

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. We will celebrate Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 7:30 AM (Activity Center), 12:10 PM (MLK), 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes (Activity Center) and Mass at 7:00 PM (Activity Center).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat is eaten; fasting means that we eat three meals but less at each meal and we do not eat between meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

A ST. 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.

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

Revival: Bishop Ferd Cheri: March 11 (St. Francis Xavier), 12, (St. Paul) and 13 (Immaculate Conception at St. Paul); Praise and Worship: 6:00 PM, Revival Service at 6:30 PM.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

REVIVAL 2019



Bishop Ferd Cheri, the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, will preach our Lenten Revival on March 11, 12, and 13. Monday evening will be at Saint Francis Xavier; Tuesday at Saint Paul, and Wednesday Immaculate Conception at Saint Paul. Praise and Worship at 6:00 PM and Revival Service at 6:30 PM. The theme of the Revival is: "Tell Them I'm a Child of God."

DIALOGUE ON RACE LOUISIANA:

March 12 to April 16



Dialogue on Race Louisiana will offer the original series on six Tuesdays from March 12-April 16 at 1:00-3:00 PM at Broadmoor Methodist Church, 10230 Mollylea Drive, BR 70815. The dialogue is a facilitated guided conversation about race with readings for each session. The first session lasts 2 1/2 hours. You are required to attend the first session. The registration cost is \$30.00. You may register at info@dialogueonracelouisiana.org or call 225-274-6902.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary are selling Lenten Fish Dinners beginning March 8 on the Fridays of Lent from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center. The dinner includes fried catfish, potato salad, sweet peas and a dessert. The cost is \$8.00.



LENTEN READING:

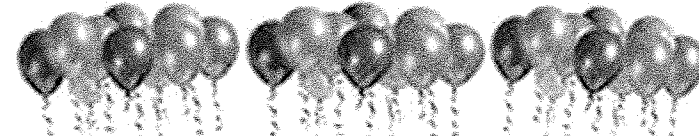
PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATES



This Lent we offer the book, *Perfectly Yourself: Discovering God's Dream for You*, by Matthew Kelly as our Lenten reading. The book is available after Mass. We ask for \$5.00 to defray the cost of the book. Members of small faith sharing communities are invited to gather during Lent to discuss the book. You are welcome to form a new group of friends or ministry members for sharing. A discussion guide is available. Father Clark will offer three discussion groups on **Tuesdays, March 19, 26, and April 9 at 6:30 PM** in the Ministry Building. *Please note corrected dates.*



Happy Birthday



Happy birthday!	WALTER	CRAIG III	3/4	Happy birthday!
	KALLI	GREGORY	3/4	
	ALYSHA	LEWIS	3/4	
	JARVIS	SANDERS	3/4	
	NAVIN	DENU	3/6	
	LLOYD	DOUCETTE, JR.	3/6	
	GREGORY	DURLEY, JR.	3/6	
	DARRELL	FRANCIS	3/6	
	JULIUS	KLEINPETER, JR.	3/6	
	ASHLEY	BARRON	3/7	
	JANET	DUPRE	3/7	
	CALVIN	MCKNIGHT, JR.	3/7	
	CRYSTAL	MURRAY	3/7	
	CHERYL	RAMI	3/7	
	PATRICA	THOMAS	3/7	
	JAI	BRUMFIELD	3/8	
	FR. THOMAS	CLARK	3/8	
KEIONNA	COLEMAN	3/8		
DALTON	BROWN	3/9		
GUS	BUTLER	3/9		
TYRONE	LEWIS	3/9		
TEREZ	VANCE	3/9		

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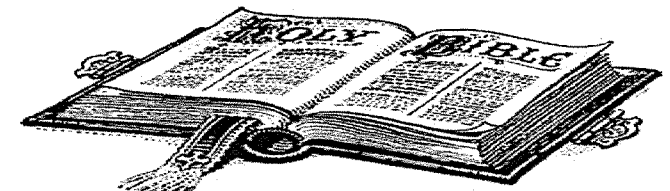
SPRING FORWARD: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9.

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.



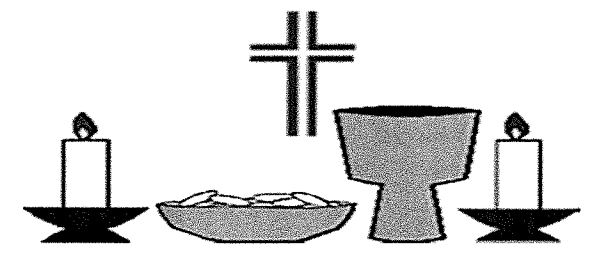
Mass Readings

March 3rd - March 10th
Sunday
 Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Cor. 15:54-58
 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45
Monday
 Sirach 17:20-24; Psalm 32
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday
 Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50
 Gospel: Mark 10:28-31
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1
 Gospel: Luke 9:22-25
Friday
 Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51
 Gospel: Matt. 9:14-15
Saturday
 Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86
 Gospel: Luke 5:27-32
Sunday
 Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13

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

PRAY FOR OUR CATECUMENS AND CANDIDATES

Please pray for our adult candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church: Please pray for our youth and children who will be baptized during the Easter season: *Tima Daigre, Timothy Daigre, Reagan Navarre, Joseph Patin III, and Bryson Daigre, Chase Brown, and Elaina DeRouen.* We will pray for our adults and youth at Mass next Sunday and send them to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral in the afternoon.





THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



ASH WEDNESDAY

May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

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

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and enjoy You, for Christ's sake. Amen.

