

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

MLK BIRTHDAY PROGRAM



We will celebrate the Birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 20, following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Activity Center. Light finger food will be served before the program. Please plan to come and celebrate this "Drum Major for Justice." Now, more than ever, he stands as a beacon of truth, justice and love.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



Due to the Clergy Formation Days that Fr. Clark will be attending on January 14, 15, 16, 17, we will move our Parish Council of Ministries meeting to Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Father Clark asks that all chairs of parish ministries and organization plan to be in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting and an agenda will be mailed out before the meeting date.

FATHER CLARK AT CLERGY FORMATION DAYS



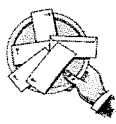
Father Clark will be joining with the priests of the diocese on the annual Clergy Formation Days from Monday, January 14 to Thursday, January 17. During those days, there will be a Communion Service at the MLK Catholic Student Center chapel at 12:10 PM on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no 7:30 AM Mass on Tuesday, January 15th.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JANUARY 28



Bible Study will resume on Monday, January 28, in the Ministry Building. We will be previewing the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We will give a short background of each reading to help us understand it better, explore the relationship between the first reading and the Gospel reading, and discuss and pray about its meaning for us in our daily lives. Please bring a Bible. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018

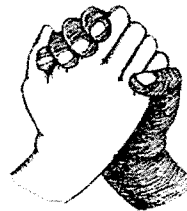


Parishioners who would like a copy of their church contributions for 2017, please fill out the form located in the vestibule of the church titled, CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/2018 and place it in the box next to the forms. Your information will be mailed to you. Those who contribute online may download a statement of their contribution from the We Share website. Thanks



Announcements and Upcoming Events

ST. JOSEPH SPIRITUALITY CENTER OFFERS CROSSROADS ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP



On February 15, 16, and 17, St. Joseph Spirituality Center will offer a 2 and 1/2 day workshop designed to reveal how systemic racism plays a role in often unseen ways, creating barriers to true multicultural diversity and racial justice. The Crossroads team of ministers will help participants struggle with tough questions and equip them with the skills to dismantle racism. For more information go to www.stjocenter.org Register by calling or emailing the Center at 225-588-9936 or dianne@stjocenter.org Cost of the workshop is \$250.00. Reduced rates or scholarships are available as needed.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 10, 2019 - 2:00 PM
St. George Church, 7808 St. George Drive, B.R., La. 70809
Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant of the Mass

Honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Kleinpeter Activity Center. Registration forms are located in the back of the church. Please return the completed form to the secretary or you can mail or fax the form to the address below.

25th & 50th Anniversary Celebration
Marriage & Family Life Office
P.O. Box 2028
Baton Rouge, La. 70821
FAX: 225-336-8731
The deadline for sending in the completed form is Wed., January 30, 2019.



IN MEMORIAM GIFTS

If anyone would be interested in exploring the possibility of donating one of the pieces in the sanctuary (presider's chair, pulpit, or tabernacle stand), please see Father Clark to discuss this. These objects could have a donation plaque with the name of a loved one and your name as donor.



Happy Birthday



Table listing names and birth dates for birthday celebrations.

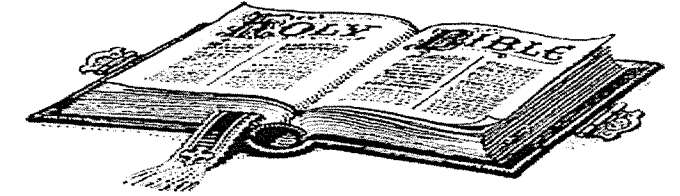
Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

RENOVATION UPDATE: MASS IN ACTIVITY CENTER NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, January 19-20, we will begin to celebrate Mass in the Parish Activity Center. All three Masses--including the 10:30 AM Mass--will be in the Activity Center. We will experiment with having the 10:30 AM Mass in the Activity Center and see if it works. If it does not work, we will move it to accommodate our needs.

The MLK holiday--January 21--will be a Church Day of Service. We will use the day to move as much as we can into the Activity Center and into storage. Please plan to join us that day and volunteer some hours to our church effort.

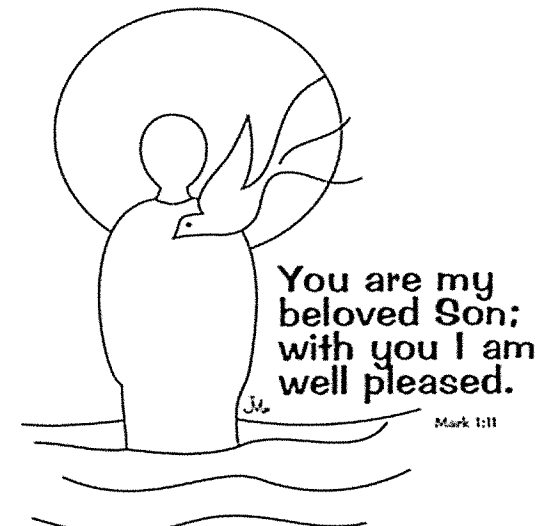
Please remember that during the renovation we will be a full service Church with Sunday Mass, daily Mass, funerals, weddings, baptisms, and full pastoral care. Your presence is very important during this time! We need to support one another during this journey!



Mass Readings

January 13th - January 20th
Sunday
The Baptism of The Lord
Isiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday
Heb. 1:1-6; Psalm 97
Gospel: Matt. 1:14-20
Tuesday
Heb. 2:5-12; Psalm 8
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday
Heb. 2:14-18; Psalm 105
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
Thursday
Heb. 3:7-14; Psalm 95
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45
Friday
Heb. 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
Saturday
Heb. 4:12-16; Psalm 19
Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
Sunday
Isiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Cor. 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

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



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

MARK E. DEAN



Mark E. Dean was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee on March 2, 1957. He is an American inventor and computer engineer. Dean holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree in electrical engineering from Florida Atlantic University and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He is the first African-American to become an IBM Fellow, which is the highest level of technical excellence at the company. In 1997, he was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Currently, he is the interim dean of the Tickle College of Engineering and is the John Fisher Distinguished Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Tennessee. He was previously CTO for IBM Middle East and Africa and was an IBM Vice President overseeing the company's Almaden Research Center in San Jose, California prior to that. Dean now holds more than 20 patents. Dean was part of the team that developed the interior architecture (ISA systems bus) that enables multiple devices, such as modems and printers, to be connected to personal computers.

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
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Juliet Betts - Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Bea Leonard.....	355-5027
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.....	774-3277
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

God, make me an open vessel through which the waters of your Spirit flow freely. Let your love move through me and out into my world, touching everyone I come in contact with. Express your joy through the special talents you have given me, that others may come to know your presence in their own lives by witnessing your presence in mine. Amen.

