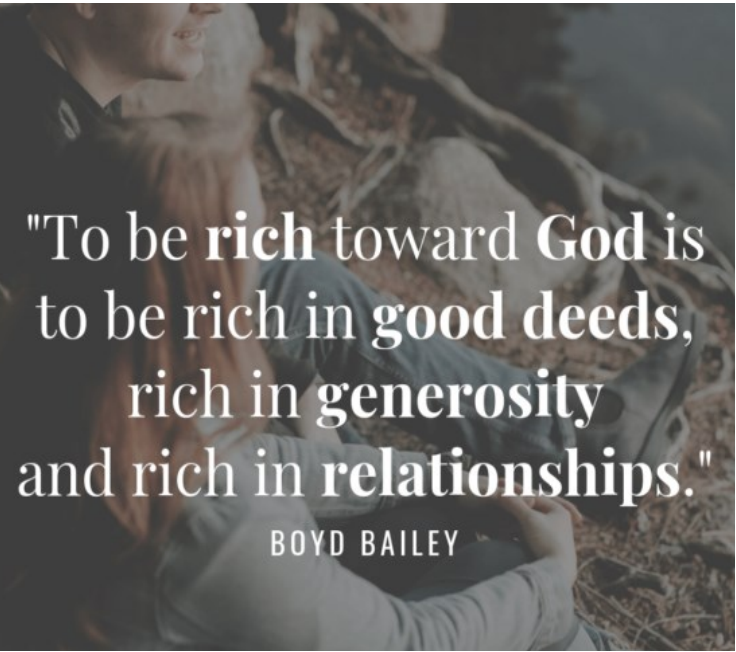
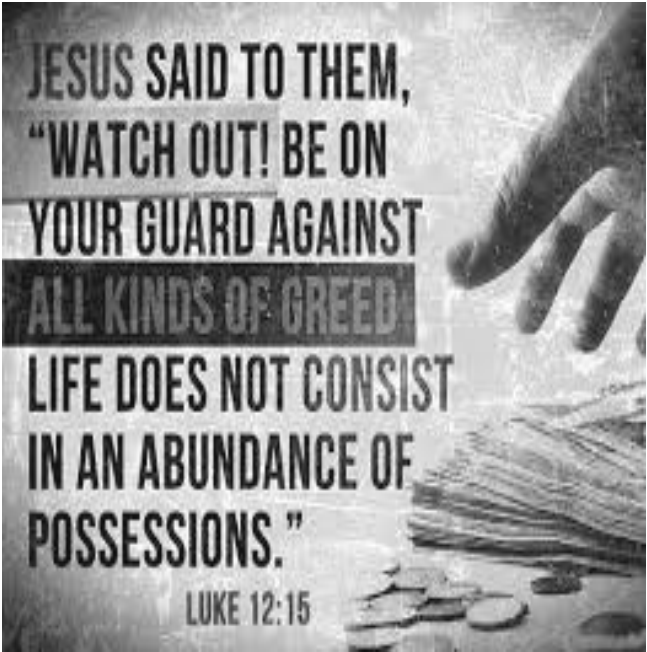


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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AUGUST 3RD, 2025

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions. Lk 12:15

At a recent celebration of the Eucharist the priest announced the passing of one of the parishioners, and the congregation let out a collective and audible sigh, looking around with weighty eyes that signified what a heavy loss this was for the church community. There was a collective acknowledgement that this person’s life had deeply shaped the life of their community. After mass, one woman came up to another and simply said, “I need a hug”. This seemed to say it all. This person would be greatly missed. This parishioner was not missed because of her wealth, or because of the things she possessed. No, this parishioner would be missed because she was rich in her relationship with God. This richness spread throughout the church as she educated countless parishioners in their faith formation classes, as she contributed to the direction of the church in her capacity on the parish counsel, and as she delivered Communion to the sick and home-bound. May we learn as this parishioner taught us, and as Jesus teaches us, that “life does not consist of possessions” (Lk 12:15), but in the richness of our relationship with God and with one another.

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)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
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: Deadra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher’s Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

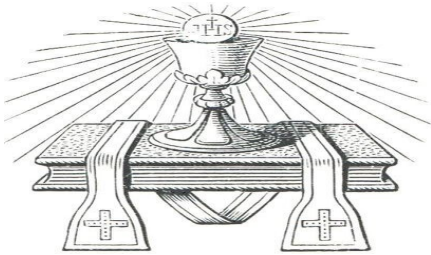
Prayer: Lightening the Load

The first thing we have to do is to notice that we’ve loaded down this camel with so much baggage we’ll never get through the desert alive Something has to go. Then we can begin to dump the thousand things we’ve brought along and we’re walking barefoot on the desert sand. There’s no telling what will happen then. But I’ve heard that someone, walking in this way, has seen a burning bush. -Francis Dorff, O Praem.

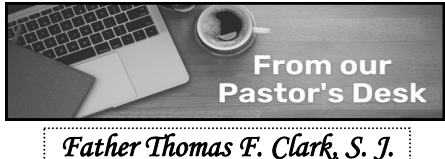
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COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen(225) 936-8162
ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Stephanie Yearby(214) 881-5663
RCIA COORDINATOR: Cathy Glover(225) 772-6099
MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:
Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



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



PREPARING FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL



The return to school is fast approaching. East Baton Rouge schools begin classes on August 7th. Southern students move into the dorms from August 11-14 and classes begin on Monday, August 18. We pray for a peaceful and orderly start of the new school year. We pray for all our administrators, teachers, staff, and students for a safe, healthy, and productive school year.

On Sunday, August 10, we will have a special blessing of all returning to school at all the weekend Masses.

A SECOND PILGRIMAGE TO JACKSON, MS



On Saturday, August 16, we will offer another pilgrimage to Jackson, MS to visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and to pray at the statue of Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman at Saint Peter the Apostle Cathedral. The cost of the trip will be \$47.00 payable in check or cash only. Payment will be made on the weekend of August 9-10 after the Masses. You must pay to reserve a seat. Between the museum and the Cathedral, we will stop for lunch. Lunch will be on your own. We will leave from Immaculate Conception at 7am and return at 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS



Please pray for our parishioners, Osazuma Awonbor and Chinwe Judith Aghadinuno, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage here at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, August 9. May God bless their marriage with many blessings and abundant joy.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS WEEK



We will resume Bible Study on Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00 PM via Zoom and on Thursday, August 7, in person at 10:30 AM in the Parish Activity Center. We will be looking at the readings for the upcoming Sunday. You are welcome to join us. If you would like to receive an email with the Zoom invitation, please send Father Clark an email with your request.

STUDENT MASS AT SOUTHERN RESUMES ON AUGUST 10

We will resume the student Mass at the chapel at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center on Sunday, August 10, at 2:00 PM. We welcome all college students to gather to celebrate Sunday Mass with us.

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.



PARISH SCHOOL
OF RELIGION

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 at 225-775-7067.

Happy Birthday



Happy birthday!	KENRIC	BOUDREAUX	8/3	Happy birthday!
	JONI	DEROUEN	8/3	
	ANITRA	CARTER	8/3	
	JORDYN	HOWARD	8/3	
	NICHOLAS	RICHARD	8/3	
	MMAKU	UNAEZE	8/3	
	KIERA	BENOIT	8/4	
	THERESA	HAYNES	8/4	
	CHANDLER	LEBLANCE	8/4	
	LAKENYA	JOHNSON	8/5	
	KEI'ANNA	HOUSTON	8/5	
	LEANN	MORRISON	8/5	
	MARY	OLIVE	8/5	
	CRYSTAL	SAMPSON	8/5	
	AYANNA	ABADIE	8/6	
	DANIEL	DECUIR	8/6	
	DEVYNN	FLEURY	8/6	
	REGINALD	ABRAHAM	8/7	
	JO ANN	MARX	8/7	
	SHIRLEY	READO	8/7	
Happy birthday!	TORIE	THOMAS	8/7	Happy birthday!
	CHELSEA	CARMEN	8/8	
	ERICA	CARRIERE	8/8	
	TRINITY	MARTIN	8/8	
	DONTREA	MCCRAY	8/8	
	AUGUSTINE	MOORE	8/8	
	DYLAN	SMITH	8/8	
	AMBER	THIERRY	8/8	
	DWAYNE	WILLIAMS	8/8	
	GAYLYN	BELLAIRE	8/9	
Happy birthday!	CATHY	PURSLEY	8/9	Happy birthday!
	JASLYN	SMITH	8/9	
	CARL	STEVENSON	8/9	

OUR NEW PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Welcome to our new Parish Office staff, Renae Taylor Welsh and John Edwards. Renae will be working in the mornings from 8:30 AM to 12 noon, and John from 12 noon to 4:00 PM. Father Clark is very happy about their availability and willingness to work for our church and looks forward to working with them.. I know that they will be great representatives of our church. Renae will begin on August 4 and John on August 11.

Mass Readings

August 3rd-10th

Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Psalm 90
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
Numbers 11:4b-15, Psalm 81
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday

Numbers 12:1-13, Psalm 51
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 97
2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Numbers 20:1-13, Psalm 95
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23

Friday

Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Psalm 77
Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday

Deuteronomy 6:4-13, Psalm 18
Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 33
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY-HOLY DAY

Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on the Vigil, Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 PM and on the feast day, Friday, at 12:10 PM at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center.