





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

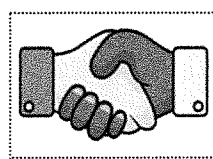
THANK YOU FOR EASTER CELEBRATIONS

 Thank you to all who so generously gave of their time and talents so that we could have a beautiful and meaningful celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to Walterine Whitfield and the Beautification Committee for decorating the sanctuary of the church so beautifully for each of our celebrations; thanks to the Gospel and Traditional Choirs and those who volunteered to join them, to Nina Gray and Keith Thierry, all soloists, and musicians; thanks to Allison Singleton, Melanie Miller, and dancers; thanks to our altar servers who served so conscientiously and reverently; thanks to our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and parish staff. May God pour out his blessing upon us during this Easter season.


A WORD OF APPRECIATION TO OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

 Father Clark would like to express his gratitude and that of the whole parish for those Eucharistic ministers who bring Communion to the sick. Each Sunday they bring the Body of the Lord to the members of our parish who are unable to be with us in church. Through them, the grace and fellowship of our worship goes out to our brothers and sisters at home. Thank you so much for this labor of love! We appreciate you!

DIALOGUE ON RACE LOUISIANA ORIGINAL SERIES

 Dialogue on Race Louisiana will be offering a six week original series beginning on Thursday, April 19 until May 24 at 6:00PM-8:00PM at the University United Methodist Church, 3350 Dalrymple Drive. The cost of registration is \$25.00. You must commit to attend the first session and five of the six sessions. You may register at info@dialogueonracelouisiana.org or 225-274-6902 or 225-978-5773. This is a concrete and rewarding way to contribute to the healing and transformation in Baton Rouge.


FLOOD RECOVERY FAIR ON APRIL 22

 Is your family feeling the after effects of the flood? Especially children? Feeling angry? Sad? Frustrated? Unable to concentrate? Come to a Recovery Fair on Sunday, April 22, following the 10:30 AM Mass to learn more about these feelings and develop strategies to relieve them.


FAITH = STRENGTH

Announcements and Upcoming Events


FATHER CLARK ON RETREAT THIS WEEK

 Father Clark will be on retreat this week. While he is away, Father Mark McKenzie, SJ will be taking his place, celebrating the daily Masses and being available for pastoral emergencies. Father Clark asks for your prayers as he makes this eight day, silent retreat. He will keep all the intentions of the members of our parish in his prayers also.


PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

 There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. A light supper will be available from 6:00 PM. Members of the council will be receiving an agenda and minutes in the mail. Father Clark asks that all chairpersons of parish ministries and organization make their attendance at this meeting a priority.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON APRIL 23

 We will resume Bible Study and our study of the Gospel of Mark on Monday, April 23 at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center.

NEW ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE


 After many unavoidable delays, Father Clark is ready to initiate new altar server practices for young men and women who have made their First Communion and are at least in 4th and 5th grade. Practices will begin on Friday evenings at 4:00 PM beginning on April 27 and continue through May. Father Clark will be in contact with those who expressed an interest last year. New servers are welcome.

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE


Happy Birthday

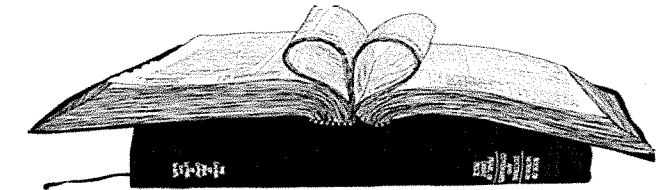
◆ MARQUISE	JOHNSON	4/8
◆ PAMELA	LIVINGSTON	4/8
◆ INDIA	ANDERSON	4/9
◆ JOYCE	JOHNSON	4/9
◆ TREVOR	MCCRAY	4/9
◆ GWENDOLYN	SMITH	4/9
◆ DEBORAH	HUTCHIN	4/10
◆ NICHOLAS	WELTON	4/10
◆ MARY	BELLANGER	4/11
◆ BRYAN	BERTEAUX	4/11
◆ JOHNNY	JARVIS	4/11
◆ DWINA	BUTLER	4/12
◆ SYDONIA	TAYLOR	4/12
◆ APRIL	BRUMFIELD	4/13
◆ JIARA	STEPHNEY	4/13
◆ TANESHA	JOHNSON	4/14
◆ ALFRED	WIMS, JR.	4/14

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEB SITE

 Take a moment and check out our parish website which is being regularly updated with new and informative material. You will find an updated parish calendar of all church events and activities. You can access the daily Mass readings through the web site. The parish bulletin is uploaded each week to the web-site. You can also make your church contribution through the web site. Take a look! Our address is: www.immaculateconceptionbr.org

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

 Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 9th 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, or by contacting the parish secretary. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, advisor, Scholarship Committee at (504) 810-3555 or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com.



Mass Readings
April 8th - April 15th
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Monday
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Isa. 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40; Heb. 10:4-10
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday
Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93
Gospel: John 3:7b-15

Wednesday
Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34
Gospel: John 3:16-21

Thursday
Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34
Gospel: John 3:31-36

Friday
Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27
Gospel: John 6:1-15

Saturday
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33
Gospel: John 6:16-21

Sunday
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

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

