

Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.

WELCOME, BISHOP DUCA



We welcome Bishop Michael Duca as he celebrates 10:30 AM Mass for us and leads us in a blessing of our renovation project following Mass in the church. If you attend the 4:00 PM or the 8:00 AM Masses we invite you to come back at about 12:15 PM and join us in the church for the blessing and an opportunity to meet and greet Bishop Duca.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP!

Words cannot express our gratitude to all the members of the church who assisted in our move out of the church and into the Activity Center. The generosity of so many made this huge task manageable. We all owe a large debt of gratitude to Mr. Ron Q. Lewis who has given so much time and energy to the coordination of the project. He has been working tirelessly to insure that all goes smoothly and on schedule. Thanks to Mrs. Walterine Whitfield and the Beautification Committee for packing up the supplies in the church and for decorating our temporary worship space. We appreciate the efforts of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary who have assisted so generously. Thanks to Carl Thierry who built our altar and Dwayne Thierry who built the pulpit. Thanks to all the members of the parish who have volunteered, especially the 40 parishioners who came out on MLK day. Without you, we could not have done it!

SAVE THE DATE! OUR LENTEN REVIVAL

Our Lenten Revival with Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Paul the Apostle Churches will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 11, 12, and 13. Bishop Ferd Cheri, the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, will be our revival preacher. Make plans now to attend all three nights and bring a friend!

ARCHBISHOP LYKE CONFERENCE

The annual Archbishop Lyke Conference will take place on July 2-6, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Details of the conference will be posted on the bulletin board. There will be an opportunity to travel to conference by a chartered bus.

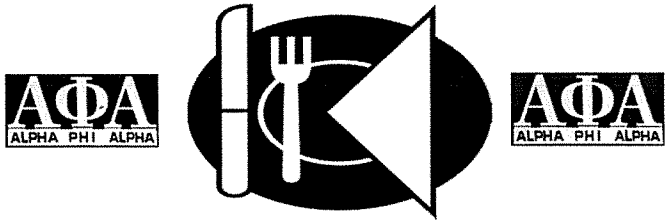
PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

The Parish Council of Ministries will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM at the MLK Catholic Student Center. Refreshments will be served from 6:00PM. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY.** Councilors have been mailed an agenda and minutes of the last meeting.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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
Greater King David Baptist Church
222 Blount Road, Baton Rouge, La.
Saturday, February 23, 2019 -- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



JOURNEY OF Faith

THE KNOTS PRAYER

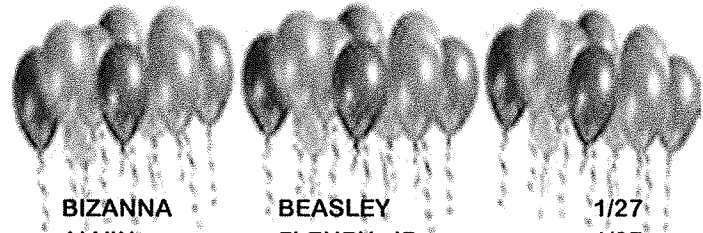
Dear God, please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots, and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God, I ask, that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen.

Happy Birthday

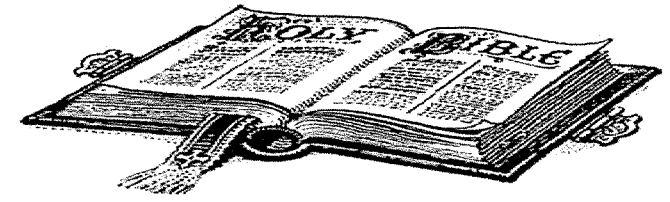


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ALVIN	FLEURY, JR.	1/27
NYRA	LANDRY	1/27
ANTHONY	LUMBARD	1/27
FELESHA	ROBERTSON	1/27
JONAHAN	SMITH	1/27
JACIEN	DOTSON	1/28
ABRAM	HAYNES	1/28
SONIA	ALLISON	1/29
ALRITA	FORD	1/29
SENTORIA	FOSTER	1/29
MILLIE	PRICE	1/29
COURTNEY	ROBINSON	1/29
RENITA	BOUDREAUX	1/30
CAROLYN	CARTER	1/30
NICHOLAS	MONTGOMERY	1/30
CARRIE	CHRISTY	1/31
RAYLAND	CRAIG	1/31
TRISTYN	DEROUEN	1/31
WILLIE	SANDERS, JR.	1/31
SHARYN	WILCOX	1/31
THERESA	WILLIAMS	1/31
JACQUELYN	THOMAS	2/1
JOYCE	GARNER	2/1
EARL	MARCELLE	2/1
BRANDEN	PORCHE, JR.	2/1
ALTON	STATION, JR.	2/1
JOSEPH	CARMEN	2/2
RACHAEL	DEROUEN	2/2
DARREN	LONDON	2/2
CALVIN	THIERRY	2/2
TYLER	NAVARRÉ	2/2
MAYA	URBINA	2/2

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018

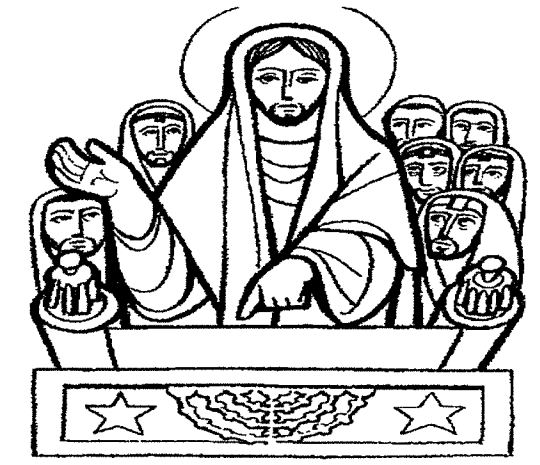
Parishioners who would like a copy of their church contributions for 2018, please fill out the form located in the vestibule of the church titled, **CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/2018** and place it in the box next to the forms. Your information will be mailed to you. Those who contribute online may download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



Mass Readings

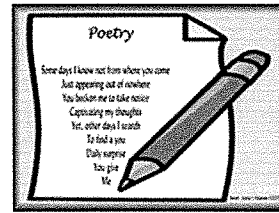
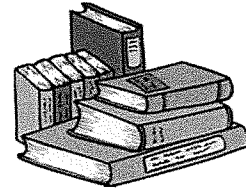
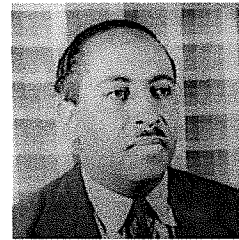
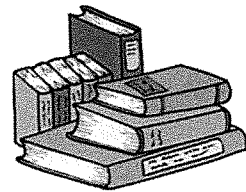
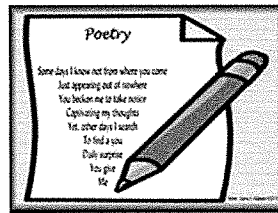
January 27th - February 3rd
Sunday
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday
Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb. 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98; 2Tim. 1:10
Gospel: Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday
Heb. 10:1-10; Psalm 40
Gospel: Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday
Heb. 10:11-18; Psalm 110
Gospel: Mark 4:1-20
Thursday
Heb. 10:19-25; Psalm 24
Gospel: Mark 4:21-25
Friday
Heb. 10:32-39; Psalm 37
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34
Saturday
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal. 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Heb. 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Sunday
Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13

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



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Arna Wendell Bontemps



Arna Bontemps was an award-winning African American author and poet born on October 13, 1902, in Alexandria, Louisiana. He had a middle-class upbringing and was the son of mixed racial heritage. While his father pushed for him to follow in his footsteps and become a mason, Bontemps had developed an early love of literature and poetry.

In 1920 he enrolled at Pacific Union College (later called UCLA), where he studied English and graduated after just three years. After graduation, Bontemps moved to New York City and took a teaching position at Harlem Academy in 1924. The move and the work quickly immersed the aspiring writer in the blooming world of the Harlem Renaissance.

Magazines such as *Opportunity* and *Crisis*—the NAACP monthly—published his poetry and awarded him prizes for his work. In 1931 Bontemps published his first novel, *God Sends Sunday*, which tells the story of the rise and fall of a black St. Louis jockey in the 1890s. The book's tale was inspired by the life of Bontemps's favorite uncle, Buddy, and it was the first of several novels built around black characters. Five years later he published the historical novel *Black Thunder*.

In 1931, Bontemps moved to Alabama, where he taught at Oakwood Junior College in Huntsville. It's there that, in addition to his novels, Bontemps also wrote two children's books, *You Can't Pet a Possum* (1934) and *Sad-Faced Boy* (1937). His most famous children's book, *Story of the Negro* (1948), was named a Newbery Honor Book by the American Library Association in 1949.

He died June 4, 1973, in Nashville, Tennessee, while working on his autobiography.

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

Heavenly Father, I am glad to have even just one companion, but you have sent me many more! I thank you for my friends and family. I am happy to have so many shoulders on which I can lean. Amen.

