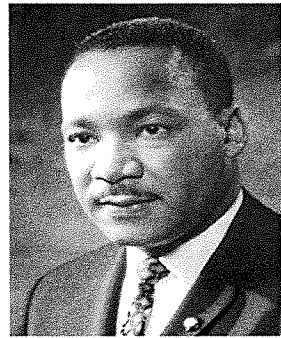


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
 Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

CELEBRATE



Live Your Dream

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a powerful and inspiring civil rights activist of the early 1960s, who played a huge role in the way we accept and treat each other, regardless of race or gender.

Dr. King is widely known today as an American activist who consistently and effectively advocated for peace, love, and equality among all people. He was a man of high faith and morale, which set him apart from the many other activists of this time.

Strength To Love, 1963

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil -- hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars -- must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 I've Been To The Mountaintop, April 3, 1968**

Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE



We shall observe the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend, January 20. We will commemorate Dr. King in the opening statement, the homily, the Universal Prayer and the music. This year is the 90th anniversary of his birth.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH



On Monday, January 21, we will have a Day of Service for our parish church as we prepare the church building for the renovation. Our sincere thanks to all the parishioners and the Knights of Peter Claver who worked last week to move the things we need for Mass into the Parish Activity Center. On Monday, we will pack up all the things we will not be using into boxes and bins and move them to storage. We will appreciate the help of as many persons as possible. We will begin work at 9:00 AM.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON FEBRUARY 4

Bible Study will resume on Monday, February 4, at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. We will be reading, studying, discussing, and praying about the readings of the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a Bible, preferably the New American Bible, revised edition.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018

Parishioners who would like a copy of their church contributions for 2018, please fill out the form located in the vestibule of the church titled, **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** 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

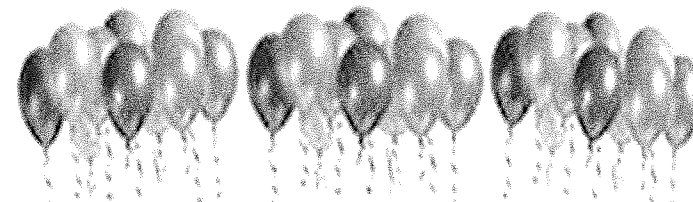
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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.

Happy Birthday

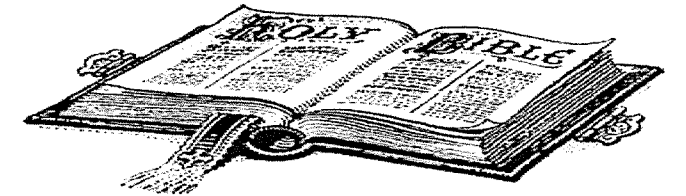


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| CHRISTINE | JONES | 1/20 |
| EDWARD | LEWIS | 1/20 |
| MARGEUX | WALKER | 1/20 |
| BRANDY | COLEMAN | 1/21 |
| DENA | CHRISTY | 1/21 |
| ERIN D. | DURLEY | 1/21 |
| BRADLEY | LEWIS | 1/21 |
| LAWRENCE | NAVARRE, SR. | 1/21 |
| CARMEN | PATRICK | 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 |
| ELLA | RICHARDSON | 1/24 |
| TONYA | STEWART | 1/24 |
| PAULA | SAMUEL | 1/25 |
| KATIE | SMITH | 1/25 |
| ANNE | BALTAZAR | 1/26 |
| ADDYSON | FORT | 1/26 |
| GAIL | JOHNSON | 1/26 |
| JANICE | JOSEPH | 1/26 |
| DENITRA | PERKINS | 1/26 |
| MEGAN | WILTZ | 1/26 |

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Fr. Clark is asking the Parish Council of Ministries to meet on Monday, January 28 at 6:30 PM with a light supper served from 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the MLK Catholic Student Center due to the fact that we are using the Activity Center as our temporary church. We need to change the meeting night because the SU Gospel Choir practices at MLK on Tuesday evenings. This will mean that Bible Study will begin on Monday, February 4. Fr. Clark asks for the patience and understanding of all as we accommodate our renovation.



Mass Readings

January 20th - January 27th

Sunday

Isiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Cor. 12:4-11
 Gospel: John 2:1-11

Monday

Heb. 5:1-10; Psalm 110
 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb. 6:10--20; Psalm 111
 Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb. 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110
 Gospel: Mark 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb. 7:25--8:6; Psalm 40
 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

Friday

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-18

Saturday

2 Tim. 1:1-8; Psalm 96
 Gospel: Mark 3:20-21

Sunday

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-30
 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

WE ARE A FULL SERVICE CHURCH DURING OUR RENOVATION



Please know that during the renovation we are a full service church! We will celebrate Sunday Mass and daily Mass as usual. We will have the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) each Saturday at 3:00-3:30 PM in the Activity Center. We will celebrate funerals and weddings (after a six month preparation) in whatever church a family chooses. The funeral or wedding will be celebrated by the ministers of Immaculate Conception. Repasts may take place at the MLK Center. Baptisms will take place at the chapel at MLK. Remember, most of all, we need you during this renovation. Your presence and support is invaluable to us!

BISHOP DUCA VISITS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27



Bishop Duca will celebrate with us next Sunday, January 27 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Following Mass, we will have a blessing of our renovation project. We welcome Bishop Duca as he makes his first visit to our parish at this important moment in our parish history.

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Honor King's lasting legacy by reading 15 of his most poignant quotes—some you may have heard already and some you probably haven't—but all of them are worth repeating and contemplating on this holiday of remembrance, service and equality.

1. "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."
2. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
4. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."
5. "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
6. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
7. "Never succumb to the temptation of bitterness."
8. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
9. "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."
10. "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
11. "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle."
12. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."
13. "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."
14. "Let no man pull you so low as to hate him."
15. "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

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:.....	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: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

Give me the tools for building peace, O God, when tempers flare. Needed tools include a kind of heart and faith that measures each tiny rebuilt bridge a triumph. Amen.

