



**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 DeRouen .....	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder .....	428-5981
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: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

**This Week's Prayer**

O Lord, Risen, alive and full of grace. You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today. We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

**HAPPY EASTER!  
HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY!**



May God bless us all as we celebrate this great feast day of our salvation! We share with you these words of Pope Francis from his Palm Sunday homily: "A faith that no longer experiences a sense of amazement can grow dull, the Pope noted, whereas we should remember to be "astonished and amazed" by the love of Jesus which always brings forgiveness and the possibility of new beginnings. The Pope invited everyone to "lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement", to be moved by God's boundless love and let go of our regrets or disappointments that might be trapping us from experiencing it. Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again" the Pope underscored, "and realize that we are loved by Jesus upon whom we gaze on the cross. The grace of amazement helps us also realize that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded who surround us – those ill-treated in life – "we are loving Jesus", the Pope said, "for that is where he is: in the least of our brothers and sisters, in the rejected and discarded."

**THANK TO ALL WHO MADE OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SO BEAUTIFUL**



We thank everyone who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. We thank Walterine Whitfield and the Beautification Committee, our musicians and choir members from the Traditional Choir and the Gospel Choir, our lectors, Eucharistic ministers on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, our sacristan and parish staff, our videographers, and our Deacon Chris Kellerman. Most of all, we thank all the parishioners who joined in prayer either in the church or from home via live stream. May all of us be renewed and lifted up by our Easter celebrations!

**BLOOD DRIVE IN SCOTLANDVILLE: FOUR CHURCHES: ONE PURPOSE**



On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 3, 4, and 5, Allen Chapel AME Church, Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception Church, and Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will host a blood drive at the Immaculate Conception Church Activity Center. There is a serious blood shortage in South Louisiana. Let's all do something about it! Donating blood is giving the gift of life! Give a pint of blood to honor your mother, living or deceased in the week before Mothers' Day. Let's give the gift of life!



**NEXT BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY, APRIL 12**

The next Bible Study will be on Monday, April 12. There will be no Bible Study on Easter Monday, April 5. Bible Study takes place via Zoom on Mondays at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR CHURCH**



We thank all the members of our church who have been so generous and faithful in supporting the church during this year of the pandemic. Thank you for being so conscientious in donating via online giving, USPS mail and dropping it off through the mail slot of the rectory. We depend on your generosity to keep on serving you and our community. Please continue to support our ministries!



**Happy Birthday**



	KHLOE	GREGORY	4/5
Happy birthday!	MARIE	JACKSON	4/5
	LARRY	KNIGHT	4/5
Happy birthday!	KEISA	MATHIS	4/5
	WALTERENE	WHITFIELD	4/5
Happy birthday!	ANACEN	MARTIN	4/6
	COURAGE	IDUSUYI	4/6
Happy birthday!	JARED	NELSON	4/6
	MARQUISE	JOHNSON	4/8
Happy birthday!	PAMELA	LIVINGSTON	4/8
	INDIA	ANDERSON	4/9
Happy birthday!	TREVOR	MCCRAY	4/9
	GWENDOLYN	SMITH	4/9
Happy birthday!	DEBORAH	HUTCHIN	4/10
	NICHOLAS	WELTON	4/10

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for our candidates who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Duca on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 PM. Our candidates are:



Taylor Addison  
Eric Farmer  
Calvin McClinton III  
Ambre Porter  
Cree Rogers  
Anneise Thomas  
Marissa Walker



**WILFRED B. RICARD COUNCIL 116**

Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 11th annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a **MALE APPLICANT** from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked in the rear of the church, by contacting the parish secretary, or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com) Thanks, Aubrey Jones, Chairman.

Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, at 504.810.3555 or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com).



**Mass Readings  
April 4th - April 11th  
Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118; Col 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9

**Monday**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16  
Gospel: Matt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**  
Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33  
Gospel: John 20:11-18

**Wednesday**  
Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105  
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday**  
Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8  
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

**Friday**  
Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118  
Gospel: John 21:1-14

**Saturday**  
Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118  
Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

**Sunday**  
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

**"Easter Love" By Joanna Fuchs**

On Easter we celebrate love, love coming down from heaven, love blanketing the earth in a transforming embrace; unique and infinite love, giving more than we can imagine for us, to cleanse our sin, a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God, the walking, talking Word. He is teacher, role model, friend, this God in human form, dying, then rising from the dead, proving all who believe will also rise to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all. Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

