



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2018

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24:
4:00 PM *The Vigil of Christmas*

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25:
12:00 AM *Midnight Mass*
10:30 AM *Christmas Morning Mass*

Holy Family Sunday: Saturday, December 29:
4:00 PM *Vigil Mass*

Holy Family Sunday, December 30:
8:00 and 10:30 AM

New Year's Eve: Monday, December 31:
4:00 PM *Vigil of Mary, Mother of God*

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2019:
10:30 AM *Mary, Mother of God*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Sunday, December 16, at 2:00 PM, we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone who is experiencing illness or weakness at this time is invited to celebrate this sacrament of healing.



CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVE AWAY ON DECEMBER 18

giveaway On Tuesday, December 18, the Food Pantry will be giving away Christmas food assistance to those who have been receiving food assistance from our pantry during the year. If you would like to make a donation of money or food, please see Rogers Jackson. Be Blessed.

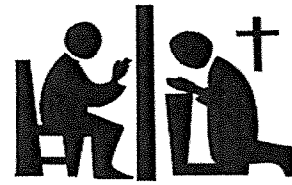
SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

Wanda Anderson and her grandson Kaiden are requesting new socks for the homeless in a drive sponsored by the EBR Parish Library and Parent Magazine. Donations may be dropped off in the box in the foyer of the church before December 21.



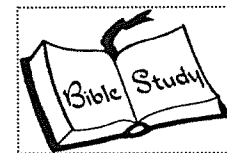
Announcements and Upcoming Events

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 19 beginning at 6:00 PM at Saint Paul the Apostle Church and on Thursday, December 20 from 5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. Fr. Rick Andrus and Fr. Clark will be hearing confessions on both evenings. Confession is also available on Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 PM.

LAST BIBLE STUDY BEFORE CHRISTMAS



The last Bible Study before Christmas will be on Monday, December 17, at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. We will be reading, studying, reflecting, and praying on the readings of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Everyone is welcome. We will resume Bible Study on the Monday following MLK Birthday holiday.

FR. PAUL DEUTSCH, SJ WITH US FOR CHRISTMAS

Father Paul Deutsch of Jesuit High in Tampa will be with us for Christmas week while Fr. Clark visits his brother for a few days after Christmas. Fr. Paul will celebrate daily Mass on December 27 and 28 and be available for any pastoral needs. We welcome Father Paul and appreciate his generosity.



MASS DURING THE RENOVATION

During the time of our church renovation, Sunday Masses at 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM will be celebrated in the Parish Activity Center. The 10:30 AM Mass will be celebrated at Hall Davis Funeral Home on Scenic Highway. We will try this for the first few weeks and then evaluate and see if we need to make any adaptations. Although some have expressed reservation about Mass being celebrated in a funeral home, the majority have said that it is not an obstacle. For those who do not wish to go to Mass at Hall Davis, there will be two other Masses at the Activity Center to choose. The Activity Center and MLK Catholic Student Center are just not big enough to accommodate the 10:30 AM Mass. Father Clark will be experimenting with a family/youth Mass at 5:00 pm on Sunday once a month. Please be patient and flexible during this time of renovation.



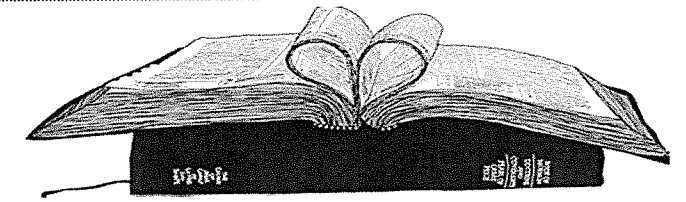
Happy Birthday

TERRI	MORRISON	12/16
DELLA	PERKINS	12/16
GLENN	THOMAS	12/16
KESHIA	RAMBO	12/16
MAURISSA	WIGGINS	12/16
JASON	WILSON, II	12/16
SUSAN	AKUJOBI	12/17
QUENTASHA	CRUMP	12/17
CATHERINE	FLENTROY	12/17
EDWINA	THOMAS	12/17
SARAH	CALHOUN	12/18
MARCUS	DOUCET	12/18
SYMIL	LEDOUX	12/19
CHAVELLE	MARTIN	12/19
STEVE	NOBLE	12/19
REBECCA	DUBRIEL-COX	12/20
DESMOND	HONORE	12/20
NICHOLAS	CLOYD	12/21
MALAYSIA	FOWLER	12/21
TIERANY	FOWLER	12/21
TIMOTHY	FOWLER	12/21
PYTHAGORAS	MONTGOMERY	12/21
BRANDEN	PORCHE, SR.	12/21
KENDRICK	SLAN, SR.	12/21
JASON	WILSON	12/21
MAUDRIS	LAWS	12/22
ERICKA	PATRICK	12/22
BRONSON	PETE	12/22
JOYCE	WALKER	12/22
LOYCE	WILLIAMS	12/22

RENOVATION PREPARATIONS



As the time for the church renovation approaches, we will need to prepare the building for the construction. Father Clark is asking that we reserve the MLK Birthday weekend (January 19, 20, 21) as a Church Volunteer Weekend to pack and store movable objects in the church. We will also make available the church benches to anyone who would like to purchase one for their homes for a donation to the Building Fund. There will be more details in the weeks ahead.



Mass Readings

December 16th - December 23rd
Third Sunday of Advent
Zep. 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12; Phil. 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18
Monday
Gen. 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72
Gospel: Matt. 1:1-17
Tuesday
Jer. 23:5-8; Psalm 72
Gospel: Matt. 1:8-25
Wednesday
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71
Gospel: Luke 1:5-25
Thursday
Is 7:10-14; Psalm 24
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Friday
Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
Saturday
1 Sam. 1:24-28; 1 Sam. 2
Gospel: Luke 1:46-56
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80; Heb. 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



GRATEFUL

We are grateful to all who are so generously giving of themselves during this holiday season. Thanks to all who have participated in the Advent Giving Tree. Your generosity will make some of our seniors, challenged adults, and needy families happy this Christmas. Thank you to the choirs who are busy practicing for the Christmas Masses. Thank you to Sheila DeRouen, Andrea Toles, and Michael Wilson who coordinated and tabulated our parish survey. Thank you to Juliet Betts and Fab Young for their invaluable help. Thank you to Ron Q. Lewis for attending to the many details of the renovation. Thank you to Gloria DeRouen and the staff and teachers of the PSR for their faithful service each week. Thank you to all parishioners for their prayers, support and generosity.

PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

325 persons filled out a survey about preference for where Mass will be celebrated during the renovation.

The age distribution was: 6% (18-29), 21% (30-49), 26% (50-64), 48% (65+).

Family size: 29% (1), 36% (2), 3 (9%), 4 (15%), 5+ (11%).

Mass regularly attended: 24% (4 PM), 26% (8 AM), 50% (10:30 AM).

Is Hall Davis an obstacle to your attending? 24% (YES), 76% (NO).

From regular 10:30 AM attendees: 21% (YES), 79% (NO).

All things being equal, what is your preferred location? 21% (Activity Center), 8% (Hall Davis), 21% (MLK), 39% (It does not matter.)

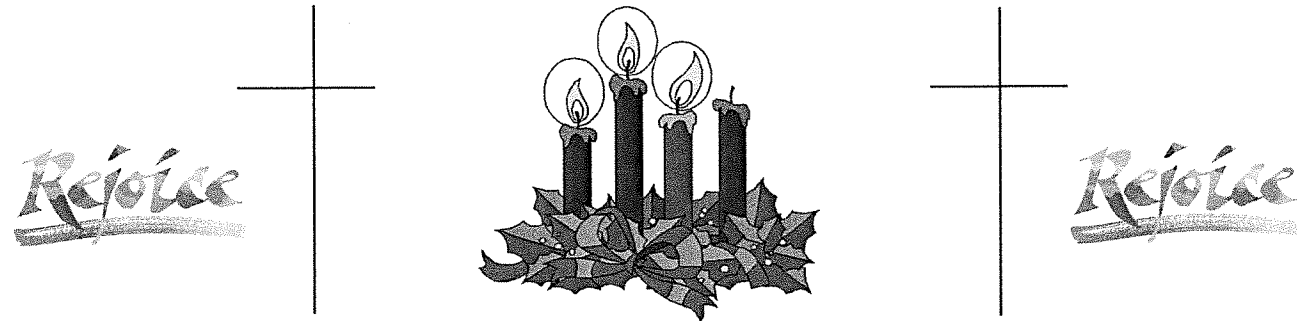
Are you interested in a 5 PM Mass on Sundays? 47% (YES), 53% (NO).

Would you be willing to carpool? 70% (YES), 30% (NO).

Would you be willing to attend a different Mass? 90% (YES), 10% (NO).

Will you go to another church during renovation? 17% (YES) 83% (NO).

Third Sunday of Advent



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

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....	778-1977
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....	(504)491-6556
Communication Coord: Andrea Toles.....	(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder.....	428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....	775-7067
Lectors: Yvonne Jackson.....	362-0897
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir.....	229-6076
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Lloyd Doucette, Jr.....	999-0090
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

Lord, how many lives have been changed by the reforming, transforming power of your Word! So often I stumble upon a common verse, and it strikes me in a new, wonderful way. It brings breathtaking clarity when I need it most. Thank you for giving us your Word, Lord. We would be lost without it. Amen.

