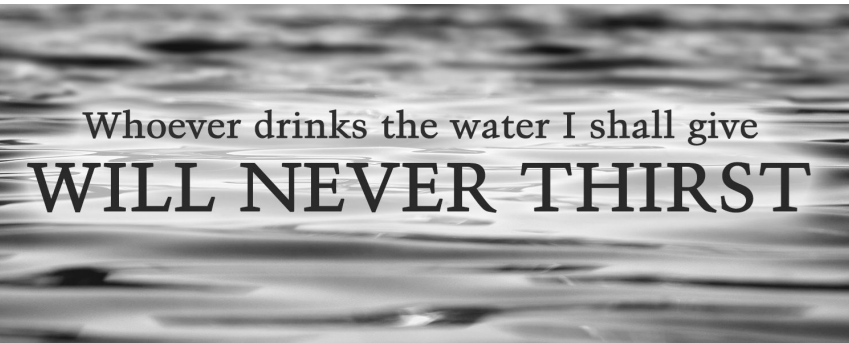


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**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  
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen .....218-8292 / 284-5970  
Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles  
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: Deidra James Mackie.....772-3401  
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

**This Week's Prayer**

God, while I have some ideas about what I would like my future to look like, I know that YOUR plan far surpasses anything I could ever hope or dream for myself. So today, as I make decisions (both small and large), please give me wisdom, discernment, vision and direction so I make decisions that help lead me and those around me into a fuller relationship with You and keep us on track with Your will for our lives, whatever that may be. Amen.



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**Lent**

MARCH 12, 2023

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.  
John 4:5

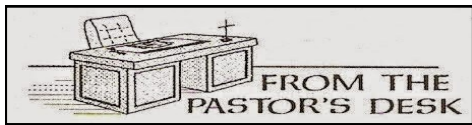
*In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.*

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**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: Kalli Gregory  
**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:  
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM  
Holy Day Masses:  
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

**Fridays at 5:30 PM:** Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration with Stations of the Cross  
**Walking Warriors:** Saturdays at 7:30 AM leaving from MLK Catholic Student Center  
**Reflection on MLK Speeches:** Saturdays in March at 10:00-11:30 AM in Activity Center  
**Small Faith Sharing Community:** Gather a group of friends or church members and have a day (or half day) of reflection at someone's house or at church. We provide materials.  
**Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturdays at 3:00-3:30 PM and Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 PM  
**KPC/LA:** Lenten Fish Fry, Fridays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
**Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00 PM via Zoom and Thursdays at 10:30 AM in person  
**Rosary:** Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Conference Call 351-999-4344

**OUR MOVIE DAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

Due to our busy week with the Revival, we have decided to postpone our movie day to a later date.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO MADE THE REVIVAL SO AWESOME**



Thank you to all who made our Tri-Parish Revival so awesome. Thanks to Saint Paul the Apostle parish for ministering to us on Monday, and Saint Francis Xavier for ministering to us on Tuesday. Thank you to the members of Immaculate Conception who ministered on Wednesday. Thank you to Nina Gray, the Gospel and Traditional Choirs, musicians and soloists, Layla Richard, Reggie Berry, Selena Grant, Yvette Palmer, Kendrick Slan, and Brenda Smith. The Hospitality Committee wishes to thank Andrea Toles, Yvonne Jackson, Chase McClinton, Tracye McClinton, Stephanie Price, Cassandra Broussard, Selena Grant (photos), Teryn DeRouen, Gloria DeRouen, Charles Duplechain, and Wilfred Johnson. Thank you to the KPC Ladies Auxiliary and Jr. Daughters for their financial contribution. We were blessed by Father John Judie's message and spirit.

**FATHER CLARK THANKS EVERYONE FOR BIRTHDAY WISHES**



Father Clark would like to thank everyone who blessed him with birthday wishes, cards, gifts, texts, and prayers. Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM. We invite anyone who is experiencing illness or weakness at this time to come and celebrate this sacrament of healing. If anyone cannot come to the church, please contact Father Clark to arrange for him to make a home visit.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 PM. There will be four priests available for confession. You may also come to confession on Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment. Confession is a valuable way to lift any burden from your heart or mind. The sacrament empowers us to see where we need to grow to become the best person we can be and gives us the grace to put the desire for change into action. Take advantage of this wonderful resource we have for our growth in the Lord.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM with Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM  
**GOOD FRIDAY:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death: 3:00 PM  
**HOLY SATURDAY:** Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM  
**EASTER SUNDAY:** Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00 and 10:30 AM



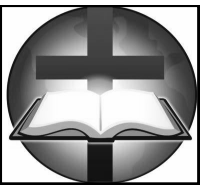
**Happy Birthday**

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
STACY	ADDISON	3/17
LONDON	DRUMMOND	3/17
PERCY	VAUGHN	3/17
FAITH	DARBY	3/18

**WILFRED B. RICARD COURT 116  
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARD**



Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for their Education Assistance Award in the amount of \$1500.00. All female students of the Catholic faith that attend Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, and who have completed 4 years of high school (a graduate of the class of 2023) and plan to continue their education are eligible to apply. Applications are available in the rear of the church and in the office of the church parish secretary. The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 30, 2023. Contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354 if you have questions, or [bdunbar2@cox.net](mailto:bdunbar2@cox.net) to request an electronic copy of the guidelines and application.



**Mass Readings**

March 12th - March 19th

**Sunday**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 17 3-7; Psalms 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

**Monday**

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Psalms 42

Gospel: Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Psalms 25

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147

Gospel: Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**

Jer 7:23-28; Psalm 95

Gospel: Lk 11:14-23

**Friday**

Hos 14:2-10; Psalms 81

Gospel: Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**

Hos 6:1-6; Psalms 51

Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

I Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalms 23; Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

**THE HEART OF LENT**



The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays and Weeks of Lent are the heart of Lent. On these Sundays we read the Gospels of the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. We focus on Water, Light and Life. As we prepare to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter, we are daily born again in the Living Water Jesus gives us, we let the Light shine into the darkness of our hearts and minds, and we hope for Eternal Life. Water, Light, and Life—receive it this Lent.

**SENIOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



HomeStart, an Early Childhood Education and Technology Project, is looking for seniors to work in early childhood education. Candidates must be 55 years or older, meet income requirements, and participate in paid part-time training. For more information contact HomeStart at 225-928-8484, leave a message—select 7 or 0. Or call Capital Area Agency on Aging at 225-922-2525.