



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Many thanks to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church who donated gifts and/or money, helped organize the incoming gifts, and delivered those gifts to three Baton Rouge area agencies. You demonstrated the real meaning of Christmas—love—to someone who was in need. This year, our Advent Giving Tree supplied almost 180 wish lift gifts to residents of Colonial Care Nursing Home, residents of Ladies of Elissalde Group Home, and families of Behavioral Services of Louisiana. You all out did yourselves and have made many persons happy on Christmas!

RENOVATION UPDATES



We are fast approaching the beginning of our church renovation. Contractors are submitting bids and a contractor will be chosen soon. The first order of business will be emptying out the church of all movable objects. We are planning on a Martin Luther King Birthday Volunteer Weekend in which we ask parishioners to assist in the moving of objects. The benches in the church will have to be removed before the asbestos removal will take place. We will make benches available to parishioners who would like one for their homes. You will need to provide transportation and manpower to move your bench. During the renovation, the 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM Vigil Masses will be celebrated in the Activity Center. The 10:30 AM Mass will be celebrated at Hall Davis Funeral Home. We will try this arrangement for several weeks and then re-evaluate and make any changes necessary for the proper celebration of Sunday Mass. Bishop Duca will be with us for 10:30 AM on Sunday, January 27 to celebrate Mass and participate in a Renovation Inauguration Blessing. More details will be forthcoming right after New Year's. Please keep this renovation project in your prayers.

CELEBRATION OF WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, AND BAPTISMS DURING THE RENOVATION



Father Clark wants to assure the parishioners that we will be prepared to celebrate all weddings, funerals and baptisms as needed during the time of renovation. Weddings and funerals will be celebrated in whatever church a family or person would choose. No matter what church we use Father Clark and the liturgical ministers and musicians of Immaculate Conception will be the ministers of the ceremony. Baptisms can also take place at any church. Father Clark is considering moving the baptismal font to the MLK Catholic Student Chapel for baptisms. Be assured that the full worship and pastoral life of the parish will continue uninterrupted.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

THANK YOU TO THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY



Our thanks goes out to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry as well as all the parish volunteers who showed up on Monday and Tuesday, December 17 and 18, to help with the preparation and distribution of food. We also thank all parishioners who donated food or mon-

WELCOME, FATHER PAUL DEUTSCH, SJ



We welcome Father Paul Deutsch, SJ of the Jesuit High School in Tampa, who will be with us during Christmas week. Father Paul will be celebrating daily Mass and be available for any pastoral needs while Father Clark is away December 26-28. We appreciate Father Paul's generosity.

Holiday Schedule

PARISH SCHEDULE DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

During Christmas week daily Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 27 at 12:10 PM, Friday, December 28 at 7:30 AM and 12:10 PM. There will be no daily Mass on December 26 and December 31.

The parish office will be closed from December 24 through January 3 with the exception of Thursday morning, December 27 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Please keep in mind our annual celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King on Sunday, January 16 following the 10:30 AM Mass. Details of this celebration will be worked out in collaboration with the renovation project.

Happy Birthday

VINCENT	GREGORY	12/24
CALEB	HAWKINS	12/24
MARLON	LANDRY	12/24
NOELLE	CLOYD	12/25
GLORIA	BURRELL	12/26
KIMBERLY	LEWIS	12/26
KYRI	HOOKS	12/27
INGA	KING	12/27
MELISSA	SMITH	12/27
ERIC	STIEFF	12/27
DAJON	TRUDELL	12/27
CATHY	GLOVER	12/28
LARRY	KNIGHT, JR.	12/28
GENE	DEQUIR	12/29
SENTORIA	FOSTER	12/29
TINA	JORDAN	12/29
SANDRA	WILLIAMS	12/29

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:

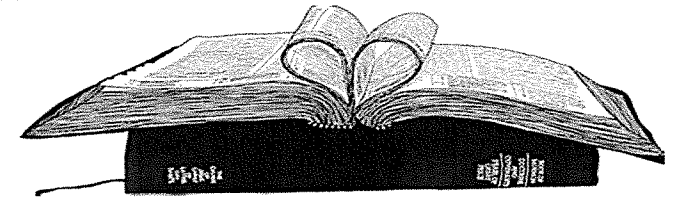
8:00 and 10:30 AM

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*



Mass Readings

December 23rd - December 30th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80; Heb. 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Monday

2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89
Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

Tuesday

The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Heb. 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Stephen
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31
Gospel: Matt. 10:17-22

Thursday

Feast of Saint John, Apostle
1 John 1: 1-4; Psalm 97
Gospel: John 20:1a and 2-8

Friday

Feast of the Holy Innocents
1 John 1:5--2:2; Psalm 124
Gospel: Matt 2:13-18

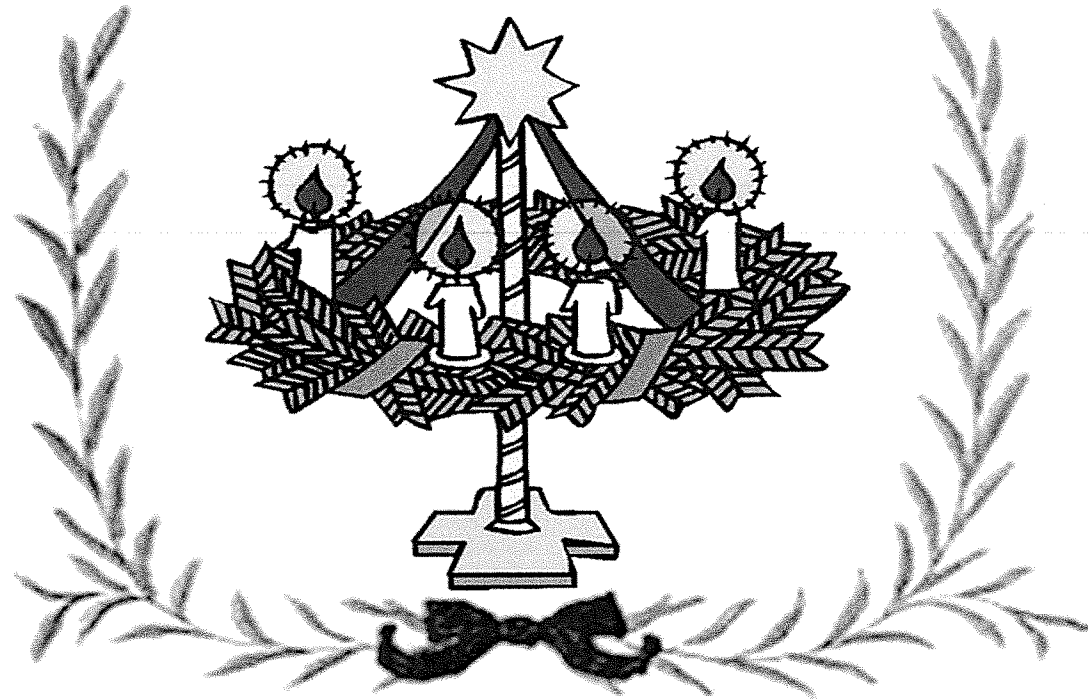
Saturday

1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96
Gospel: Luke 2:22-35
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 128; Col. 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



A Holy and Blessed Christmas

The Season 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

Today I celebrate the birth of your Son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I celebrate this Christmas with hope, with peace, and with joy. Through your giving my life is secure. Through your love I, too, can give love. You are the source of my being. Amen.

