

FIFTH 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 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

God, it's so easy to get annoyed, upset or critical with those I disagree with. Today, I ask that you would soften these tensions. Help me to listen, and help them to listen as well. Help us to have mature discussions, and let Your truth be known. Please make these conversations pleasant, edifying and fruitful, even when we don't agree. Amen.



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MARCH 26, 2023



Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."
John 11:9-10

Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.



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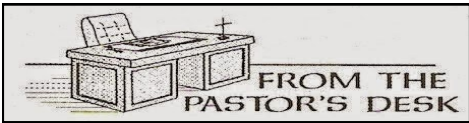
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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:
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ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Kalli Gregory
RCIA COORDINATOR: Cathy Glover(225) 772-6099
MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:
Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



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



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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
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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

PALM SUNDAY: 4:00 PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Gather with Camphor UMC at 9:45 AM for Interfaith Blessing of the Palms at Scotlandville Square.
HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM
Washing of the Feet
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration until 10:00 PM
Could you not watch with me for one hour?
GOOD FRIDAY: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH 3:00 PM
Passion according to Saint John
Universal Prayer
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM
Service of the Light
Liturgy of the Word
Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Teryn DeRouen
First Eucharist of Easter
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!
EASTER SUNDAY: MASS OF THE RESURRECTION 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Celebration of Baptism
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
This is the day that the Lord has made!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JR KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS

Congratulations to the Junior Knights and Daughters of Unit 116 who excelled at the State Conference last weekend in Lafayette. In the Talent Show, **Aja Freeman** won 1st prize for ages 11-12, and **Brandon Johnson** won second prize for ages 11-12. **James Freeman, III** won 3rd place for ages 13-15, **Joshua Morrison** won 1st place for ages 16-18. Unit 116 won 1st prize for their drumline. In Arts and Crafts, **Unit 116** won 1st prize for their banner and for the Quiz Bowl, Eryn **Jenkins** won 2nd prize for art. In Math, **Jacob Freeman** won 2nd prize for ages 14-15 and **Aja Freeman** won 1st place for ages 11-12. In spelling, **Maylea Doucet** won 3rd prize for ages 9-10, **Aja Freeman** won 1st prize for ages 11-12, and **Brandon Johnson** won 2nd prize for ages 11-12. **Court 116** won Court of the Year. All 1st place winners go on to compete in New Orleans in July at the National Convention. Congratulations, Junior Knights and Junior Daughters! Thank you, **Dena Christy**, Counselor, **Charlene Jenkins**, Assistant Counselor and **Gerald Berzat**, Commander as well as the chaperones from the Knights.

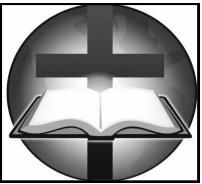
Happy Birthday

LACOSHA	BRUMFIELD	3/26
MARILYN	CRAIG	3/26
BROOKLYNN	SINGLETON	3/26
ANITA	WILLIAMS	3/26
JOSEPHINE	DIKE	3/27
SHANNA	BATISTE	3/28
GLENDA	MCKNIGHT	3/28
VICTOR	MITCHELL	3/28
JAMES	SMITH	3/28
LOIS	AIKENS	3/29
BYRON	DEROUEN	3/29
ARIELLE	LEWIS	3/29
WARNER	ANDERSON	3/30
JANIA	GARNER	3/30
EVER	JARREAU	3/30
TONYA	JOINER	3/30
GLADYS	PAUL	3/30
KYLA	WILLIS	3/30
MALAKI	ASKEW	3/31
BRANDON	BELONA	3/31
BRADLEY	DEROUEN, JR.	3/31
MELTUS	DIKE	3/31
ALTON	HAYNES	3/31
BYRON	CORNELIOUS	4/1
WILFRED	JOHNSON	4/1
JOY	DIKE	4/1

WILFRED B. RICARD COUNCIL 116
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER



Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 12th 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. The application deadline is May 5, 2023. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, at 504.810.3555 or via email at monsieurjai@gmail.com. Sincerely, Aubrey Jones, M.Ed., LPP Advisor, Scholarship Committee



Mass Readings

March 26th - April 2nd

Sunday

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

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalms 23

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Psalms 102

Gospel: Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3

Gospel: Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Psalm 105

Gospel: Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Psalms 18

Gospel: Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31

Gospel: Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday

(At the Procession with Palms) Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7; Psalms 22; Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66

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