



# Holy Week

April 14th - 21st

## 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.

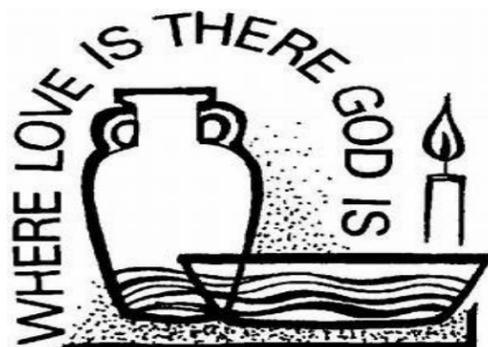
**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the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

## 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
Lectors: Yvonne Jackson.....	362-0897
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir.....	229-6076
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

Dear God, angels surround me with love and protection. Know that they are with me to ease my burden, shield me from evil, lighten my heart, and guide me along my journey. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



**HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is the most important week of our worship year during which we commemorate the final days of Jesus of his suffering and death for us and his resurrection to bring us new life. Our Liturgy is very rich and laden with tradition and symbols. We invite you to participate fully so that you can deepen your personal relationship with Jesus.

**Palm Sunday:** We commemorate the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At 9:30 am, we will meet Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church at Scotlandville Plaza for an interfaith prayer and blessing of palms. Each congregation will then process back to their respective churches for services. Please plan to join in our gathering. It is important that we gather with our Christian brothers and sisters at the beginning of this Holy Week.

**Holy Thursday:** At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we wash each other's feet in obedience to his command that we serve one another. You are invited to have your foot washed and to wash the foot of another. Come to church prepared to remove the stocking and shoe of one of your feet.

At the end of Mass, we carry the Blessed Sacrament in a procession to the Altar of Repose where it will remain until Communion of Good Friday. Eucharistic Ministers are invited to walk in the procession carrying a lighted candle. You should sit in the seats reserved at the front of the congregation for you.

On this night, we leave the church in silence and refrain from all conversations until we have left the building.

The Activity Center will remain open until midnight for Adoration of the Lord present in the Eucharist. We do so remembering that Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to watch and pray for with him. Many parishioners go home after Mass and return at 11:00 pm-12:00 am for the final hour of prayer. Let's keep this custom going!

**Good Friday:** The day of Christ's suffering and death is a solemn day. He hung upon the cross for three hours from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Our Liturgy begins at 3:00 pm, the hour of his death. We keep silence before the service begins. Please refrain from all conversations in the Activity Center before the service. We also leave the service in silence.

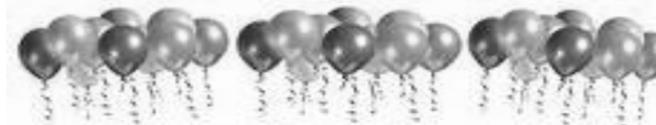
During the veneration of the Cross, you are invited to remove your shoes as a sign of humility and awe as you come forward to venerate the cross.

**Easter Vigil:** The Service will begin with the blessing of the Easter Fire outside and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We will gather outside before the service begins. We will follow the lighted Paschal Candle into the Activity Center remembering the pillar of fire that the Israelites followed in the desert and how we follow Christ out Light throughout our life. Please keep silence during the procession. Your candle will be lit as you enter the door of the activity center. We will fill the place with the Light of Christ!

We will welcome our candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church as they make a profession of faith, are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and are united with us in the Eucharist. You may bring a small bottle to fill with the baptismal water to bless your home.

**Easter Sunday:** The Day of the Resurrection is a day of celebration and joy for the Church. We welcome all who come to worship with us. Please welcome all guests by speaking to them and introducing yourself to them. You never know what someone is looking for as they come to church on Easter. Your welcome may help them to experience the presence of the Risen Lord.

**Happy Birthday**



MARQUISE	JOHNSON	4/8
PAMELA	LIVINGSTON	4/8
INDIA	ANDERSON	4/9
TREVOR	MCCRAY	4/9
GWENDOLYN	SMITH	4/9
DEBORAH	HUTCHIN	4/10
NICHOLAS	WELTON	4/10
MARY	BELLANGER	4/11
BRYAN	BERTEAUX	4/11
JOHNNY	JARVIS	4/11
DWINA	BUTLER	4/12
SYDONIA	TAYLOR	4/12
APRIL	BRUMFIELD	4/13
JIARA	STEPHNEY	4/13

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

**Holy Week and Easter Services**



Come Worship With Us!

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019**

**Palm Sunday (April 14):** Masses at 4:00 PM, 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM; Blessing of Palms at all Masses; Interfaith Blessing of Palms with Camphor Memorial UMC at 9:30 AM at Scotlandville Plaza.

**Holy Thursday (April 18):** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM; Washing of the Feet, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration until Midnight.

**Good Friday (April 19):** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00 PM; Reading of the Passion according to John, Solemn Universal Prayer, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.

**Holy Saturday (April 20):** Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM; Easter Fire, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Christian Initiation, the First Eucharist of Easter

**Easter Sunday (April 21):** Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00 and 10:30 AM; Celebration of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises.



**Mass Readings**

April 7th - April 14th  
Sunday

Is. 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil. 3:8-14  
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23  
Gospel: John 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Psalm 102  
Gospel: John 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3  
Gospel: John 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Psalm 105  
Gospel: John 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Psalm 18  
Gospel: John 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31  
Gospel: John 11:45-56

Palm Sunday

Is. 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Phil. 2:6-11  
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**



There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesday and RECONCILIATION Thursday, April 10 and 11. On Wednesday it will be at Saint Paul the Apostle and on Thursday at Immaculate Conception. Both nights confessions will be heard from 5:00-7:00 PM. Fr. Andrus and Fr. Clark will be hearing confessions on both evenings. Confession is also available each Saturday from 3:00-3:30 PM.

**CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM at Saint Paul Church for the youth of Immaculate Conception, Saint Francis Xavier, and Saint Paul. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**

The Parish Council of Ministries will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center. A light supper will be served from 6:00 PM. An agenda and minutes of the last meeting will be mailed before the meeting date. Father Clark asks that all chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations plan to be present.



**DISCUSSION GROUP ON TUESDAY**

The last discussion group on the Lenten book, *Perfectly Yourself*, will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish Ministry Building. We will be discussing the last three chapters of the book. Everyone is welcome to come and share their reflections and insights.

