

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....778-1977
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
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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

Something To Remember

Let's end this year with a thankful heart and start the new year with peace and faith. Let us release the bitterness and frustrations of the past year. Let us move into the next year knowing God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's pray that the new year will be focused on healing ourselves through repentance and renewing our minds. We were not meant to do life alone! We can bring the light of hope into our own hearts, home, and world.



AND THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG HE WAS FILLED WITH WISDOM AND THE GRACE OF GOD WAS UPON HIM
LUKE 2 : 40

December 31, 2023

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Luke 2:22-24

Jesus is one of us, he doesn’t belong to us. Even though he was a member of a particular family and was born into a particular nation, his life and mission were intended to usher in God’s salvation for all people. So too our families exist not just for themselves; they are to be communities that extend outward and express love through service of others. The Christian notion of family can never be restricted by blood, nationality, or race. Like the holy family, we are called to give witness to the amazing presence and working of God in the ordinary unfolding of our lives.



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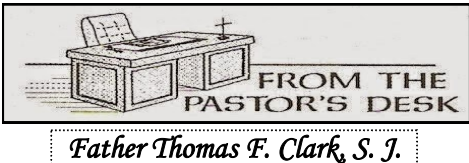
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Immaculate Conception Church is a Black Catholic Church serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.

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SECRETARY: Juliet Betts(225) 775-7067
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:
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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., 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR



On Sunday, December 31, at 2:30 PM we will have a Holy Hour in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This will give us an opportunity to reflect upon the blessings of 2023 and look forward with hope and trust to 2024. The Vigil Mass will follow at 4:00 PM with a special commemoration of the 160th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Plan to set aside some quiet time with the Lord as we celebrate the end of a year and the beginning of another.

MLK BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



We will celebrate the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15, with Mass at 9:00 AM followed by breakfast in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to join us as we commemorate this holiday in honor of Dr. King. At breakfast, we will listen to one of Dr. King's speeches.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS ON FEBRUARY 4



Bishop Duca will celebrate a Mass at Saint Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 1:30 PM to commemorate Black History Month. The homilist will be Rev. Gregory C. Chisholm, SJ, the Rector of the Jesuit Community at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD. Please plan to attend this first celebration at the Cathedral for Black History Month.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



The Parish Council of Ministries will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Father Clark asks that all chairs of parish ministries and organizations make it a priority to attend. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. An agenda and minutes will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

WELCOME TO OUR JESUIT NOVICES



We welcome the Jesuit novices of the Central Southern Province of the Jesuits. They are in their first two years of religious life at the Novitiate in California. They are back at Grand Coteau for the Christmas week in a gathering of all Jesuits who are in formation. Please welcome them to our parish.



THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild nations
To bring peace among the people
To make music in the heart.



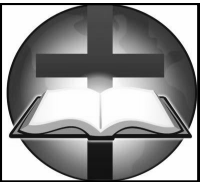
Happy Birthday

ANNETTE	PAUL	12/31
LAYLA	RICHARD	12/31
CORNEL	SIMS	12/31
BRENNA	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
GERARD	MORGAN	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
CYLER	PRATER	1/3
ROY	BELLIAZERE	1/4
GILBERT	GILBERT	1/4
ARETHA	HUNT	1/4
EARL	MARCELLE, JR.	1/4
LEO	PAUL	1/4
SHEILA	BROCK	1/5
TORIA	QUINN	1/5
KAYLA	RICHARD	1/5
FELTON	DEROUEN	1/6

REQUEST FROM OUR POLICE OFFICERS



Sargent Timothy Daigre and Officer Anthony Augustine, who provide security for us at our weekend Masses, request that no one park in the two parking spaces on the far west side of the parking lot nearest to Curtis Street. They need to park their vehicle in those spots so that they have the best vantage point of the parking lot and the doors of the church.



Mass Readings

December 31st - January 7th

Sunday

Feast of The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Psalm 128; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

Monday

Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary,
The Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Gal 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

I Jn 2:22-28; Psalm 98

Gospel Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

I Jn 2:29--3:6; Psalm 98

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

I Jn 3:7-10; Psalm 98

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

Friday

I Jn 3:11-21; Psalm 100

Gospel: Jn 1:43-51

Saturday

I Jn 5:5-13; Psalm 147

Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

Sunday

The Epiphany of The Lord

Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

