

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



“If he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his

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

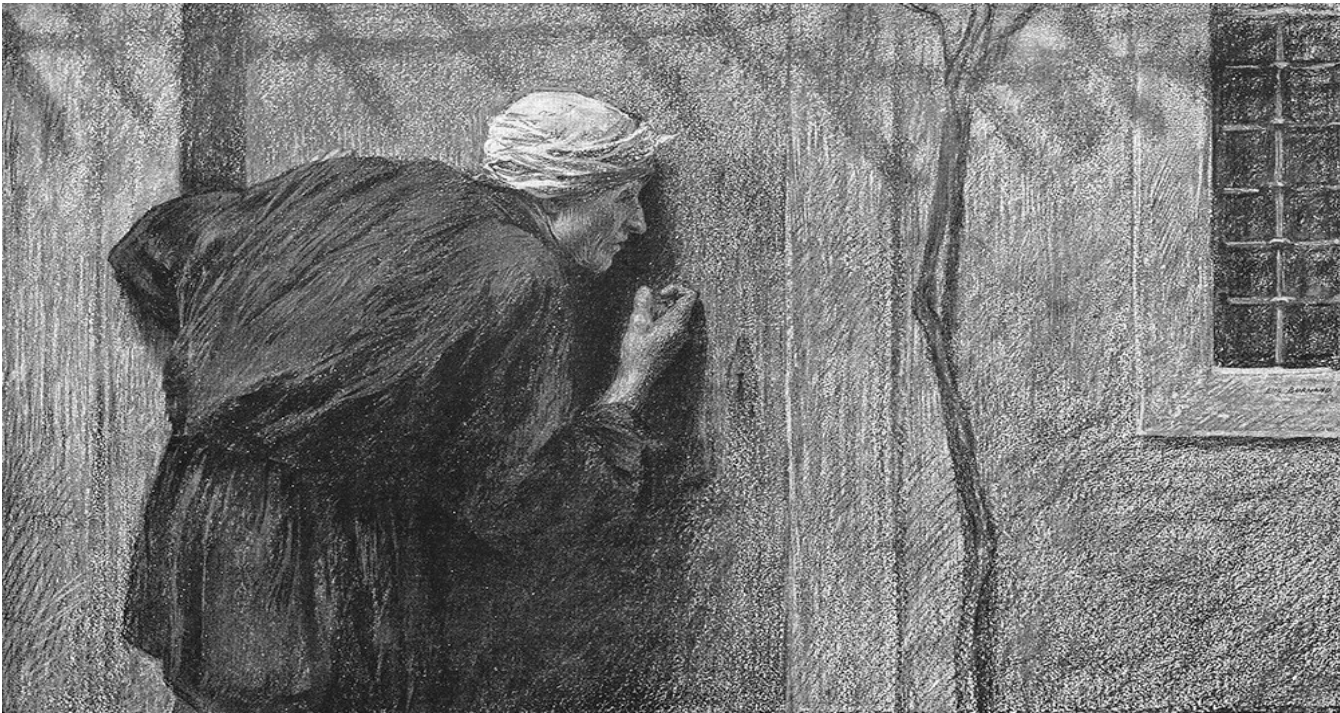
Rosary Call.....617-769-8305
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....775-5824
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

Prayer for Perseverance

*Lord, I come to you tired, burdened, and weary
knowing that you promise rest (Matthew 11:28).
Grant me rest.*

*I come to you seeking respite from the heaviness and
uncertainty. In my weakness, may you grant me
relief as I dwell in your presence. May your grace be
sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9).*

*I lay down the fear and anxiety in my heart. Lord,
strengthen me with the courage to keep going, to
continue to persevere through these difficult and try-
ing days.*



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JULY 27TH, 2025

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Lk 11:9-10

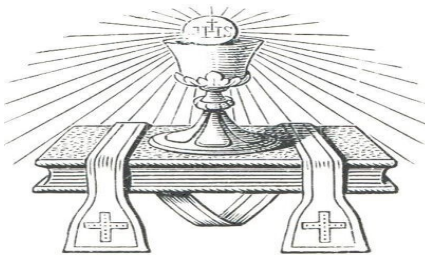
Jesus knows we will lean on Him in times of trouble and distress like the famished traveler from our Gospel who comes in late at night in need of hospitality from their supposed friend. And like the traveler, I think we can all understand the frustration that accompanies having to persist in asking for what is needed when it feels like we should only have to ask once. We might find ourselves asking our families, our friends, our government or our God for something over and over and begin to wonder if our request is falling on deaf ears. However, this persistence might be teaching us something. Persistence can help us to grow in humility—understanding that God operates on God’s time, and will grant our request when it is the best possible time for us. It may also be that we need to persevere to help refine what it is we are really looking for. And finally perseverance can help us to grow in endurance, so that we—like Jesus—can endure trials, so that we—like Jesus—may experience the Resurrection.

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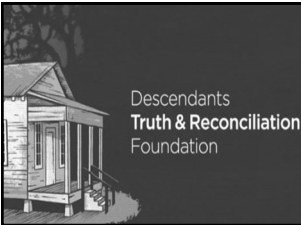
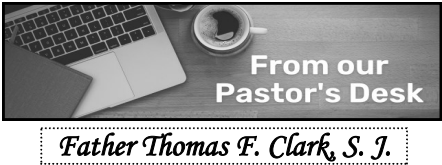
Immaculate Conception Church is a Black Catholic Church
serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.

PASTOR: Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.(225) 775-7067/(225) 773-2036
IN RESIDENCE: Father Fred Kammer, S.J.(225) 774-3241
SECRETARY: Juliet Betts(225) 775-7067
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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 DESCENDANTS 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.



COREY JACKSON, SJ TAKING FIRST VOWS

Corey 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.



THANK YOU, FATHER DAVID KIBLINGER, SJ

Thank you to Father David Kiblinger for being with us in July while Father Clark was on vacation and retreat. We are grateful for his generous service in celebrating Mass and being available for pastoral needs. Please pray for Father David as he returns to Saint Louis to begin writing his dissertation for his doctoral degree. Our other Jesuit, Scott McKillip will leave this week.

PREPARING FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL



The return to school is fast approaching. East Baton Rouge schools begin classes on August 7th. Southern students move into the dorms from August 11-14 and classes begin on Monday, August 18. We pray for a peaceful and orderly start of the new school year. We pray for all our administrators, teachers, staff, and students for a safe, healthy, and productive school year.

On Sunday, August 10, we will have a special blessing of all returning to school at all the weekend Masses. The Student Mass at the MLK Catholic Student Center will resume on Sunday, August 17 at 2:00 PM.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN AUGUST

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, August 6, at 7:00 PM via Zoom and in person on Thursday, August 7, at 10:30 AM in the Parish Activity Center. You may access the Zoom call by the Meeting ID: 225-773-2036 or by telephone at (308) 205-3325. Send Father Clark an email if you want to receive a Zoom invitation by email.

THE FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Thursday, July 31, is the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), the religious community that Fathers Clark and Kammer, and Mr. Scott McKillip belong to. Saint Ignatius had a powerful religious conversion after being wounded in battle. He said that during this time the Lord taught him as a teacher instructs a student. The hallmark of his spirituality is to find God in all things. The love of God is made



known to us in the everyday experiences of our lives. Once we experience deeply in our hearts the love of God for us, we desire to serve him in gratitude and generosity. Saint Ignatius desired to share his experience of God with others. He wrote *Spiritual Exercises*, which has become a guide for many in the search to know, love and serve the Lord. If anyone is interested in learning more about the *Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius*, a book by Gerald Fagin, SJ is an excellent resource—*Putting on the Heart of Christ: How the Spiritual Exercises Invite Us to a*

Happy Birthday

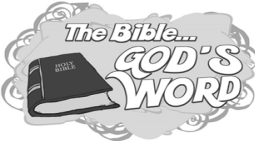


TIARA	JOHNSON	7/27
BERTHA	BEARD	7/28
EVAN	LEDoux	7/28
TIMOTHY	DAIGRE	7/29
SHERLAN	DUNN	7/29
ROLANDA	JOHNSON	7/29
ROSHAWN	PRESTON	7/29
RAVEN	PRICE	7/29
ALLEGRA	RICHARD	7/29
ALEXANDRA	NEAL	7/30
KELSEY	WILLIAMS	7/31
PATRICK	BURLS	7/31
JESSICA	OLIVE	7/31
JANICE	ANDERSON	8/1
JARROTT	ANDERSON, SR.	8/1
LIONEL	ANDERSON	8/1
STEFFANI	BOURGEOIS	8/1
SHIRLEY	HENDERSON	8/1
RONALD	JOHNSON	8/1
JHAELYN	ODOM	8/1
WAYNE	STATION	8/1
SHANNON	VITAL	8/1
THOMAS	WALKER, III	8/1
BERNARD	WASHINGTON, JR.	8/1
NATALIE	CLARK	8/2
NITA	CLARK	8/2
DENISE	SANDERS	8/2

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

A SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who have helped us in the parish office while we are in transition. Thank you to Keycha Bates, Renae Welsh, Brenda Smith, and Scott McKillip, SJ. We are grateful for their time and generosity.



Mass Readings

July 27th-August 3rd

Sunday

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

Monday

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, Psalm 106
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28, Psalm 103
Gospel: John 11:19-27

Wednesday

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38, Psalm 84
Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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

Friday

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Psalm 81, Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17, Psalm 67
Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Psalm 90
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

LORD,
teach us to
PRAY