

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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LIGHT
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WORLD.



God didn't promise days
without PAIN, laughter
without SORROW, nor
sun without RAIN.

But He did promise
STRENGTH for the day,
COMFORT for the tears,
and LIGHT for the way.

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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 DeRouen218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara 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: Deidra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

Lord, we thank You that it's possible now for us to have our hearts melted by the knowledge of Your love for us, to have our hearts maintained and changed by the remembrance of Your grace for us, and, most of all, to be completely changed by the knowledge of what Your Son has not just done for us, but what Your Son is for us. Amen.

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MARCH 19, 2023

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind"

John 9:39

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

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serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.*

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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:

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

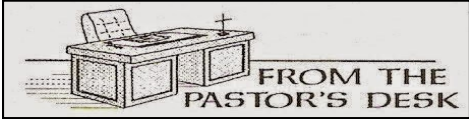
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM

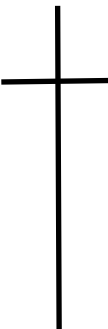


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LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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



LAETARE SUNDAY-REJOICE!



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means rejoice. We rejoice because we are at the half way point of Lent and we are very near to celebrating the feasts of the the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus at Holy Week and on Resurrection Sunday. Laetare Sunday is marked by the pink or rose-colored vestments. At the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass we will pray the second Scrutiny for our catechumen, Teryn DeRouen. This afternoon, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 4:00 PM.

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK



Holy Week (April 2-9) will be fast upon us. Please make plans to participate in the Holy Week services as much as your schedule allows. It can be like a mini-retreat in which we prayerfully walk with Jesus in his final hours on earth. On Holy Thursday, we participate in the Last Supper as we wash feet and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. We keep watch with him in the Garden of Gethsemane as the church is open until 10:00 PM for Adoration. On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the Cross as we celebrate the Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord at 3:00 PM. We hear the passion according to John, we pray for the needs of the whole world, we venerate the Cross, and receive the Body of the Lord in the Eucharist consecrated the night before. At the Easter Vigil, we light the new fire, listen to the stories of our salvation, celebrate the Baptism and Confirmation of Teryn DeRouen, renew our own Baptismal promises, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Let us celebrate the Paschal Mystery together!

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



KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AND COURT #116 FISH DINNERS

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

Fridays: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

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

\$10.00 per plate: 10am - 2pm

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



Happy Birthday

BARBARA	ALLEN	3/19
MAURICE	BAUDY	3/19
CASSANDRA	DAVIS	3/20
DWIGHT	THOMAS	3/20
ERIC	TUGGLE	3/20
BEULAH	DECUIR	3/21
RENELLA	GUILLORY	3/21
TREY	PATTY	3/21
LUCY	SMITH	3/21
KEVIN	WALKER, JR.	3/22
MARIO	WASHINGTON	3/22
JEANETTE	HUFF	3/23
MITCHELL	JACKSON	3/23
LOUELLA	JOSEPH	3/23
RHONDA	WILLIAMS	3/23
DINAH	RIGGS	3/24
T'SEAN	WALLACE	3/24
TAMARA	COLEMAN	3/25
ANIYAH	HILL	3/25
THOMAS	BENNETT	3/25

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

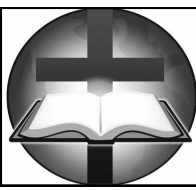


On Thursday, March 30, beginning at 6:00 PM, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) here at Immaculate Conception. There will be 4 priests available for confession. We will begin with a short prayer service in which we examine our conscience and pray the Act of Contrition. Then, you will have the opportunity for individual confession. This sacrament gives us the opportunity to take stock of how we are doing. What is going well? Where can I improve? What changes can I make to make myself a better person? What sins and regrets can I name in order to free myself of their burden? Take advantage of the grace God gives us to become the person he desires us to be!

MOVIE DAY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED MARCH 26



Our Sunday Matinee will take place on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 PM for a screening of Wakanda Forever! Come out and enjoy a movie with parishioners. There will be popcorn, snacks, and drinks. There will also be a movie for young children in a classroom with supervision.



Mass Readings

March 19th - March 26th

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

Monday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalms 89

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Psalms 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; Psalms 34

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

Saturday

Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalms 40; Heb 10: 4-10

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Psalms 130; Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

