

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Luke 10:40-42

Today’s gospel can seem confusing. Martha takes care of all the tasks involved with serving Jesus, their guest, while Mary simply sits beside Jesus listening to him speak. And yet when Martha points out that Mary is not helping, Jesus seems to say Martha ‘Stop worrying. Mary is doing the right thing’. How frustrating that must have been for Martha who welcomed Jesus in to her home and worked so hard to make sure everything was prepared for him. I think we can all relate to Martha’s plea. And the truth is that preparing for and serving guests is an essential part of hosting any visitor. However, imagine being a visitor and seeing your host so frantically worried about the details that they forget the reason for your visit, which is simply to spend time together. Jesus reminds us that the focus in serving is simply giving attention to the person in front of us. May we ask God to grant the grace to remain present to the people He puts in front of us this week.

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

Rosary Call.....617-769-8305
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
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Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:774-3661
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Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher’s Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

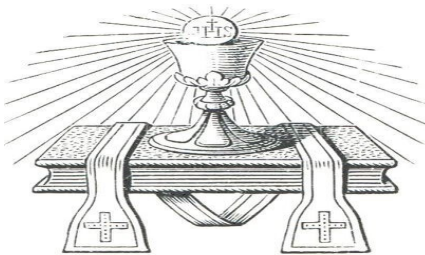
This Week’s Prayer

Holy, life-giving Spirit,
Infuse in us your ability to remain present
to your people.
Help us to be there,
To be right there,
For the people who need us.
There for young people,
There for the elderly,
There for the brokenhearted;
Fire our hearts with your life-changing presence.
Even though we know you to be everywhere and in
everything,
Give us the ability to be fully in one place at a time,
Open and ready to love.
Amen

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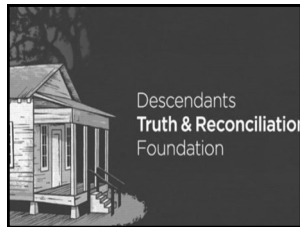
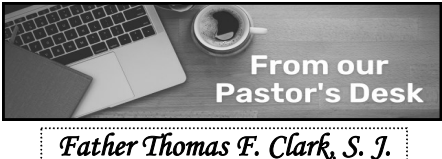
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MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:
Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



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., Fri. 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESENDENTS
OF JESUIT ENSLAVED MEN AND WOMEN

The Descendants Truth and Reconciliation Foundation, set up to provide reparations to the descendants of Jesuit enslaved men and women, is offering educational scholarships. If your family may be a descendant, look into getting certified as a descendant and apply. These scholarships are for up to \$10,000 per semester and include graduate programs as well as undergraduate. Look at the fliers posted in the foyer for more information.



CORY JACKSON, SJ TAKING FIRST VOWS

Cory Jackson who was with us for several months while he was a Jesuit novice will be taking his first vows as a Jesuit on Saturday, August 9 at Regis University in Denver. Please pray for Cory as he takes this important step in his religious formation. He will pronounce perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In September, Cory will begin studying at Saint Louis University.

Final Collection Dates for
HOLY YEAR JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Reminder for those going on our church pilgrimage to Jackson, Mississippi that the remaining collection dates are after Masses on July 19th, and July 20th with a final collection date on July 22nd. The final collection will take place from 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM on July 22nd at the MLK Center. The trip cost is \$47.00. Lunch will be on your own. Cash, check, and online payments may be made. Online payments must be completed by July 20th, 2025.

7:00 AM Leave Immaculate Conception Church
10:00 AM Arrive at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
1:00 PM Lunch at Saltine
3:00 PM Arrive at the Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle
Visit the Outdoor Shrine of
Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at the Cathedral
7:30-8:00 PM Arrive Home at ICC



PROJECTS AT ICC AND MLK



In the next few weeks, we will be undertaking some much-needed renovation projects at ICC and MLK. We will be installing a new roof on the church rectory and on MLK Catholic Student Center. We will also be ripping down the house we purchased at Curtis Street and making a driveway into the Harding Parking lot. The MLK roof is being funded by a grant from a Jesuit Province benefactor. We will also be renovating the bathrooms at MLK. Please pray for the success of these projects and for the safety of all who will be working on them.

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

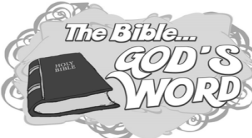
Daily Mass will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 12:10 PM at MLK Chapel.
Sunday Mass at 4:00 PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Confessions on Saturday at 3:00-3:30 PM
No Bible Study on Wednesday and Thursday in July. Resumes on August 6-7

Happy Birthday



RHONDA	DENT	7/20
SHEILA	DEROUEN	7/20
JERRICA	EAGLIN	7/20
JANIFER	GRIFFIN	7/20
DYLAN	HONORE	7/20
ORRIN	LEBLANCE, II	7/20
EDDIE LEE	SCOTT	7/20
DEE	TAYLOR	7/20
DARREN	CLARK	7/21
MICHAEL	GORDON	7/21
DARRYL	HONORE, II	7/21
MARTHA	PAYNE	7/21
EDWIN	ROBILLARD	7/22
ELTON	DEROUEN, III	7/22
ROOSEVELT	PAYNE, JR.	7/22
LASHAWN	PRUDHOMME	7/22
FREDA	RUSSELL	7/22
DAVID	SENEGAL	7/23
LARRY	BERRY	7/23
JERRARD	DUGAS	7/23
LAUREN	ST. AMANT	7/23
DWAYNE	THIERRY	7/23
SUSIE	BOUDREAUX	7/24
LARRY	BUTLER	7/24
JOY	GREEN	7/24
ROBYN	JACKSON	7/24
CHARLES	MOORE	7/24
CLAUDE	PATIN, III	7/24
ARTHUR	JONES	7/25
TRAMAINE	KENT	7/25
HARVEY	OLISON	7/25
JOSEPH	PATRICK, JR.	7/25
CASSANDRA	BENOIT	7/26
JOHN	DARJEAN	7/26
ENA	LACY	7/26
THADDEUS	SAM	7/26
JORDAN	THOMAS	7/26
APRIL	TOUSSAINT	7/26

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Mass Readings

July 20th- July 27th

Sunday

Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15
Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Monday

Exodus 14:5-18, Exodus 15
Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b, Psalm 63
Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15, Psalm 78
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b, Daniel 3
Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17

Friday

Feast of St. James the Apostle

2 Corinthians 4:7-15, Psalm 126
Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 24:3-8, Psalm 50
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138
Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel Luke 11:1-13

