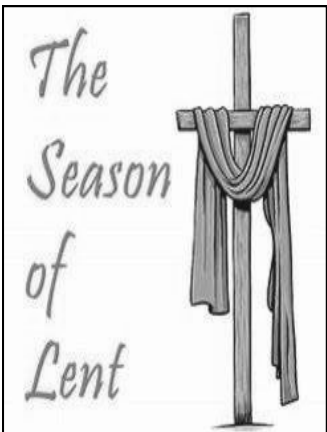
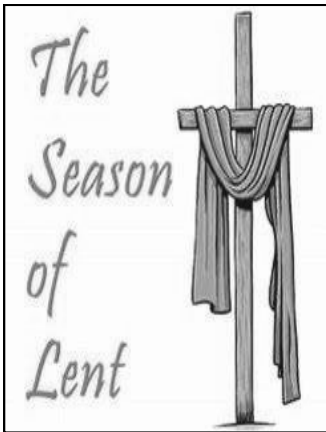


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

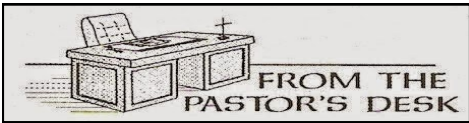
To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara 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: Deidra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

○ Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.



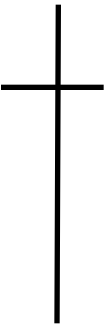


Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Fridays at 5:30 PM: Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration with Stations of the Cross
Walking Warriors: Saturdays at 7:30 AM leaving from MLK Catholic Student Center
Reflection on MLK Speeches: Saturdays in March at 10:00-11:30 AM in Activity Center
Small Faith Sharing Community: Gather a group of friends or church members and have a day (or half day) of reflection at someone's house or at church. We provide materials.
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays at 3:00-3:30 PM and Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 PM
KPC/LA: Lenten Fish Fry, Fridays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 PM via Zoom and Thursdays at 10:30 AM in person
Rosary: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Conference Call 351-999-4344



PRAYER PARTNERS DURING LENT



Would you like a prayer partner for Lent? Place your name in the basket in the foyer of the church and we will match you up with a prayer partner. Pray for them secretly through Lent and tell them at Easter that you have been praying for them!

PRAYER FOR OUR CATCHUMEN, TERYN DEROUEN



Tyra DeRouen is entering into the final leg of her journey to Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Today she will participate in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral and along with other catechumens of the Diocese she will be chosen or "elected" by Bishop Duca to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We journey with her as we ask God to stir into flame the grace of our own Baptism when we renew our Baptismal promises at Easter. Please reach out to Teryn during Lent to let her know that you are praying for her!

TRI-PARISH REVIVAL-MARCH 6, 7, 8



Father John Judie, a native of New Orleans and a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky will preach our Tri-Parish Revival on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 6, 7, 8. The services will begin at 6:00 PM on Monday at Saint Paul, on Tuesday at Saint Francis Xavier, and on Wednesday at Immaculate Conception. The Revival has been one of our most loved events. We are so happy to be able to present it again after a couple of years pause due to Covid.

THANK YOU



Sincere Thanks to Father Clark and the Immaculate Conception Church Family. Please accept our deepest appreciation for the support, kindness, and love that you extended to us during the loss of our loved ones. Your prayers, encouraging words and various other expressions of sympathy have sustained us during these difficult times. We appreciate all of you. God Bless and keep us and our family in your prayers.
With Sincere Gratitude, Parishioners Barbara A. Dunbar & Rita D. Baranco

2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Thank you for your participation in the Christmas Mass schedule survey. We overwhelmingly voted to have Christmas Mass during the Night at an earlier hour. There is a preference to have Christmas Morning Mass at 9:00 AM. Therefore, our 2023 Christmas Mass Schedule will be: Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM, Candlelight Mass during the Night at 8:00 PM, and Morning Mass at 9:00 AM.



Happy Birthday

MONIQUE	BROOKS	2/26
MAXINE	DOUCETTE	2/26
JOSEPH	HANEY	2/26
DOMINIQUE	ROBINSON	2/26
BEVERLY	YEARBY	2/26
JOCELYN	ANDERSON	2/27
LAUREN	ANDERSON	2/27
JOERENA	HOWARD	2/27
ELIZABETH	BORNE	2/28
GERALD	CHARLES	2/28
ANTHONY	FLEURY	2/28
EARNISTEEN	SPENCER	2/28
PAULINE	TOUSSAINT	2/28
JOYCE	JOHNSON	2/29
CATHLEEN	DEROGERS	3/1
JESSICA	JONES	3/1
LAURA	SCOTT	3/1
ASHLEY	STATION	3/1
MEGANN	THOMPSON	3/1
LA TRICE	WILTZ	3/1
DARRELL	DUPUY	3/1
SHELTON	DYER, JR.	3/2
KRYSTIE	THOMAS	3/2
LINDA	WALKER	3/2
WALTER	CRAIG III	3/4
KALLI	GREGORY	3/4
ALYSHA	LEWIS	3/4
JARVIS	SANDERS	3/4

PARISH MOVIE DAY

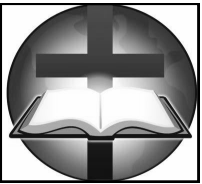


Our next Parish Movie Day will be on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 PM. We will show the movie, **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever**. Enjoy a Sunday matinee with popcorn, snacks, and prizes!

MLK CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
MONTHLY COLLECTION



This weekend and every fourth weekend, we will have our second collection for the support of the MLK Catholic Student Center and our ministry to Southern's campus. We appreciate your generosity.



Mass Readings

February 26th - March 5th

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalms 51; Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

Monday

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

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Psalms 34

Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Psalm 51

Gospel: Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12,14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138

Gospel: Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Psalms 130

Gospel: Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Psalms 119

Gospel: Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Psalms 33; 2Tm 1:8b-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

