

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
 Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.



LENT 2019

- Daily Mass:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri: 12:10 PM; Tues. and Fri.: 7:30 AM; MLK Chapel
- Adoration and Benediction** after Tuesday, 12:10 PM Mass. MLK Chapel.
- Stations of the Cross:** Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) at 6:00 PM in the Activity Center
- Rosary:** Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the Ministry Building
- Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Building
- Book Discussion:** March 19, 26 and April 9 in the Ministry Building
- Walking Warriors:** Saturdays at 7:50 AM beginning at MLK
- Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM in the Activity Center

THANK YOU FOR REVIVAL

We thank all those who contributed to the success of the Revival this past week. We appreciate the choirs and ministries of Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Paul the Apostle. Thanks to the members of our parish who led the final night of the Revival: Nina Gray, choir, soloists and musicians; altar servers, Matthew Winder, Trinity and Aaron Martin; introduction and greeting, Cynthia Sampey; lector, Tana Allen; introduction of revivalist, Marvel Baudy; ushers, Jessica Olive, Gene Decuir, Roland DeRouen, Nora Listach, Kermit Patty; dance, Faith Patin; reception, Andrea Toles, Tracye McClinton, Stephanie Price, Marlese Harris, Stephanie Celestine, Mercedes Rogers.

DISCUSSION ON LENTEN BOOK: PERFECTLY YOURSELF

The first discussion session for our Lenten book, *Perfectly Yourself*, will be on this Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Building. Those participating in the discussion should read the first three sections, pages 1-75. There will be two more discussion groups on March 26 (sections 4, 5, and 6) and April 9 (sections 7, 8, and 9).

Announcements and Upcoming Events

A SAINT JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Saint Joseph's Day, March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph is in Western Christianity, the principal Feast Day of Saint Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Foster-Father of Jesus Christ. The Traditional Choir will host the St. Joseph's Feast Day on Sunday, March 17, 2019 after the 10:30 AM Mass at 12:30 PM at the MLK Center on Southern University's campus. The Parish is invited to participate in the St. Joseph's Feast Day celebration that will honor St. Joseph. There will be hymns of praise and prayers for special intentions and various meatless dishes served at this activity. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 10th 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, or by contacting the parish secretary. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, advisor, Scholarship Committee at (504)810-3555 or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com.

FOUNDERS' DAY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, March 19 is the celebration of Founders' Day at Southern University. Father Clark has been asked to give the Invocation at the University Convocation. Please pray this week for Southern University that it may grow in both size and excellence. Chancellor John Pierre in his lecture on the Louisiana Civil Rights Movement during Black History Month underscored the immeasurable significance of the founding of historically black colleges and universities by recently liberated African American men and women, some of whom had received no formal education themselves, as one of the first actions after liberation. Education was seen as the first priority to liberation. These HBCUs and especially Southern University opened doors for many to achieve a higher education and to use that education for the attaining of civil rights for their brothers

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesday, April 10 at Saint Paul the Apostle and on Thursday, April 11 at Immaculate Conception. Both Fathers Andrus and Clark will be available for confession on both evenings from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Immaculate Conception also has confessions on Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 PM.

Happy Birthday

LONDON	DRUMMOND	3/17
PERCY	VAUGHN	3/17
FAITH	DARBY	3/18
BARBARA	ALLEN	3/19
MAURICE	BAUDY	3/19
CASSANDRA	DAVIS	3/20
DWIGHT	THOMAS	3/20
ERIC	TUGGLE	3/20
BEULAH	DECUIR	3/21
TREY	PATTY	3/21
LUCY	SMITH	3/21
KEVIN	WALKER, JR.	3/22
MARIO	WASHINGTON	3/22
JEANETTE	HUFF	3/23
LOUELLA	JOSEPH	3/23
RHONDA	WILLIAMS	3/23

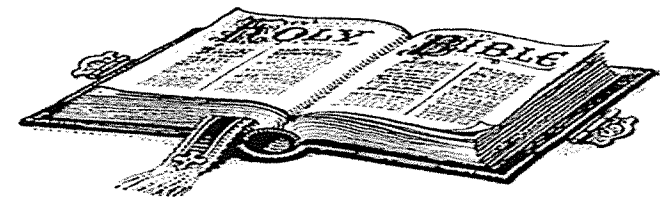
Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

CANDIDATES FOR EASTER SACRAMENTS

Please keep on praying for our candidates for the Easter Sacraments: Janice Coleman, Paris Coleman, Cornel Sims, Pamela Taylor (Confirmation), and Courtney Urbina. And our young catechumens, Chase Brown, Timothy, Timia, and Bryson Daigle, Reagan Navarre, Joseph Patin, III. At 10:30 Mass today we will pray for those being received into the full communion of the Catholic Church that God will complete the work of healing and transformation in them—and in us.

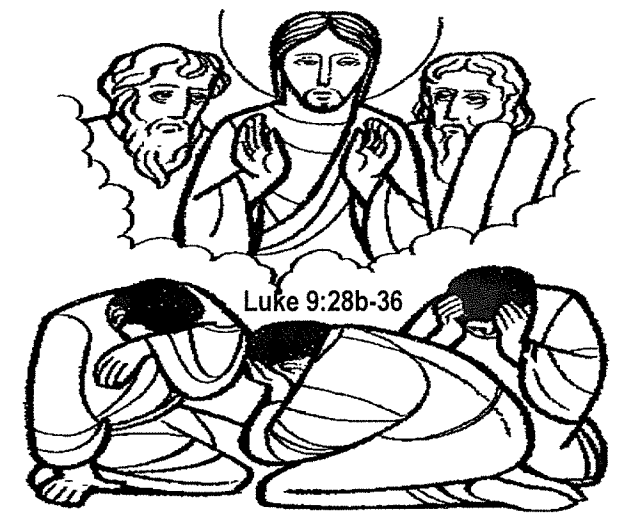
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

This past week, Fr. Clark has had interviews with each of the Confirmation candidates. This is always a consoling experience. I am so impressed and uplifted by the faith of our youth to be confirmed on April 23. They truly have a personal relationship with the Lord. May the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthen and deepen that relationship throughout their young adult years. Thanks to their catechists: Reginald Berry, Kevin Walker, Gloria DeRouen. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates, especially as they experience the retreat at Angola on Saturday, March 23: Chandler Bias, Lia Broussard, Elton DeRouen, London Drummond, Kalli Gregory, Landon Hunt, Faith Patin, Aliyah Wilcox, and Alexander Wilson.



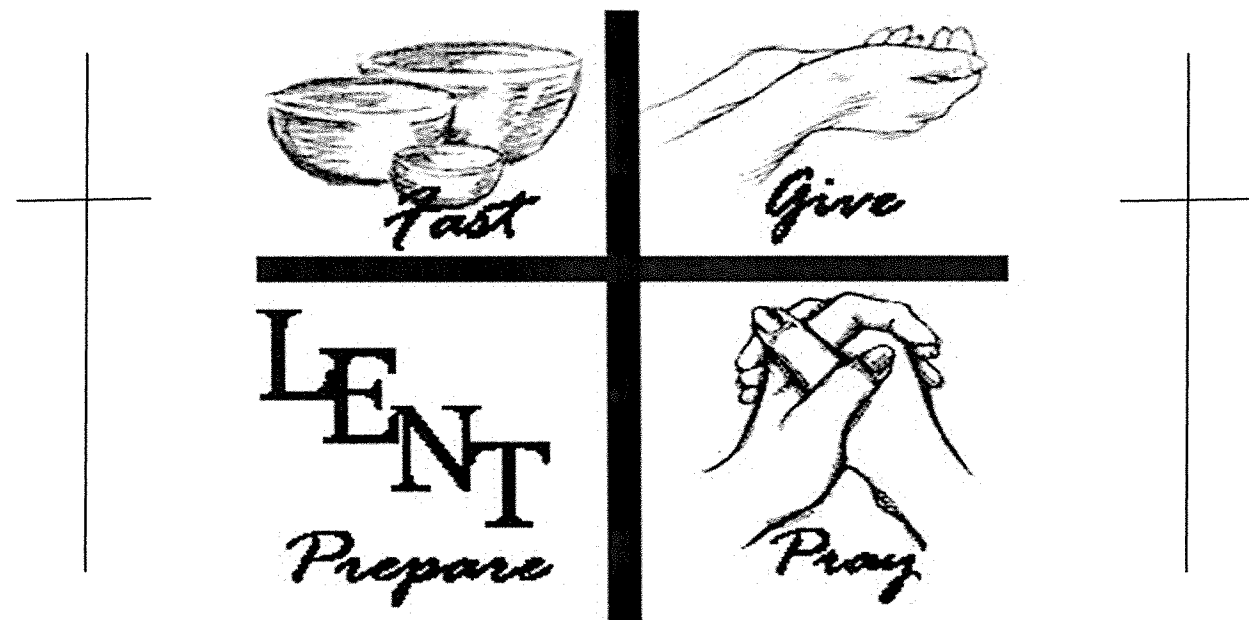
Mass Readings
 March 17th - March 24th
Sunday
 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1
 Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36
Monday
 Daniel 9:4B-10; Psalm 79
 Gospel: Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday
Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Sam 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; Psalm 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
 Gospel: Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24A
Wednesday
 Jer. 18:18-20; Psalm 31
 Gospel: Matt. 20:17-28
Thursday
 Jer. 17:5-10; Psalm 1
 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
Friday
 Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A; Psalm 105
 Gospel: Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday
 Malachi 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday
 Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the church.



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



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

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
Lectors: Yvonne Jackson.....	362-0897
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir.....	229-6076
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes me more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. Amen.

Make Lent
40 DAYS
OF AWESOME