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August 24, 2025

In the Gospels, Jesus uses the metaphor of the "narrow gate" to represent a life of genuine faith and discipleship that leads to eternal life. This path is contrasted with a "wide gate" and "broad way" that leads to destruction, which many people choose. The narrow gate signifies a life of intentionality, sacrifice, and adherence to God's will, while the wide gate represents a life of worldly pursuits and ease.

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

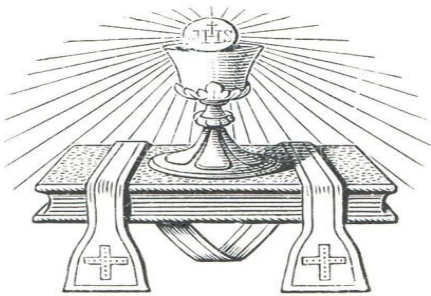
Rosary Call.....617-769-8305
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
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Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
Hall Rental:775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....775-5824
Pantry/Food 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

Prayer Inspired through Luke:

Lord, I long to enter through the narrow door that leads to eternal life. Grant me the grace to persevere in seeking you, even when it is difficult. Help me to recognize and reject the temptations that would lead me away from your path."
"Lord, I know that one day I will stand before you in judgment. I pray that you would grant me grace and mercy on that day. Help me to live a life that is pleasing to you, so that I may be found worthy to enter your Kingdom."

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

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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



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



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.

BOOK SIGNING BY DR. PRESS ROBINSON

Dr. Press Robinson will be available after the Masses in the foyer to sign copies of his book, **Pressing Forward**. "In this down-to-earth memoir, longtime educator and community leader Press L. Robinson Sr. recounts his hardscrabble childhood in South Carolina, his education at Morehouse College and Howard University, his career as a professor and administrator in the Southern University system, and his activities as a community leader in Baton Rouge, LA. The first elected Black member of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Robinson consistently fought to lever the playing fields for Back Americans and to better the social and physical environment of his adopted city.

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.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR PILGRAGES SO SUCCESSFUL

From all accounts, everyone who traveled to Jackson, MS had a wonderful time. The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum was an amazing experience, especially the presentation by Mr. Hezekiah Watkins the youngest Freedom Rider. The staff of the restaurant, Saltine, were very gracious and welcoming and served a delicious lunch. We are blessed to have the opportunity to venerate the statue of Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman at the Cathedral and to join the parish for Sunday Vigil Mass. Father Nick Adam and the parishioners made us feel at home. Thank you to all who made the pilgrimage possible: Joyce Johnson, Cassandra Broussard, Bertha Beard, Aretha Hunt, Marie Matthews and Dennette Welch.

ONLINE PARISH DIRECTORY

You may use the QR code to sign up for the Parish Directory or make changes and edits to your profile. Please sign up to update your profile to allow us to have accurate directory of our Parishioners.

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>



RUSSELL	AIKENS, SR.	8/24
BELINDA	BARRON	8/24
HENRY	JACKSON	8/24
JARED	LISTACH	8/24
MAUDE	ROSS	8/24
KAREN	SYLVE	8/24
CAROLE	WALKER	8/24
DAPHNE	ALEX	8/25
YVONNE	GOINS	8/25
RALEIGH	RIDGLEY	8/25
CINDY	STEWART	8/25
YOLANDA	LEWIS	8/26
JACOB	RIDEAU	8/26
KODEY	WEAVER	8/26
JARED	ALCORN	8/27
LAWRENCE	HUTCHIN	8/27
TONYA	JOLLA	8/27
NICHOLAS	BROCK	8/28
CALVIN	MCKNIGHT	8/28
ASHLEIGH	ANDERSON	8/29
EDITH	BELLIZAIRE	8/29
PAUL	BELLIZAIRE	8/29
DORIS	HALE	8/29
PAT	LUMBARD	8/29
BEVERLY	POLITE	8/29
TIFFANY	PORCHE	8/29
MARLENE	DOMINGUE	8/30
JACOB	FREEMAN	8/30
EIAN	ROBBINS	8/30
KIRT	YOUNG	8/30



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 24th –30

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8-10
Matthew 23: 13-22

Tuesday

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Matthew 23: 23-26

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13
Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptiste

1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8
Mark 6: 17-29

Saturday

1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday

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Sirach 3: 7-18, 20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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.