



Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

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: 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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Anointing the sick

We will have a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM. All those who are experiencing illness or weakness at this time are invited to celebrate this sacrament of healing and strengthening.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)



There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11. On Wednesday it will be at Saint Paul the Apostle and on Thursday at Immaculate Conception. Both nights confessions will be heard from 5:00-7:00 PM. Fr. Andrus and Fr. Clark will be hearing confessions on both evenings. Confession is also available each Saturday from 3:00-3:30 PM.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS IN REPARATION



Bishop Duca will lead the Way of the Cross on Friday, April 5 at 7:00 PM at Saint Joseph's Cathedral in reparation for the sin of sexual abuse within the Church and for the graced healing of body, mind, and spirit of those betrayed by this great sin. The service will also be aired live on CatholicLife TV, Cox Ch. 15.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



The Parish Council of Ministries will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center. A light supper will be served from 6:00 PM. An agenda and minutes of the last meeting will be mailed before the meeting date. Father Clark asks that all chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations plan to be present.



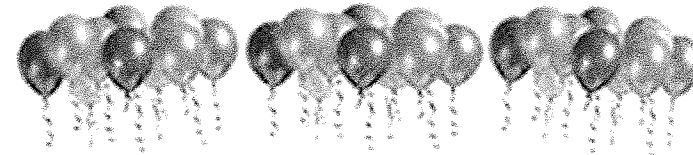
Confirmation

CONFIRMATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM at Saint Paul Church for the youth of Immaculate Conception, Saint Francis Xavier, and Saint Paul. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

Happy Birthday



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!	BRANDON	BELONA	3/31	Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!
	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	
	JEREMY	MINOR	4/2	
	VINCENT	GREGORY, III	4/2	
	NOLEN	STAFFORD	4/2	
	MARCUS	FLENOIR	4/3	
	TARAHNA	LEWIS	4/3	
	MARVEL	MARTIN	4/3	
	KHLOE	GREGORY	4/5	
	MARIE	JACKSON	4/5	
	LARRY	KNIGHT	4/5	
	KEISA	MATHIS	4/5	
WALTERENE	WHITFIELD	4/5		
ANACEN	MARTIN	4/6		
COURAGE	IDUSUYI	4/6		
JARED	NELSON	4/6		

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP



The third of our three discussion groups on the Lenten book, *Perfectly Yourself*, will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Building. We will be discussing chapters 7, 8, and 9.

BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY EVENINGS



Bible Study takes place each Monday evening at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. Each week we preview the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. We study, reflect, discuss and pray about them. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your Bible and a friend!

ADVOCACY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY



During this state legislative session, there will be a move to abolish the death penalty in the state of Louisiana. If you would like to be part of a network of advocates who are willing to contact state representatives and senators in regard to this issue, you may sign up at <http://www.loyno.edu/jsri/take-action> to receive notices of pending votes. This advocacy network is sponsored by the Jesuit Social Research Network of Loyola University, New Orleans.



Mass Readings

March 31st - April 7th Sunday

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Psalm 30
Gospel: John 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez. 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46
Gospel: John 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is. 49:8-15; Psalm 145
Gospel: John 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex. 32:7-14; Psalm 106
Gospel: John 5:31-47

Friday

Wis. 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34
Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer. 11:18-20; Psalm 7
Gospel: John 7:40-53

Sunday

Is. 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil. 3:8-14

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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019

Palm Sunday (April 14): Masses at 4:00 PM, 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM; Blessing of Palms at all Masses; Interfaith Blessing of Palms with Camphor Memorial UMC at 9:30 AM at Scotlandville Plaza.

Holy Thursday (April 18): Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM; Washing of the Feet, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday (April 19): Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 3:00 PM; Reading of the Passion according to John, Solemn Universal Prayer, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday (April 20): Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM; Easter Fire, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Christian Initiation, the First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday (April 21): Mass of the Resurrection at 8:00 and 10:30 AM; Celebration of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

SIMPLE FORMULA FOR LIVING

- Live beneath your means.
- Return everything you borrow.
- Stop blaming other people.
- Admit it when you make a mistake.
- Give clothes not worn to charity.
- Do something nice and try not to get caught.
- Listen more; talk less.
- Every day take a 30 minute walk.
- Strive for progress, not perfection.
- Be on time. Don't make excuses.
- Don't argue. Get organized.
- Be kind to unkind people.
- Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
- Take time to be alone.
- Cultivate good manners.
- Be humble.
- Realize and accept that life is not fair.
- Know when to keep your mouth shut.
- Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
- Learn from the past. Plan for the future.
- Live in the present.

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 Winder428-5981
- 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

Merciful God, my heart is heavy. Visit me with angels, that I may receive the peace that comes only from you. And then, with the lightness of angelic wings, may I lift my face to heaven to receive your gift of new life. Amen.

