Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. The liturgies are dramatic; they help us enter into the final events of Christ's life. Make these days like a mini retreat.
- On **Holy Thursday**, bring a small bell or tambourine with you to church and ring it during the Glory to God. Plan to spend an hour after the Mass of the Lord's Supper in quiet prayer and adoration. Jesus said, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" Gather a group of family and friends to pray with you.
- On **Good Friday**, read the Passion according to John before you come to church and reflect upon it. We will refrain from all conversations in the church before and after the service. If you need to have a conversation, have it outside. At the veneration of the cross, we will remove our shoes and approach the cross in stocking or bare feet.
- On **Holy Saturday**, be present to witness the Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion of our catechumen, Teryn DeRouen. As we renew our Baptismal Promises, let it be a recommitment to be a disciple of Christ. Bring a small container to church with you, and after the service fill it with Baptismal Water, and bless your house with the water on Easter. Bring your bell again and ring it during the Glory to God.
- On **Easter Sunday**, let us welcome all our guests who come to worship on Resurrection Sunday. You never know what someone is going through. You never know what led them to come to church on Easter. Welcome them with the joy of the Risen Lord.

Happy Birthday

JEREMY	MINOR	4/2
VINCENT	GREGORY, III	4/2
NOLEN	STAFFORD	4/2
MARCUS	FLENOIR	4/3
DOROTHY	HALL	4/3
TARAHNA	LEWIS	4/3
MARVEL	MARTIN	4/3
KHLOE	GREGORY	4/5
MARIE	JACKSON	4/5
LARRY	KNIGHT	4/5
KEISA	MATHIS	4/5
WALTERENE	WHITFIELD	4/5
ANACEN	MARTIN	4/6
COURAGE	IDUSUYI	4/6
JARED	NELSON	4/6
TYLER	ADDISON	4/8
MARQUISE	JOHNSON	4/8
PAMELA	LIVINGSTON	4/8

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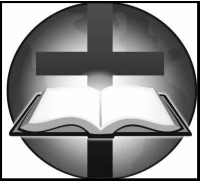


Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 12th annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a **MALE APPLICANT** from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up in the rear of the church, 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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY



The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. There will be daily Mass on Easter Monday at 12:10 PM. There will be no Bible Study on Monday, April 10 and Thursday, April 13. Celebrate the 50 days of Easter! We fasted and prayed for 40 days. The Lord gives us 50 days to rejoice and be glad!



Mass Readings

April 2nd - April 9th

Sunday

(At the Procession with Palms) Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7; Psalms 22; Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Psalms 27

Gospel: Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Psalms 71

Gospel: Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Psalm 69

Gospel: Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Jn 13:1-5

Friday

Good Friday of The Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Psalms 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Holy Saturday

Ex 14:15-15:1; Rom 6:3-11

Gospel: Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

The Resurrection of The Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalms 118; Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

