



# WORSHIP With US

## 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*

### 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 RECONCILIATION 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING ON TUESDAY

There will be a meeting of all the Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. This annual meeting will be an opportunity to review the responsibilities of a Eucharistic minister, update contact information, and volunteer for service during the holidays. We ask that all Eucharistic ministers attend.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVE AWAY ON DECEMBER 18

**GIVEAWAY TIME** 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.

### THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree has been set up in the foyer of the church. Each ornament contains information about a person in need of a Christmas gift. Please take an ornament and return the gift (wrapped) with the ornament attached to the gift. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 16. This is truly the Christmas spirit, helping out this need.



### 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.



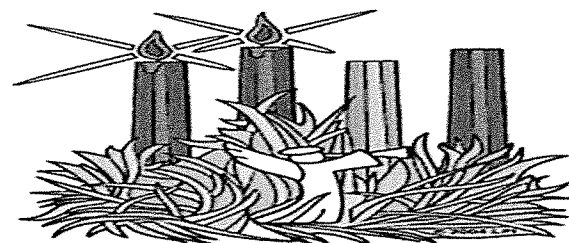
### THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 CHOIRS

Both the Knights' Choir and the Traditional Choir invite all parishioners, both men and women, to join with them in the ministry of music for our celebration of Christmas. The Knights' Choir is preparing for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM and rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 PM. The Traditional Choir is preparing for Midnight Mass and is rehearsing on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Please contribute to our celebration of Christmas by joining in with one of the choirs.



# Happy Birthday

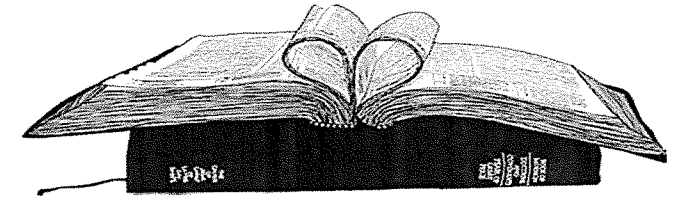
DREXELL	FINLEY	12/9
LEOLA	DARGIN	12/9
AKEYLIAH	OLIVER	12/9
CHANZA	VEAL	12/9
ERNEST	COLEMAN	12/10
LAWRENCE	NAVARRE, JR.	12/10
ANGELLE	JENKINS	12/11
D. MARIE	JOHNSON	12/11
AUBREY	JONES, JR.	12/11
JAYLA	PATRICK	12/11
ALFRED	WIMS	12/11
JANICE	ALLISON	12/12
JEFFREY	MOTEN	12/12
ANTHANOR	BRADFORD	12/13
RAHEEM	GRAY	12/13
BARON	ROBERSON	12/13
EDMONIA	CALLAHAN	12/13
OPHELIA	ALCORN	12/14
ALICE	BROWN	12/14
RICHARD	BROWN	12/14
RENEE'	WOODS	12/14
DICKSON	IDUSUYI	12/14
CORNELIUS	HARRIS, JR.	12/14
ANDRE	NEWTON, SR.	12/14
ELISSA	ENNIS	12/15
BRANDON	JOHNSON	12/15
CHRISTY	LEVALL	12/15

### PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON

The play *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, presented last week at the Catholic Life Center, was a very moving and inspirational depiction of the life of the first African American priest in the United States. His struggles and sufferings, his perseverance and courage are part of a story that needs to be told. Fr. Tolton is a candidate for sainthood in the Catholic Church. We offer the prayer for his canonization.



*Father in heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor that I request though his intercession (mention your request) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved. Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.*



### Mass Readings

**December 9th - December 9th**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
Bar. 5:1-9; Psalm 126; Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

#### Monday

Is 35:1-10; Psalm 85  
Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

#### Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Psalm 96  
Gospel: Matt. 18:12-14

#### Wednesday

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Zec. 2:14-17; Judith 13  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

#### Thursday

Is 41:13-19; Psalm 145  
Gospel: Matt. 11:16-19

#### Friday

Is. 48:17-19; Psalm 1  
Gospel: Matt. 11:16-19

#### Saturday

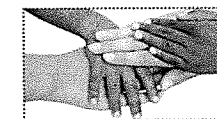
Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80  
Gospel: Matt. 17:9a, 10-13

#### Third Sunday of Advent

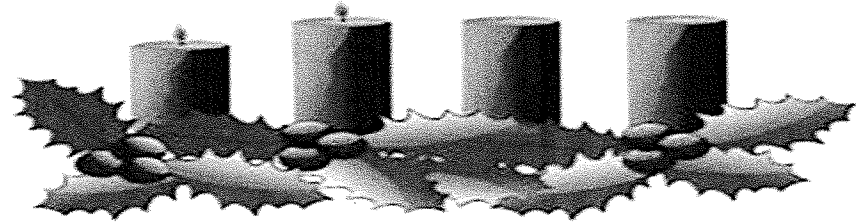
Zep. 3:14-18a; Isiah 12; Phil. 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

*Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the church.*

### DIALOGUE ON RACE LOUISIANA: ORIGINAL SERIES OFFERED IN JANUARY



Dialogue on Race Louisiana will offer a six week, facilitated dialogue on race at the Antioch Community Church, 3613 Perkins Road, Suite A, BR 70808 on Wednesdays beginning January 16 through February 20. Participants are required to attend the first session which is 2.5 hours. You are also asked to commit to five of the six sessions. The cost of the entire series is \$30.00. You may register at <https://dialogueonracelouisiana.org/> Dialogue on Race Louisiana is a unique opportunity to engage in a meaningful and productive dialogue about race with a diverse group of Baton Rouge citizens. You will learn a lot and you will finish the series with more hope for the future!



#### 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

Father, nothing moves me more to love others than reflecting on how you love me. I think of all the things you could have held against me and used as reasons to not love me. And yet you always look for ways to forgive, restore our relationship, and move forward. I want to love like that. Amen.

