

LET'S CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY



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.

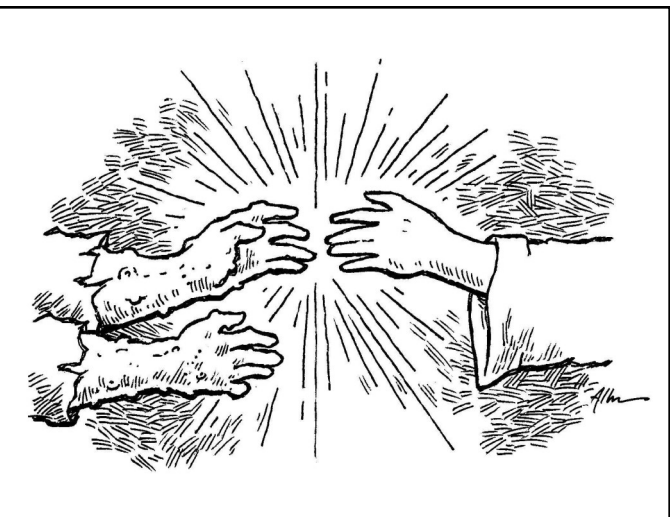
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

**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  
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder .....428-5981  
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



February 11, 2024

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' Mark 1:40-44



Pay close attention: The leper represents all of us. Physically, he reminds us of how we are spiritually before God. This leper came to Jesus just as he was. Leprosy, sores, smell, disappointments, fear, desperation and all. You and I must do the same, we come to Jesus just as we are... sin and all. The leper did not try to hide his leprosy from Jesus, he took his leprosy to Jesus. Don't try to hide your sin from Jesus, take your sin to Jesus.

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

PASTOR: Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J. ....(225) 775-7067/(225) 773-2036

IN RESIDENCE: Father Fred Kammer, S.J. ....(225) 774-3241

SECRETARY: Juliet Betts .....(225) 775-7067

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen .....(225) 936-8162

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

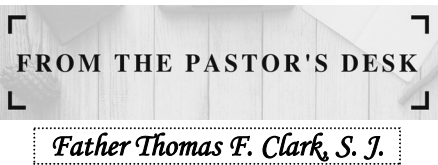
Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM





ASH WEDNESDAY



This Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM (Church), 12:10 PM (MLK), Prayer Service 5:00 PM (MLK), and 7:00 PM (Church). Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses and at the Prayer Service.

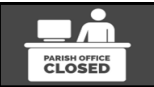
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Catholic fasting means eating two small meals plus one regular meal and not eating between meals. Abstinence means not eating meat or poultry. In Louisiana, eating turtle and alligator are permitted.

THE REVIVAL HAS BEEN CANCELLED



Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be able to have the Revival this year. We are scheduled for a Revival next year in 2025 with Father Josh Johnson as our revivalist.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY



The parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, February 12 and 13, in observance of Mardi Gras. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM at the MLK Chapel each day. There will be no Bible Study on Monday evening, but there will be Bible Study on Thursday at 10:30 AM.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MOVIE DAY



The Hospitality Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary will host Black History Movie Day on Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE SU AG CENTER



Our parishioner, William Augustine, is making educational opportunities from the SU Ag Center available to us at Immaculate Conception Church. The Center offers training in computer literacy, safe handling of food, gardening, and small business startup. If you would be interested in participating in any of these offerings, please come to an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 PM in the Activity Center. All programs will take place at the Immaculate Conception Activity Center.



KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND COURT #116 FISH DINNERS

*Fried Catfish, Potato Salad, Sweet Peas, Slice Bread and Dessert*

Fridays: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Activity Center -1565 Curtis St. Baton Rouge, La.

\$15.00 per plate: 10am – 2pm

For orders and deliveries, please contact: Jessica Semien-Olive - (225) 270-5454 -- David Dartez- (225)288-3437



Happy Birthday

PEARL	ANDREWS	2/11
WILLIAM	BROWN	2/11
FRANKIE ANN	EAGLIN	2/11
MATTHEW	LEWIS	2/11
ZEPHRII	PRINCE	2/11
MARLON	RICHARDSON	2/11
CHRISTINA	RICHARDSON	2/11
TERRIN	SAMPEY	2/11
LENORA	ALLEN	2/12
EVELLA	QUIETT	2/12
BRIAN	JINKENS	2/13
LAMAR	SMITH	2/13
ELLIS	HERRING	2/14
WARREN	RUSSEL	2/14
MASON	WASHINGTON	2/14
STEPHANIE	YEARBY	2/14
BENNIE	BELL, III	2/15
REGINA	BOWIE	2/15
MARY ANN	NED	2/15
SHARON	FLORIDA	2/16
EMMANUEL	UNAEZE	2/16
HAROLD	MARSELLUS	2/17
JOYCE	METEVIA	2/17

THE ANNUAL HENRY BELLAIRE MEMORIAL SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

The members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta Iota Lambda Chapter

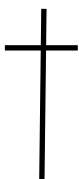
Invite You To:

The Annual Henry Bellaire Memorial Senior Citizen Dinner  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Activity Center  
1565 Curtis St. - Baton Rouge, La. 70807

Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Doors will open at 11:30 AM

Lunch will be served at 12 noon

**COME SOCIALIZE, ENJOY DOOR PRIZES,  
AND GREAT FOOD**



Mass Readings

February 11th - February 18th

Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32; 1 Cor 10:31--11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

Monday

Jas 1:1-11; Psalm 119

Gospel: Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Psalm 94

Gospel Mk 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2

Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Psalm 1

Gospel: Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Psalm 51

Gospel: Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Psalm 86

Gospel: Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

**First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 9:8-15; Psalm 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22

Gospel: Mk 1:12-15



Lenten Devotions



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On Fridays of Lent (excluding Good Friday) we will celebrate Mass at 5:15 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM.

The Little Black Books with the page a day meditation are available in the foyer of the church.

Bible Study is on Monday evenings at 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom, and on Thursday morning in person in the Activity Center at 10:30 AM.

The Rosary is prayed on Wednesdays via Conference Call (617) 769-8305.

If anyone would like to organize a group of friends or ministry co-workers for a day of recollection, please see Father Clark for materials.