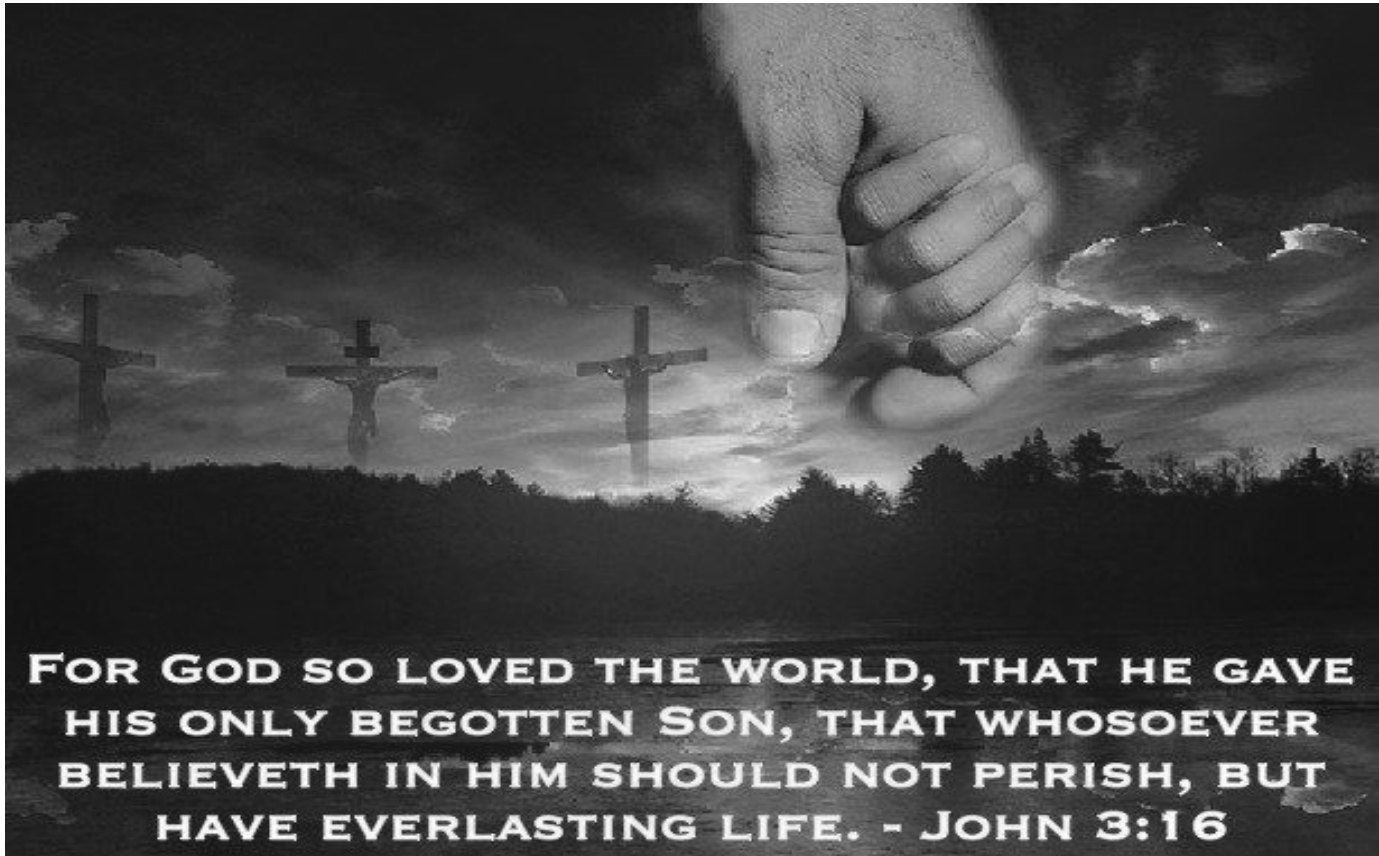
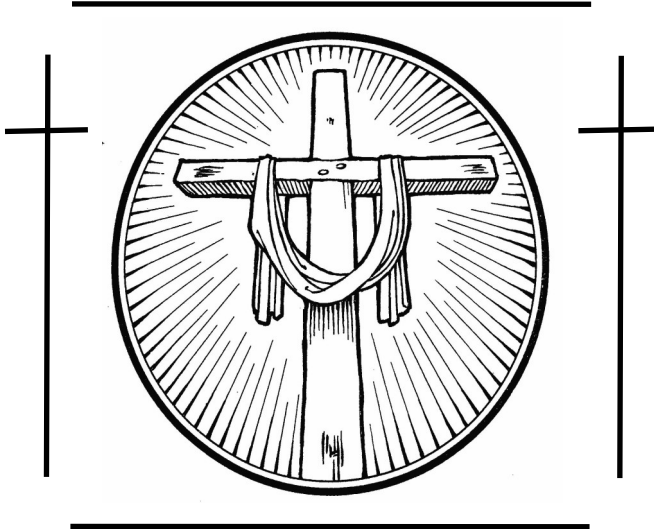


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**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 Winder .....428-5981  
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



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**LIGHT**

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

The Season of Lent

MARCH 10, 2024

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:14-15

One of the most famous verses of the Bible is found in this passage, **John 3:16**. It depicts how God made a public display of love to the world by sending Jesus His son to die for us that we might be saved.

This shows us how much God loves us. It cost Him so much to send Jesus to the world to die for our sins. We must never forget that we are loved by God greatly. If he gave His only son for us to be saved, will he not freely give us all things?

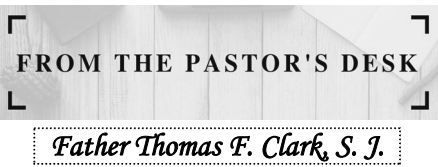
In addition, we should allow this love God has for us to motivate our living. If God loved to the extent that He gave His Son, nothing should be too big for us to give to Him.

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

**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



**IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING**  
The Environmental Section of the Department of Transportation and Development will hold a public meeting about the proposed upgrading of the active warning signals for the railroad crossings located at Blount Road, Elmer Avenue, Mills Avenue, and Swan Avenue. LADOTD is proposing to remove the rail crossing at Scaup Street. This will cause a hardship for residents there, eliminating one access to the main road. Please come to the meeting to express your opinion on this. The meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, from 4:30 pm TO 7:30 pm** at the **SCOTLANDVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY, 7373 SCENIC HIGHWAY.**



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**  
We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesday, March 20, at 6 PM. We will have several priests available for individual confession after a short prayer service. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great opportunity to bring peace to your heart. Let go of those things that weigh you down. Ask yourself, how can you grow at this time in your life? What is one thing you can do to make yourself a better person?



**PALM SUNDAY INTERFAITH BLESSING OF PALMS**  
On Palm Sunday, March 24, we will continue our tradition of gathering with Camphor Memorial UMC at Scotlandville Plaza at approximately 9:45 AM for an Interfaith Blessing of the Palms. Please join us and our brothers and sisters at Camphor after the 8:00 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM Mass.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**PALM SUNDAY: March 24:** Mass with Procession of Palms at 4:00 PM, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
**HOLY THURSDAY: March 28 at 7:00 PM:** Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration until 10:00 PM  
**GOOD FRIDAY: March 29 at 3:00 PM:** Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord with the Passion according to John, the Solemn Universal Prayer, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.  
**HOLY SATURDAY: March 30 at 8:00 PM:** The Easter Vigil with Service of the Light, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Christian Initiation, First Eucharist of Easter.  
**EASTER SUNDAY: March 31:** Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



**2024 KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER SCHOLARSHIP**  
Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 14<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a **MALE APPLICANT** from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up in the rear of the church, by contacting the parish secretary, or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com). The application deadline is April 30, 2024. Thanks, Aubrey Jones, Chairman. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones at 504.810.3555 or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com).



**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND COURT #116 FISH DINNERS**

*Fried Catfish, Potato Salad, Sweet Peas, Slice Bread and Dessert*

Fridays: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Activity Center -1565 Curtis St. Baton Rouge, La.

\$15.00 per plate: 10am – 2pm

*For orders and deliveries, please contact: Jessica Semien-Olive - (225) 270-5454 -- David Dartez- (225)288-3437*



**Happy Birthday**

PATRICK	BERZAT	3/10
CAMERON	GRIFFIN	3/10
ALVIN	LEWIS, JR.	3/10
ROBERT	MONTGOMERY	3/10
JOY	MORGAN	3/10
ELSIE	POYDRAS	3/10
ROLAND	HARLEAUX, III	3/11
AIDEN	JONES	3/11
RAYETT	LOCKETT	3/11
CHARLES	SANDERS	3/11
MERCEDES	BROUSSARD	3/12
DEIWYN	DAIGRE	3/12
TIMIA	DAIGRE	3/12
ARIEL	JOHNSON	3/12
LAKEISHA	JONES	3/12
TONJA	THIERRY	3/12
RAVEN	SCOTT	3/12
ALONDRE	YOUNG	3/12
SALLIE	WILLIAMS	3/13
JEHUA	BURRELL	3/14
KEISHA	LACOUR	3/14
KRISTEN	SAM	3/14
BRAYLON	SAMUEL	3/14
TYLER	SAMUEL	3/14
KENDRIK	SCOTT	3/14
LOUIS	SMITH	3/14
BRANDON	CUNNINGHAM	3/15
GEORGIA	JENKINS	3/15
CODY	MARTIN	3/15
LINDSAY	SAMUEL	3/15
CARL	THIERRY, JR.	3/15
TRACYE	MCCLINTON	3/16



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS TO ELIMINATE RACISM**

On Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 PM, the Jesuit Anti-Racist Sodality of the Central Southern Province will pray the Stations of the Cross with the intention of the healing and transformation of racism. The prayer will be conducted on our ICCC Zoom with the ID 225-773-2036. Jesuits from around the Province will be participating. You are most



**Mass Readings**

March 10th - March 17th

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137; Eph 2:4-10

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

**Monday**

Is 65:17-21; Psalm 30

Gospel: Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46

Gospel: Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 49:8-15; Psalm 145

Gospel: Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**

Ex 32:7-14; Psalm 106

Gospel: Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34

Gospel: Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

Jer 11:18-20; Psalm 7

Gospel: Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Heb 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 12:20-33



**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Sunday, March 10, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 4:00 PM. If you are experiencing illness, weakness, mental or emotional distress, come and celebrate

**PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Please plan to take part in the Holy Week liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. You may take part in these liturgies in these ways: On Holy Thursday, bring a bell to ring at the Glory to God, spend time in Adoration following the Mass until 10:00 PM; Good Friday, remove shoes if possible for the Veneration of the Cross; Easter Vigil: participate in the Blessing of the Fire, read the readings before the Vigil and reflect on them, ring your bell at the Glory to God, welcome the newly confirmed, bring a container to bring holy water to your home from the Baptismal pool.