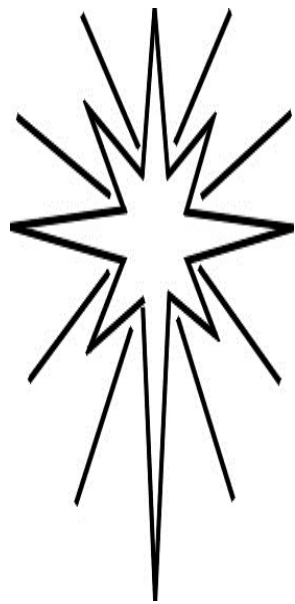
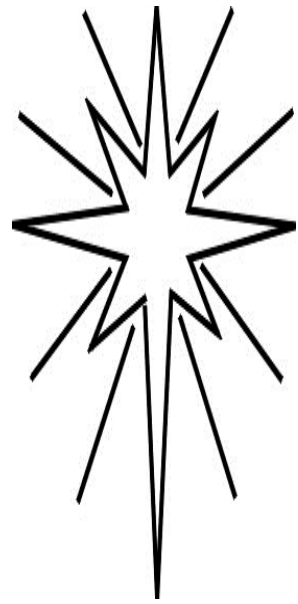


# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## 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

## To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....	778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen .....	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
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
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: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

## This Week's Prayer

Loving Father, help me to remember the birth of Jesus, that I may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the wisdom of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Amen.





**Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.**

**REMEMBERING 2019: A YEAR OF GRACE**

*As the year draws to a close, let us remember some of the significant events in the lives of our church members:*

**BAPTISM**

*Peter Joseph Knight, Jrue Cannon Skan, Reagan Jinae Navarre, Joseph H. Patin, III, Bryson Anthony Daigre, Timia Marie Daigre, Aylee I. Mathis, Jayden Joseph Hamilton, Briar Henderson.*

**RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Janice Coleman, Paris Coleman, Cornel Sims, Jr., Courtney Urbina.*

**CONFIRMATION**

*Pamela Taylor, Chandler Bias, Lia Broussard, Kalli Gregory, Alexander Wilson, Elton DeRouen, III, London Drummond, Landon Hunt, Faith Patin, Aliyah Wilcox.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

*Ryan Bonton, Autumn Bradford, Timia Daigre, Lexi Dauphine, Lyric Dauphine, Bryce Ennis, A'Brianna Francois, Aja Freeman, Jaeci Harris, Brandon Johnson, Ja'Niyah Lewis, Reagan Navarre, Kay'Lee Shepherd, Brooklyn Singleton.*

**DEATHS**

*Joyce Ann Johnson, Charroll Michelle Garner, Linda Morgan Banks, Ella Richardson, Otis Washington, Betty Anne Odom, Curley Victoria Bibm.*

**NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS**

*Merqueldra Daigre, Jacque Hill, Jr., Bethany Jack, Curley P. Bibm, Janice Coleman, Paris Coleman, Cornel Sims, Jr., Pamela Taylor, Cheryl Edwards, Michele Burbank, Henry and Sandra Claiborne, Sr., Rodrick Claiborne, Beverly S. Critney, Veronica Gale Johnson, Wanda Walker, Paul and Jacalyn St. Amant, Krystal Shelmire, Howard Paul Johnson.*

**Holiday Schedule**

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 31:**  
*Vigil of Mary, Mother of God at 4:00 PM*

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020:**  
*Mary, Mother of God at 10:30 AM*

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JANUARY 6**

**Bible Study** Bible Study will have an irregular schedule during January. We will have Bible Study on Monday, January 6. Then, we will not have Bible Study on January 13 (due to Clergy Formation Days) and January 20 (MLK Birthday Observance). We will resume on a weekly basis on January 27.

**Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK IN JANUARY**



Since our December has been so busy with our celebrations for the Blessing of the Church, we will have our communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in January at a date to be determined. If anyone feels the need to celebrate the sacrament now, please call Father Clark.

**THANK YOU FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**



On behalf of the parish, we thank all those who made our celebration of the Birth of Christ so beautiful and prayerful. We thank Walterine Whitfield and the Beautification Committee for the lovely decorations in the newly renovated church. We thank Gerald Berzat, Harold Mims and the Claver Family Choir, Nina Gray, the Gospel Choir, soloists and musicians for music throughout the feasts. We thank our altar servers for their service at the altar. We thank our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. We thank the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry for providing assistance to families in need. We thank all those who brought gifts from the names on the Advent Giving Tree. We thank all those who in unseen and unsung ways helped somebody out this Christmas. May we all be blessed as we look forward to a New Year. May it be a year of blessing, good health, peace of mind, and safety.

**GUEST PRIESTS OVER CHRISTMAS**



Father Clark is very grateful to two Jesuit priests, Fr. Paul Duetsch and Fr. Sean Toole, who will be with us during Christmas week to help with the Masses. Fr. Paul will be here from December 26-30 and Fr. Sean December 31-January 4. I know you will welcome them with your customary hospitality.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS**



When Eucharistic Ministers come forward during the Sign of Peace, they should line up on the left side of the altar (as you face the altar from the congregation). One Eucharistic Minister goes to the tabernacle to bring one or two ciboria to the altar. At Masses with a choir, we will distribute Holy Communion to the choir first. After Communion, please bring the cups to the credence table on the right hand side of the sanctuary. One Eucharistic Minister places the ciborium in the tabernacle after bringing it to the altar so that the remaining Body of Christ can be combined into one ciborium.



**Happy Birthday**



GENE	DECUIR	12/29
SENTORIA	FOSTER	12/29
TINA	JORDAN	12/29
SANDRA	WILLIAMS	12/29
RICHARD	DORSEY	12/30
KYLE	RIDEAU	12/30
JERMONE	SAMPSON, JR.	12/30
ANNETTE	PAUL	12/31
LAYLA	RICHARD	12/31
CORNEL	SIMS	12/31
BRENNIA	VITAL	12/31
MELVIN	AARON, JR.	1/1
JEROME	DUGAS	1/1
MARCELLE	DUPUY	1/1
MICHAEL	DURHAM	1/1
CYNTHIA	EDWARDS	1/1
JEREMY	ENCALADE	1/1
EVELYN	HAYNES	1/1
TAVIA	LAZARD	1/1
LAMONICA	BANKS	1/2
RONALD	BODLEY	1/2
CLAUDIA	BRUMFIELD	1/2
MERQUELDRA	DAIGRE	1/2
GINA	DOMINGUE	1/2
LESHAWN	HAINES	1/2
DEVIN	BARNES	1/3
JENNIFER	BROWN	1/3
CARRIE	CHRISTY	1/3
CRATER	PRATER	1/3
ROY	BELLIAZERE	1/4
ARETHA	HUNT	1/4
EARL	MARCELLE, JR.	1/4
LEO	PAUL	1/4

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

**WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY**



**HEALTHY TIDBIT:** When you think of healthy drinks, water likely comes to mind since it has tons of health benefits and has zero calories. However, here are other healthy drinks worth adding to your diet: green tea, 1% reduced-fat milk, soy milk, mint tea, hot chocolate, low-sodium tomato juice, and 100% juices such as, cranberry juice, fresh orange juice and aloe vera juice. On the other hand, the following beverages should be drunk in moderation and occasionally because of their sugar and/or caffeine content: sugary juices and juice cocktails, fancy coffee drinks, flavored waters and sports drinks, diet and regular sodas, frozen cocktails, fruit smoothies, lemonade and energy drinks. [shape.com](http://shape.com)



**Mass Readings**

**December 29th- January 5th**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Col 3:12-21  
Gospel: Matt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday**

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96  
Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

**Tuesday/New Year's Eve**

1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96  
Gospel: John 1: 1-18

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Gal 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

**Thursday**

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98  
Gospel: John 1:19-28

**Friday**

1 John 2:29--3:6; Psalm 98  
Gospel: John 1:29-34

**Saturday**

1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98  
Gospel: John 1:35-42

**Sunday**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matt 2:1-12

**CHURCH BLESSING COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIRS**



In January, our commemorative booklet of the Blessing of the Church will be available. Allison Singleton has designed a t-shirt to mark the church's blessing. T-shirts will be available at a later date. The cost of a shirt will be \$15.00 Youth through Adult XL; \$18.00 2X-4X. Profit from the shirts will go the Church Building Fund.

**LET FR. CLARK KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING**



I always try to keep up with how parishioners are doing, especially during times of sickness and loss. Sometimes news gets by me or, being increasingly absent minded, I just forget! Please help me out by calling and letting me know how you are or anything that you would like me to know or pray for. I am never too busy to receive your call. Call my cell phone and please leave a message if you don't reach me. I welcome your sharing these things with me!