

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

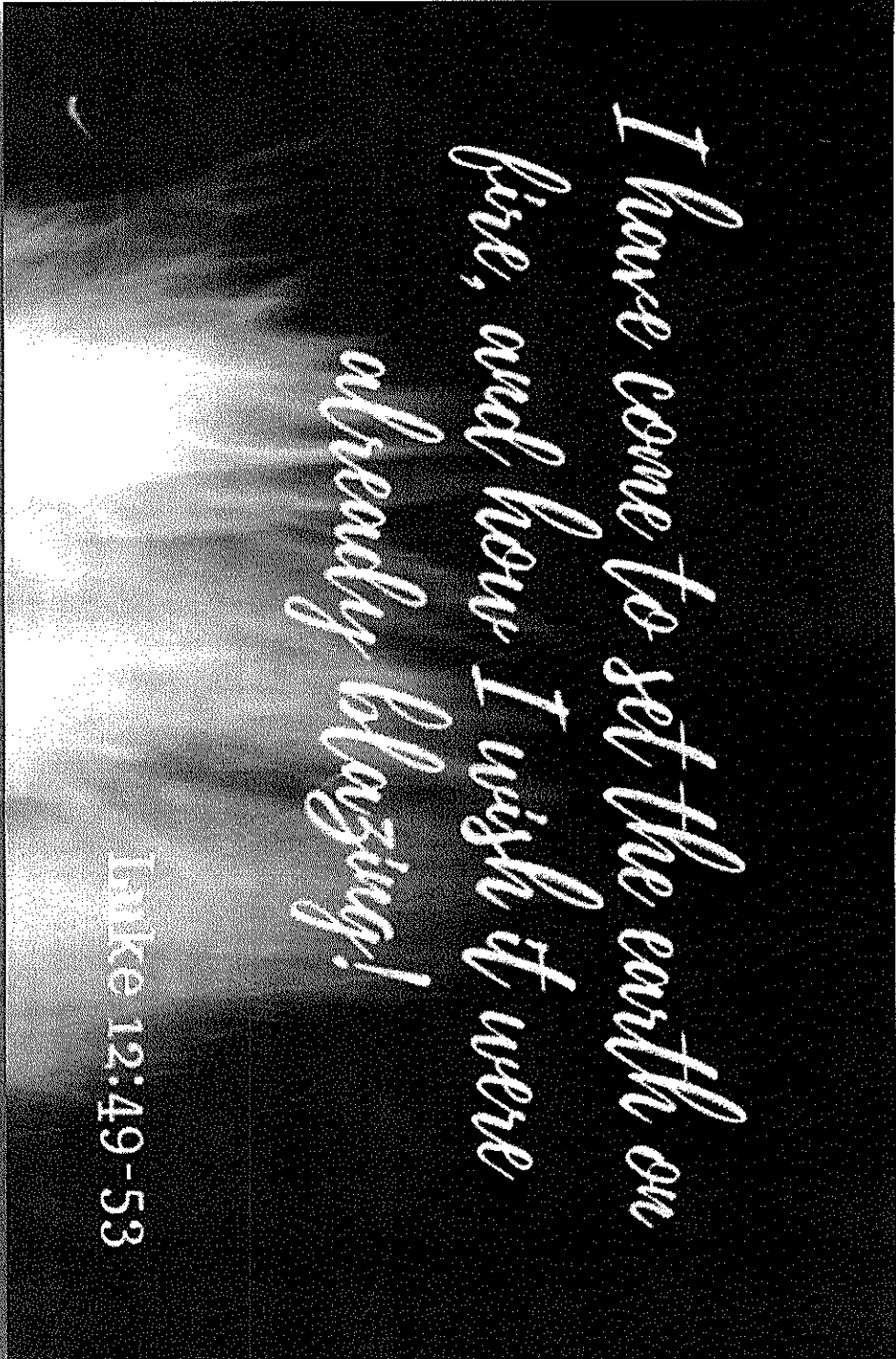
TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor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

To Whom Do We Go

Rosary Call.....	617-769-8305
Child Protection Coord. Andrea Toles.....	(504)491-6566
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder.....	428-5981
Hall Rental.....	775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers.....	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.....	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....	772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	(504)427-6459

Praying through Luke 12:31

Father, You have shown me that every thought that comes into my mind can be turned to evil or good, worry or faith, defeat or victory. Thank You that I have access to the very mind of Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Help me to take every thought captive by turning my heart to the Lord Jesus, for in seeking Him I will be seeking His kingdom and His righteousness, which is the bedrock of faith in God. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.



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August 17, 2025

People are willing to accept any religion, religious idea, or supposed message from God if it does not infringe upon their freedom to do and think whatever they please. However, Jesus' message did not leave room for people to form God into their own image but rather demanded that they discover their true image mirrored back to them from God's Word. This is what Jesus was referring to when he said "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the dead draws a dividing line in the sand for all of eternity. On one side of the line are all those who choose to believe Jesus and the message from the Father and to love and follow him. On the other side of the line are all those who choose not to believe and who reject him as their Lord.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Immaculate Conception Church is a Black Catholic Church

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

PASTOR: Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.(225) 775-7067/(225) 773-2036

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

SECRETARY: Renee Welsh/John Edwards.....(225) 775-7067

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

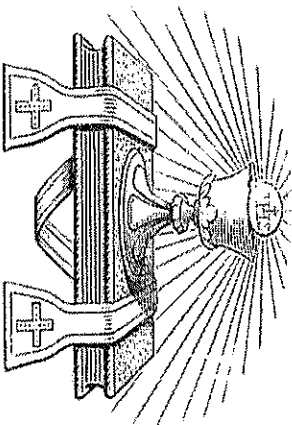
COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen(225) 936-8162

ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Stephanie Yearby(214) 881-5663

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

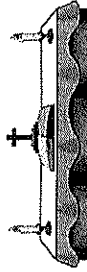
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

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

Holy Day Masses:

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



Come Worship With Us



From our Pastor's Desk

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

As we enter prime time of the hurricane season, this is time to make sure that you are prepared. Stock up on supplies, water, batteries, flashlights, medications, and important documents in one place. Have a plan if we experience dangerous conditions. Check on family and friends to see if they are prepared.

We ask **ALL PARISHIONERS** especially those who have never registered, please fill out an emergency contact information sheet that you will find in the foyer. If we have a severe storm, we want to be able to check on you after the storm and make sure you are OK. Let us prepare for the worst and pray for the best!

BISHOP DUCA TO OFFER PRAYER AT SU FOOTBALL GAME

Bishop Duca will offer the prayer at the first home game of the Southern University Jaguars and Alabama State Hornets on Saturday, September 6 at 6:00 PM.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) – 2025-2026

Registration for the 2025-2026 Immaculate Conception Parish School of Religion (PSR) opens August 1, 2025. The first day of classes begin on Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM, in the Church's activity center. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church. You may complete the form at home and return it when you attend Mass on weekends. There is a reserved tray in the foyer where you can drop off the completed form or register online at www.immaculateconceptionbr.org. Parents/Guardians who are enrolling more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child.

Registration for Pre-K/Kindergarten through 11th grade is \$25 for one child or the first child of a family, and \$15 for each additional child of the same family. There is an additional fee of \$10 for each eligible child preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Spring of 2026.

Please use the printed envelope reserved for payment of registration and place the envelope in the collection basket. For additional information, please contact Gloria DeRouen 225- 936-8162, or email g1930@att.net, or Stephanie Yearby 214-881-5663, or contact the Church office directly at 225-775-7067.

ONLINE PARISH DIRECTORY

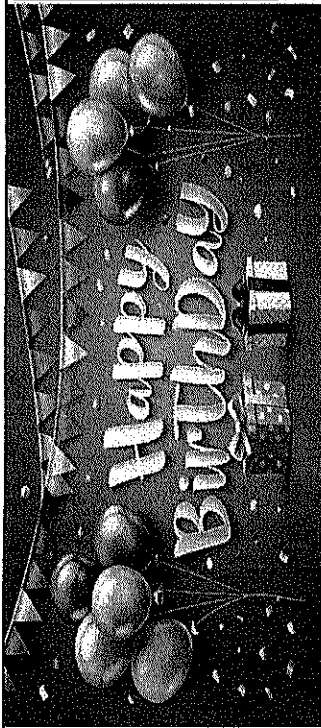
We are working on making our online parish directory up to date. You will find a QR code in the bulletin that will bring you directly to the directory. Please visit it and enter your information and upload a photo if you have not already done so. You can also update information. You may put in as much or as little information as you want. For example, your address and telephone number do not need to be made public. The most important parts of the directory are your photo and name. That helps us to get to know each other better and to build community.



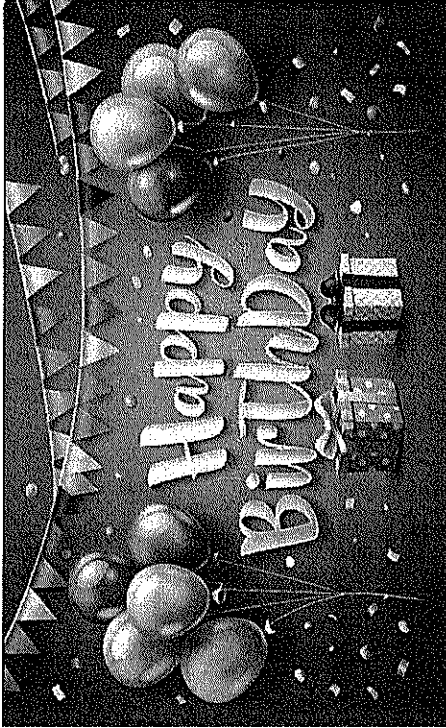
Call Renae at the office in the morning if you need any assistance.



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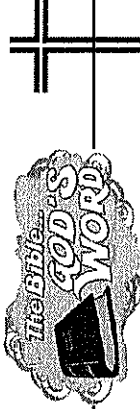
LATOYA	DOTSON	8/17
ELOISE	JOHNSON	8/17
CYNTHIA	ST. AMANT	8/17
RONETTA	BERRY	8/18
LAWRENCE	WILLIAMS, JR.	8/18
TIA	CARTER	8/19
ORLANDO	CHAVIS	8/19
SHARNET	NIXON	8/19
JENNIFER	CALDWELL	8/20
CHARLENE	JENKINS	8/20
MISTY	JOHNSON	8/20
BEATRICE	LEONARD	8/20
TYLA	DEROUEN	8/21
RUBY	JONES	8/21
MARISSA	WALKER	8/21
MAYA	ANDERSON	8/22
TAMMY	GUERIN	8/22
JASMINE	RICHARDSON	8/22
IRMA	WILLIAMS	8/22
JASON	BRADFORD	8/23
JEFFERY	HOLIDAY	8/23
GERALDINE	MEYERS	8/23
JACQUELINE	YOUNG	8/23



TOGETHER BATON ROUGE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Together Baton Rouge will hold its annual Delegate Assembly on Tuesday, September 16, at 6 pm-7:30 pm at Greater Mount Carmel.

We ask that members of Together Baton Rouge and those interested in learning more about TBR attend.



Mass Readings

August 17th –24th

Sunday

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday

Judges 2:11-19
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday

Judges 6:11-24
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Judges 9:6-15
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Judges 11:29-39
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrew 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13: 22-30

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF KATRINA

There will be a Prayer Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving, and Hope sponsored by the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 185 Eddie Robinson Drive.