

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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.

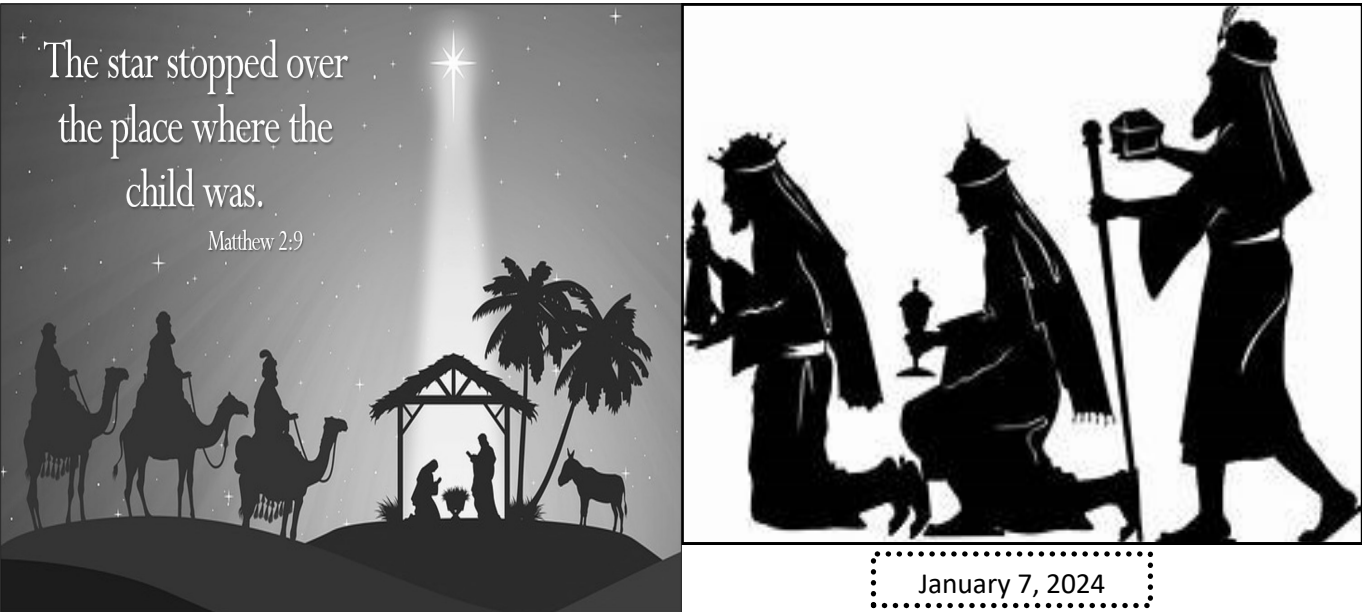
TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial Advisory Committee.

To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....778-1977
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
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: Deadra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

Dear God, I have so much to be thankful for on this Epiphany Sunday. But today I thank You for sending Your only begotten Son, that He might be the light of this world. May Jesus Christ always be the light of my life and I pray that I too will shine brightly in this world and direct others to You God. As they come to You may they be transformed and know You as their savior, Amen.



January 7, 2024

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and we have come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:1-4

The Magi's Journey is a story of hope and faith. It is a story of how a small group of people, who were strangers to one another, were able to come together and follow their hearts. They were able to do this because they were guided by a divine force. The Magi's journey is a reminder to all of us that we are not alone. We are all part of a greater community, and we can all be guided by the divine. This story is a reminder that no matter what our circumstances may be, we can always find hope and faith. The Magi's gifts were a sign of their great respect and admiration for Jesus. They were also a way of showing their willingness to follow Him and do whatever He asked. The gifts were also a way of expressing their joy and happiness at being able to meet Jesus.

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Immaculate Conception Church is a Black Catholic Church
serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.

PASTOR: Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.(225) 775-7067/(225) 773-2036

IN RESIDENCE: Father Fred Kammer, S.J.(225) 774-3241

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen(225) 936-8162

ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Stephanie Yearby(214) 881-5663

RCIA COORDINATOR: Cathy Glover(225) 772-6099

MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:

Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

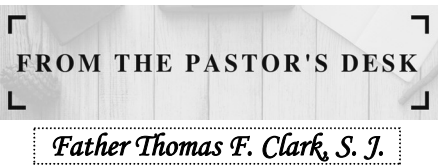
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



THE FEASTS OF THE EPIPHANY AND THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and tomorrow, Monday, January 8, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The celebration of these feasts brings to a close the Christmas season. On Tuesday, January 9, we return to Ordinary Time with its sequential reading of the Gospel of Mark on Sundays and the green vestments which signify hope and new life brought to us by the birth of Christ. This segment of Ordinary Time will last until February 13, Mardi Gras. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR CHRISTMAS SO BEAUTIFUL



Our deepest thanks to all who made our celebration of Christmas so beautiful and prayerful. Thank you to Walterine Whitfield and the Beautification Committee who decorated our sanctuary so beautifully, our choirs, musicians, soloists, and directors who truly made a “joyful noise unto the Lord,” and sang a “new song,” our altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and videographers for ministering to us in each liturgy, all those who participated in the Advent Giving Tree and all the elves who shopped and delivered, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and food pantry who assisted many families in our community, our Eucharistic ministers who brought the Body of the Lord to the sick and homebound, our Hospitality Committee who provided us with a fun-filled Christmas party and a reception on New Year’s Eve, to the parish staff who did many unseen and unsung tasks during the holidays, to all the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church who having received the Body of Christ, went out to be the Body of Christ to their family and friends, brothers and sisters. May the New Year be a blessing to us all!

VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL’S PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Father Dan White, who is the Provincial’s Pastoral Assistant, whose responsibility is to advise the Provincial on the parishes, retreat houses, and pastoral works of the Province, and will make his annual visit to our parish from January 12-15. He will be joining us for our MLK celebrations on that weekend.

MLK BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



We will celebrate the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15, with Mass at 9:00 AM followed by breakfast in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to join us as we commemorate this holiday in honor of Dr. King. At breakfast, we will listen to one of Dr. King’s speeches.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS ON FEBRUARY 4



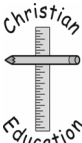
Bishop Duca will celebrate a Mass at Saint Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 1:30 PM to commemorate Black History Month. The homilist will be Rev. Gregory C. Chisholm, SJ, the Rector of the Jesuit Community at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD. Please plan to attend this first celebration at the Cathedral for Black History Month.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

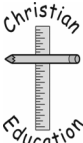


The Parish Council of Ministries will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Father Clark asks that all chairs of parish ministries and organizations make it a priority to attend. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. An agenda and minutes will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



- Parish School of Religion (PSR) reconvenes on January 7, 2024, from 9:00 am to 10:15 am.
- No PSR classes on January 14, 2024 due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Youth will serve at the Sunday Mass on January 28, at 10:30 am.



Happy Birthday

KIM	KELLY	1/7
MATTHEW	WINDER	1/7
AZRIEN-SHAI	MORGAN	1/7
JOI	BATES	1/8
MARCO	ALLEN	1/9
BRADFORD	LEWIS	1/9
MARK	HAYNES	1/10
KIM	HUDSON	1/10
JOSEPHINE	IDUSUYI	1/10
RUFUS	JACKSON	1/10
TODD	SAMUEL	1/10
ROOSEVELT	STEVENSON	1/10
CORII	WILLIAMS	1/10
ADDISON	WILSON	1/10
ANDREW	WILSON	1/10
JAMES	HERRING	1/11
JOSEPH	JACKSON	1/12
KARINA	NORWOOD	1/12
CRYSTAL	TURNER	1/12
JANELLA	YOUNGBLOOD	1/12
MELVIN	CHAVIS	1/13
BRITTNEY	SMITH	1/13

REQUEST FROM OUR POLICE OFFICERS



Sargent Timothy Daigre and Officer Anthony Augustine, who provide security for us at our weekend Masses, request that no one park in the two parking spaces on the far west side of the parking lot nearest to Curtis Street. They need to park their vehicle in those spots so that they have the best vantage point of the parking lot and the doors of the church.



Mass Readings

January 7th - January 14th

Sunday

The Epiphany of The Lord

Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

Monday

The Baptism of The Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6,7; Psalm 29

Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

I Sm 1:9-20; I Samuel 2

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

I Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

I Sm 4:1-11; Psalm 44

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

Friday

I Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89

Gospel: Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

I Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21

Gospel: Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

I Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40; I Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14

PALM SUNDAY: March 24

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31

CONFIRMATION: April 25

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: May 11

