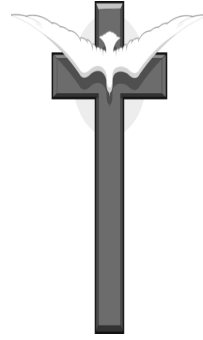
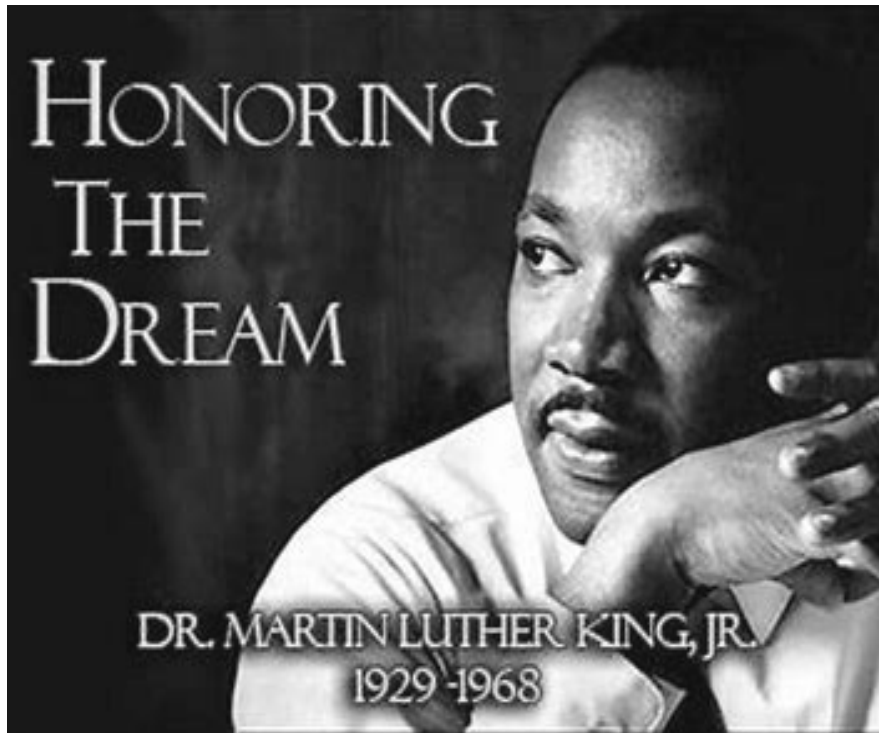
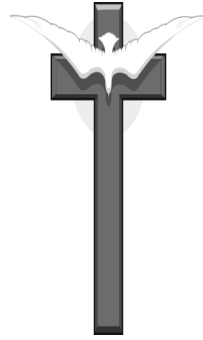


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 DeRouen	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder	428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....	775-7067
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: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, your grace can refresh and renew me with the living water of hope and faith. Please help me live fully the life you have given me. Amen.





PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. There will be a light supper served from 6:00 PM. All chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations should plan to attend.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has asked that Catholics observe the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 26, 2020) as Sunday of the Word of God. He asks that that Sunday be dedicated to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God in the Bible. We ask that on that Sunday, January 26, you bring your Bible with you to church. We will have a special prayer of blessing of our bibles and dedicate ourselves to the study and living out of the Word of God in the year ahead.



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DePAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul at Immaculate Conception will be collecting items from parishioners to distribute to the homeless shelters in the Baton Rouge area. We will be collecting items in the Activity Center on February 9th during the Parish Ministry Fair. The shelters are in need of the following items:

- Personal Hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and deodorant)
- Towels (various sizes)
- Twin sheet set
- Socks (Children and adult sizes)

Additionally, we are recruiting new members to join our society; applications are available in the back of the church and in the Activity Center.

BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY

The next Bible Study will be on Monday, January 27. There will be no Bible Study on Monday, January 20, due to the MLK Birthday holiday.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

No PSR Classes Sunday, January 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



SAVE THE DATES!!

Please keep the following dates in mind. **January 26:** Anointing of the Sick; **February 1:** First Confessions; **February 9:** Parish Ministry Fair; **February 26:** Ash Wednesday; **March 2, 3, 4** Tri-Parish Lenten Revival; **April 5:** Palm Sunday; **April 12:** Easter Sunday; **April 30:** Confirmation; **May 16:** First Holy Communion.



DAYS OF PRAYER AND ADORATION

The Day of Prayer that we observed on December 13 was very popular and many have asked that we have more opportunities for prayer like it. So, on the first Friday of each month we will celebrate Mass at 12:10 PM in the church (instead of MLK) and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and quiet prayer until 7:00 PM. The first day of prayer will be Friday, February 7. As the date approaches, we will be asking for volunteers to commit to an hour of prayer.



WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

HEALTHY TIDBIT: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s autopsy results insinuated that his 39 year old heart resembled a 60 year old's heart. His heart's aged appearance was attributed to his 13 year stressful involvement with the Civil Rights Movement. Stress is a normal and positive physical, mental and emotional reaction to



life experiences. However, when your body, mind and spirit become overworked and overwhelmed without regular periods of relaxation or relief, you develop chronic stress symptoms like or complications with headaches, insomnia, stomach upset, heartburn, skin conditions, depression, anxiety, muscle tension, overeating, under-eating, cigarette smoking, social withdrawal, alcohol or drug abuse, high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, and/or a weakened immune system. An assassin's bullet ended Dr. King's life too soon; but, the chronic stresses from institutional systemic change, sleep deprivation, frequent travel, long work days/missions, imprisonments, personal/family death threats, lengthy separations from family — coupled with cigarette smoking, regular eating/drinking of fried and lard-cooked Southern comfort foods and Coca Cola, worrying and depression — were the "silent stress killers" that quickly deteriorated Dr. King's physical, mental and emotional health. pbs.org, mayoclinic.org, webmd.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our ICCC 9th-12th Graders are invited to a "Minute to Win It" Game Night on Saturday, January 25 from 6PM-8PM in the Activity Center. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be served. This event is the first of many more get-togethers to come for YOU!



Happy Birthday

ROBERT	PRESTON	1/19
LEONARD	SCOTT	1/19
MICHELLE	BEASLEY	1/20
LOIS	COCKERHAM	1/20
CHRISTINE	JONES	1/20
EDWARD	LEWIS	1/20
MARGEUX	WALKER	1/20
BRANDY	COLEMAN	1/21
DENA	CHRISTY	1/21
ERIN	DURLEY	1/21
BRADLEY	LEWIS	1/21
LAWRENCE	NAVARRE, SR.	1/21
CARMEN	PATRICK	1/21
DANIEL	BARNES	1/22
RAFFEAL	BENNETT	1/22
STEPHANIE	ROSAYA	1/22
DONALD	BALTAZAR	1/23
JAYDE	ENCALADE	1/23
CHRYSTLE	JONES	1/23
HORACE	LEWIS	1/23
THOMAS	WALKER, JR.	1/23
GLORIA	BURRELL	1/24
WALTER	ENNIS, IV	1/24
TONYA	STEWART	1/24
RODRICK	CLAIBORNE	1/25
PAULA	SAMUEL	1/25
KATIE	SMITH	1/25

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019

Parishioners who would like a copy of their church contributions for 2019, please fill out the form located in the vestibule of the church titled, **CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/2019** 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



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is underway. Father Clark asks that you consider a donation to this appeal. Bishop Duca has expressed his desire to dedicate some of the funds to campus ministry in the diocese. That means that the MLK Catholic Student Center could benefit from this appeal and that our funding from the diocese be increased. Please support this appeal. Envelopes are in the foyer of the church. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Baton Rouge/Bishop's Appeal and mailed to the Diocese.



Mass Readings

January 19th- January 26th
Is 49:3,5-6; Psalm 40; I Cor. 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34
Monday
I Sm 15:16-23; Psalm 50
Gospel: Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday
I Sm 16:1-13; Psalm 89
Gospel: Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday
I Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144
Gospel: Mk 3:1-6
Thursday
I Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56
Gospel: Mk 3:7-12
Friday
I Sm 24:3-21; Psalm 57
Gospel: Mk 3:13-19
Saturday
The Conversion of Saint Paul
Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117
Gospel: Mk 16:15-18
Sunday
Is 8:23--9:3; Psalm 27; I Cor. 1:10-13,17
Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

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

