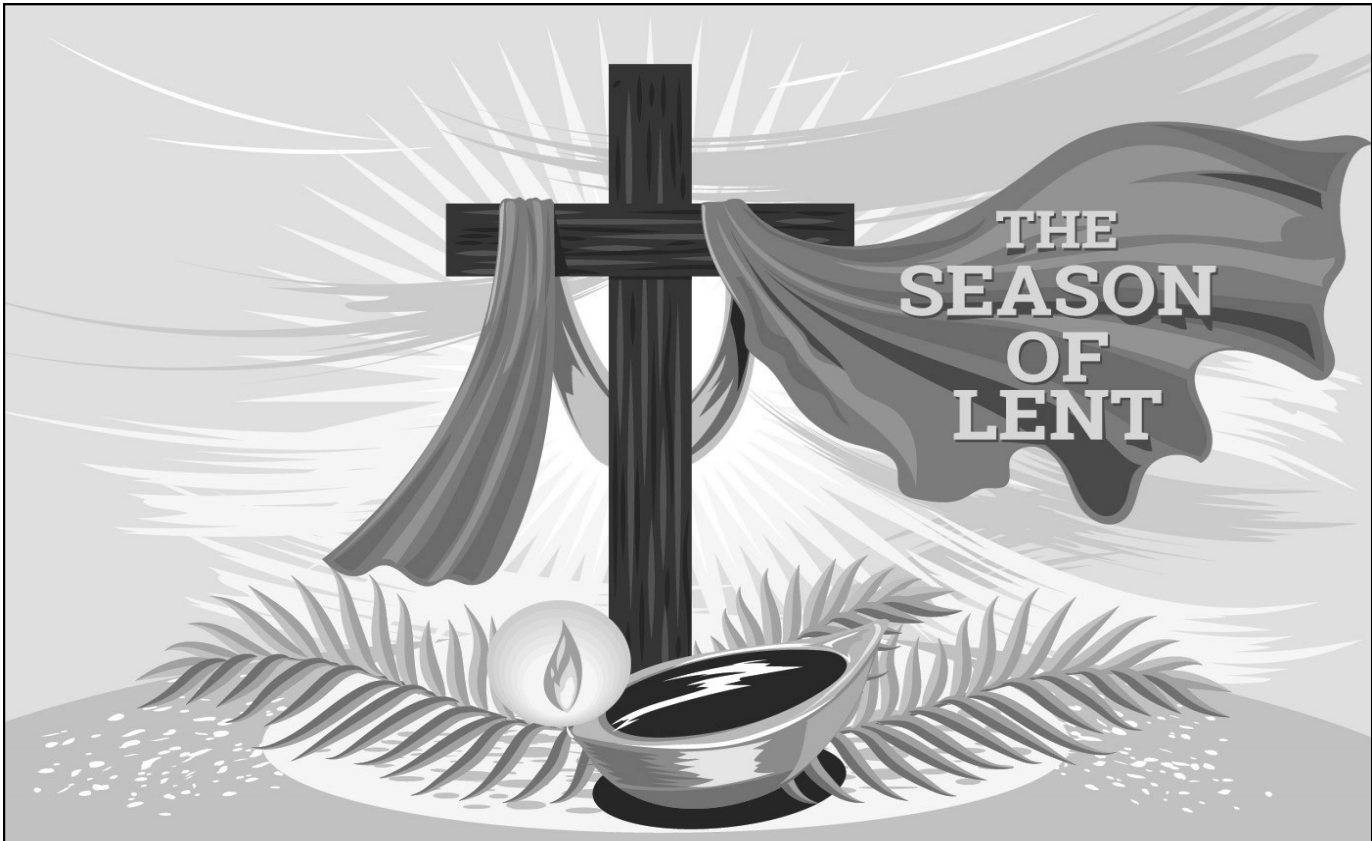


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

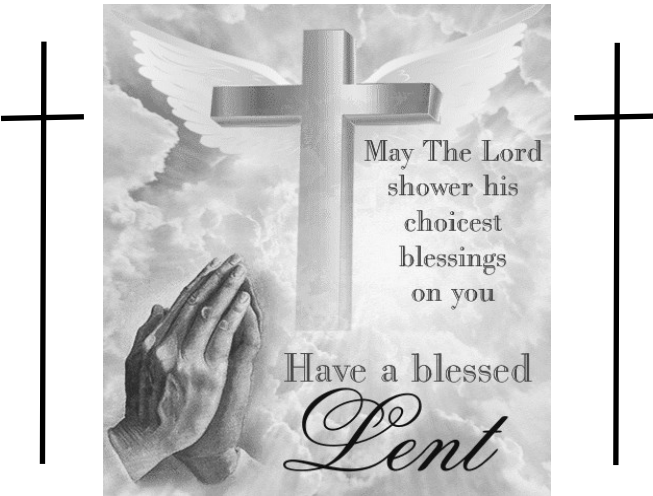
NEW PARISHIONERS: Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

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 Winder428-5981
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



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Mark 1:12-15

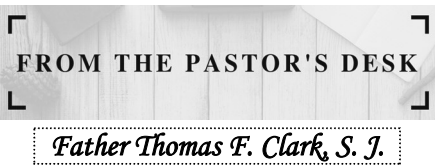
Each of us struggles with temptation daily, and it is standard to often feel alone in that battle. In this passage, the “wilderness” and “beasts” are metaphorical representations of the chaos and obstacles which impede on us as we stumble through life, bearing our burdens. The ability to turn to scripture and see Jesus facing the same difficulties is a comforting reminder that we are not alone in our struggles. In Jesus’ example, in fact, we find that the wilderness is not a place to be feared, but one of great hope! It is a place of revelation and of intimacy. In our darkest moments, when we are alone and most in need of God, he appears to us. Yes, Jesus was by himself among beasts, exhausted from battling Satan’s temptations, but at the same time “the angels ministered to Jesus.” God was on his side, and for this reason, Jesus emerged from the wilderness in proclamation.

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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



LET US WALK WITH OUR CANDIDATES
FOR FULL COMMUNION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



During this season of Lent, we will walk with our candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church, as they embark on the final leg of their journey that will culminate in their profession of faith, Confirmation, and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on March 30. Please pray for Lacey Hardy Brown and Knakita McMullen-Llorens as they go to the cathedral this afternoon to be recognized by Bishop Duca as candidates for the Easter sacraments.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Let us keep this season of Lent prayerful and attentive to the Lord.

These are various devotions and activities that you may find helpful on your Lenten journey.

DAILY MASS: Monday through Thursday at 12:10 PM in the MLK Catholic Student Center
BIBLE STUDY: Monday at 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom and Thursdays at 10:30 AM in person
ROSARY: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Conference Call
MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, Mass at 5:15 PM and Stations at 6:00 PM
SATURDAY PRAYER WALK: After Vigil Mass at approx. 5:15 PM, walk in neighborhood praying with our neighbors.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 PM
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM and each Saturday at 3:00-3:30 PM.

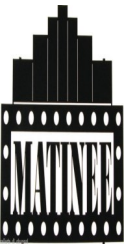


CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Parishioners are invited to wear African dress to the Masses next weekend, February 24-25, as we bring our celebration of Black History month to a close.



TODAY TODAY TODAY
SUNDAY MOVIE MATINEE



The Ladies Auxiliary of the KPC and the parish hospitality committee present JUST MERCY this afternoon at 2:00 PM. Just Mercy is a 2019 film that explores the work of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson who represents poor people on death row in the South. Featured is his work with Walter McMillan, who had been wrongfully convicted of a murder of a young woman. The film is based on Stevenson's 2014 eponymous memoir, in which he explored his journey to making his life's work the defense of African American prisoners.



2024 KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER SCHOLARSHIP



Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 14th annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a **MALE APPLICANT** from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up in the rear of the church, by contacting the parish secretary, or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com. The application deadline is April 30, 2024. Thanks, Aubrey Jones, Chairman. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones at 504.810.3555 or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com.

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

FRANCES	CROGRAM	2/18
JOSEPH	DOUCETTE	2/18
KENNETH	HARRIS	2/18
RONALD	BELLIAZERE	2/19
SOPHIE	DUBRIEL	2/19
MAKAYLIA	ASKEW	2/20
JUANITA	RICHARD	2/20
ZION	STEWART	2/20
ZANETTA	AUGUSTINE	2/21
STEPHEN	BRISCO JR.	2/22
ERIC	TOLES	2/22
JULIET	BETTS	2/23
BRYON	JACKSON, JR.	2/23
JANIYAH	LEWIS	2/23
TERRI	WHITE	2/23
STACEY	RICHARDSON	2/24
ELOYS	SAMUELS	2/24
JOHN	TOUSSAINT	2/24

SU GOSPEL CHOIR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY



The Southern University Gospel Choir will sing at Memorial Chapel of Harvard University in Cambridge MA on Saturday, February 17, at 5:00 PM. The concert will be live streamed on the Memorial Chapel You Tube Channel. We wish them travelling blessings and grace to minister well!

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
1565 Curtis St. - Baton Rouge, La. 70807
Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Dinner will be served at 12 noon

COME SOCIALIZE, ENJOY DOOR PRIZES,
AND GREAT FOOD



Mass Readings

February 18th - February 25th

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

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

Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Psalm 34

Gospel Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Psalm 51

Gospel: Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter

1 Pt 5:1-4; Psalm 23

Gospel: Mt 16:13-19

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Psalm 130

Gospel: Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Psalm 119

Gospel: Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116

Rom 8:31b-34; Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

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.