

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



A MOTHER'S PRAYER FOR YOU

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above, for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me, and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be.

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:.....	Juliet Betts - Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Bea Leonard.....	355-5027
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: Lloyd Doucette, Jr.....	774-3277
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

God, I will try to learn and grow from challenges. I pray your promise of a new life can heal my wounds. I will try to remain patient because I know that you will cure me in good time. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To all our mothers and those who have been like a mother to many, we wish you a happy and blessed Mother's Day. You are truly Good Shepherds who are entrusted by the Lord with his sheep. May God give you a deep feeling of peace, joy and gratitude on this, your special day. May the Lord give you all the gifts of grace you need to continue to be loving, forgiving, encouraging, patient, nurturing, and peaceful.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our candidates for First Holy Communion. They will receive the Body and Blood of the Lord on Saturday, May 18 at 10:30 AM. Please note that the First Communion Mass will take place at the Activity Center.



TAKE AND EAT DRINK

Ryan Bonton

Autumn Bradford

Timia Daigre

Lexi Dauphine

Lyric Dauphine

Bryce Ennis

A'Brianna Francois

Aja Freeman

Jaeci Harris

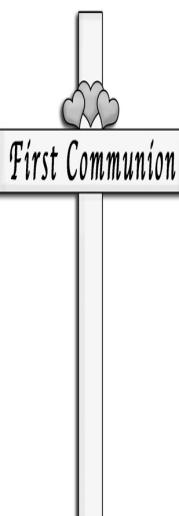
Brandon Johnson

Ja'Niyah Lewis

Reagan Navarre

Kay'Lee Shepherd

Brooklynn Singleton



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON MAY 13

Bible Study will resume on Monday, May 13 at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. We will continue to read, study, and pray about the upcoming Sunday readings. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a Bible, preferably a New American Bible, revised edition.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!



Graduation season is upon us! Congratulations to all our graduates, especially our high school, college and graduate school graduates! So that all our graduates will be able to participate in our parish recognition of their accomplishments, we are re-scheduling our celebration of graduates until Sunday, June, 9, Pentecost Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. Graduates from high school and college, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Or the on-line sign up through our website, www.immaculateconceptionbr.org

RENOVATION UPDATE

As you can see, work is progressing on the church. The old foyer has been torn down. The concrete cross which was the main support for the front of the building has been removed. Its removal allows the island with the bulletin boards to be removed to make for a larger and unobstructed foyer. This week, weather permitting, they will be laying the slab for the extension to the foyer. The old HVAC equipment is being removed and work will begin on the new sacristy on the rear of the building. Keep the success of the renovation and the safety of the workers in your prayers. Pray for good weather!

EGO VS SOUL

Ego seeks to serve itself; soul seeks to serve others.

Ego seeks outward recognition; soul seeks inner authenticity.

Ego sees life as a competition; soul sees it as a gift.

Ego seeks to preserve self; soul seeks to preserve others.

Ego looks outwards; soul looks inward.

Ego feels lack; soul feels abundance.

Ego is mortal; soul is eternal.

Ego is drawn to lust; soul is drawn to love.

Ego seeks wisdom; soul is wisdom.

Ego enjoys the prize; soul enjoys the journey.

Ego is the cause to pain; soul is cause of healing.

Ego rejects God; soul embraces God.

Ego seeks to be filled; soul is eternal wholeness.

Ego is ME; soul is WE.

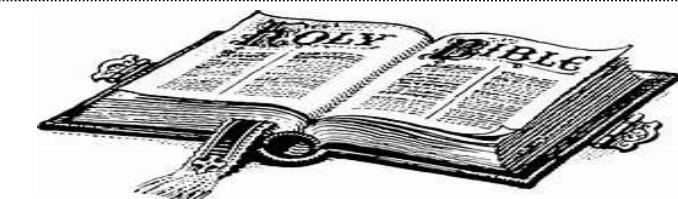
Happy Birthday

ANN	WASHINGTON	5/12
CORI	BODLEY	5/13
CHRISTOPHER	BURLS	5/13
MATTHEW	CRUMP, SR.	5/13
SHAWANDA	HAYES	5/13
MILING	WASHINGTON	5/13
WAYNE	DUPRE	5/14
STELLA	JACKSON	5/14
DELANA	JARRETT	5/14
PERIKA	JOHNSON	5/14
ANGELICA	LACEY	5/14
MELANIE	THIERRY	5/14
KENYON	JOHNSON	5/15
KIM	WALKER	5/15
KENNETH	WASHINGTON	5/15
CURTIS	BOWIE, JR.	5/16
TRAVIS	CYPRIEN	5/16
PAMELA	JACKSON	5/16
WILBERT	THOMAS	5/16
PAUL	BROUSSARD	5/17
MARION	DAVIS	5/17
KEITH	JACKSON	5/17
SHAWN	JONES	5/17
RHONDA	LEWIS	5/17
ISIAH	MILLER, JR.	5/17
SHELDON	DYER, JR.	5/18
EMMANUEL	BOUDREAUX	5/18

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

WALKING WARRIOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

HEALTHY TIDBIT: Mothers automatically nurture everyone else before nurturing themselves. But, if you aren't good to yourself, how can you be physically, mentally or spiritually good for someone else? Body-wise: Eat a balanced diet filled with real foods and fewer sugary and processed foods. Drink lots of water and less alcohol and caffeine. Get at least 8 hours of uninterrupted sleep every night. Exercise at 30 mins. a day, 3-5 times a week (walk, dance, jog, do yoga, play a sport). Mind-wise: Engage in intellectually-stimulating discussions and activities to keep your mind sharp (read, memorize/recite, solve puzzles/word games). Talk to a spiritual or professional counselor. Spirit-wise: Become an active member of an ICCC ministry. Meditate/pray. Write affirmations and post them as reminders. Join a Bible Study. Create a prayer closet. Read scriptures. *Happy Mother's Day from the Walking Warriors Health and Wellness Ministry!*



Mass Readings

May 12th - May 19th

Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100; Rev. 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67

Gospel: John 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89

Gospel: John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98

Gospel: John 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Rev. 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

