

God's mercy
is so much bigger
than any of your
mistakes.

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

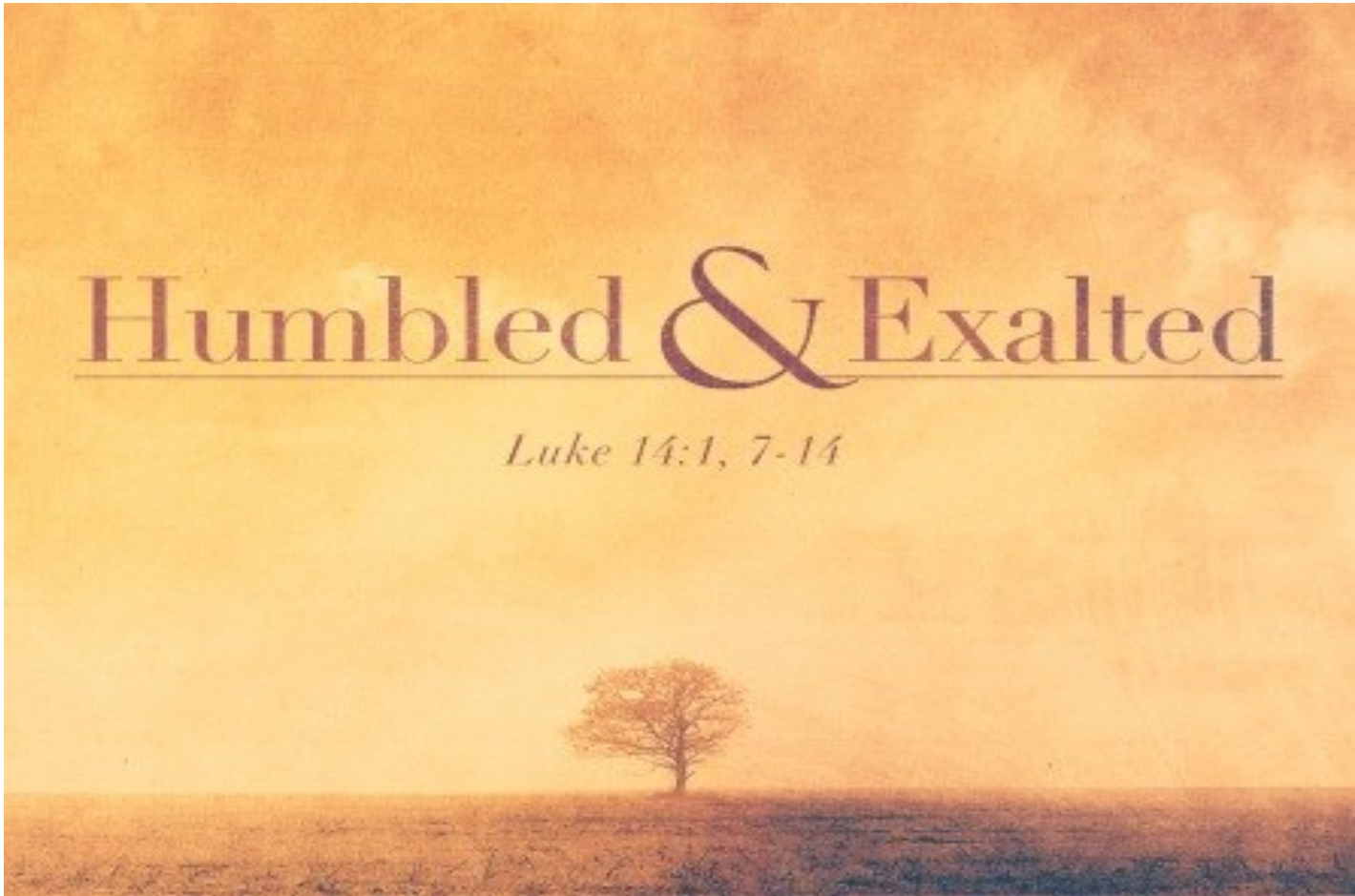
Rosary Call.....617-769-8305
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
Hall Rental:775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....775-5824
Pantry/Food 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

This Week's Prayer

Father, your truth is made known in you Word. Guide us to seek the truth of the human person.
Teach us the way to love because you are Love.

Jesus, you embody Love and Truth.
Help us to recognize your face in the poor.
Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people.

Holy Spirit, you inspire us to transform our world. Empower us to seek the common good for all persons.
Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family. Amen



Humbled & Exalted

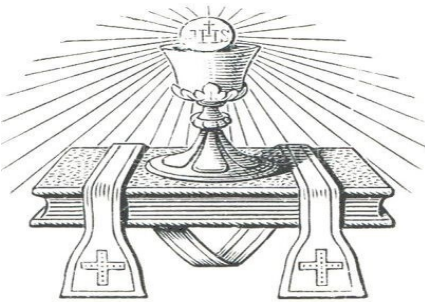
Luke 14:1, 7-14

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 31, 2025

Biblical humility involves a modest self-view, selfless service to others, and submission to God's will, often shown through active listening, gratitude, patience and forgiveness. It is the opposite of pride, stemming from a recognition of one's dependence on God rather than self-reliance. Humble individuals place others' needs before their own, exhibit kindness, seek reconciliation, and avoid boasting or seeking personal glory.

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Immaculate Conception Church is a Black Catholic Church 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



Labor Day September 1, 2025

In observance of Labor Day on Monday September 1, 2025, the parish office will be closed. However, Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM at the chapel at the MLK Catholic Student Center.

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 level the playing fields for Black 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.

REMEMBERING KATRINA TWENTY YEARS LATER BY FATHER CLARK

As Katrina was approaching the Mississippi-Louisiana border in late August 2005, I had some free time after my parish in Boston was merged into a new Black Catholic parish. Seeing the destruction brought about by the flooding, I volunteered with the Red Cross and was placed as a chaplain in a shelter in Orange, Texas where folks who had been evacuated from the Superdome were housed. In an old school building, we did the best we could to help people cope through the crisis. Two memories stand out for me. When the school year began, children in the shelter attended local schools. I remember watching the school busses drive away with some children aboard for whom this was the first day of school ever. What a way to begin your academic career! How resilient they were! Like little troopers boarding those busses! The second memory was the evening when Red Cross volunteers from New Orleans cooked a real home-cooked South Louisiana dinner. There was such joy that evening to have a little taste of home. From there I went to Shreveport where I was chaplain for the Holy Family Sisters who had evacuated there. While there, my Provincial asked me to visit Immaculate Conception in Baton Rouge with the possibility of becoming pastor. The rest is history!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE MLK COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity to the monthly collection to support the ministry at the MLK Catholic Student Center. We are happy to report that we had over seventy-five students participate in the Prayer Walk on Monday, August 25. After devouring fifteen pizzas, the students walked in candlelight from MLK to the Student Union to the Library to the Museum and to the Bluff, pausing at each stop to pray for a blessing on the new semester. We are so proud of our students who came out and together asked for the Lord's blessing on all their endeavors this semester. May God bless all on campus with safety, good health, and perseverance in their studies.

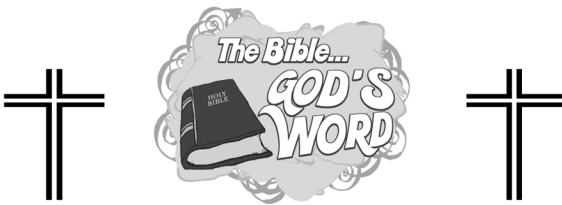


OSAZUWA	AWANBOR	8/31
KYLEIGH	CARTER	8/31
QUINCY	COLLINS	8/31
KONNER	DUPLECHAIN	8/31
BRANDON	RAMI	8/31
TIFFANY	CARTER	9/1
ELEANOR	BRUMFIELD	9/1
ANTHONY	MORGAN	9/1
ANDREA	TOLES	9/1
CHARLEEN	BAHAM	9/2
LAKEDRA	BAISE	9/2
CHANDLER	BIAS	9/2
MICHAEL	JACKSON	9/2
CONSUELA	KNIGHT	9/2
MICHAEL	JAMES	9/3
SHEILA	SIMS	9/3
KIMBERLY	THOMAS	9/3
PATRICK	GRIFFIN, II	9/5
RASHIDA	MCKNIGHT	9/5
JOSHUA	MORRISON	9/5
CATHERINE	STEVENSON	9/5
CODY	HULBERT	9/6
KAREN	JARRETT	9/6
THERESA	MIMS	9/6
DEWAYNE	PATIN	9/6
BARRY	RICARD	9/6



**ALLENDALE-WESTOVER REUNION AT
WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM**

A new exhibition will open at the West Baton Rouge Museum featuring Louisiana artist Angela Gregory's monumental work. Anyone who ever lived, worked on, or is descended from Allendale and Westover Plantations in WBR or anyone with an interest in local history is invited to visit on September 7 from 2:30-4:30 PM for a reunion style gathering where people can reconnect, share artifacts and stories, and learn about local genealogy and unmarked grave sites. The afternoon will include refreshments and musical entertainment. The museum is located at 845 N. Jefferson, Port Allen, LA. In these days when museums are under attack for telling the truth, it is important to support their efforts to present an accurate history.



Mass Readings
August 31– September 7

Sunday
Sirach 3: 7-18, 20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Monday
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Luke 4: 16-30
Tuesday
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11
Luke 4: 31-37
Wednesday
**Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and the Doctor of the Church**
Colossians 1: 1-8
Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday
Colossians 1: 9-14
Luke 5: 1-11
Friday
Colossians 1: 15-20
Luke 5: 33-37
Saturday
Colossians 1: 21-23
Luke 6: 1-5
Sunday
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
Wisdom 9: 13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14: 25-33

**CALLING ALL YOUTH TO BE
ALTAR SERVERS**
We invite all youth of our parish who have made their First Holy Communion to become altar servers.

If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Father Clark (225-773-2036) or Andrea Toles (504-491-6556).