

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Dear Lord, I approach you to give thanks to all mothers who so generously and freely give love, comfort, and guidance to their children every day. I ask you, Lord, to provide them with the strength to continue doing their work. Give them patience and let them see that they are loved, appreciated, and respected. I thank you for the sacrifice each mother makes every day. And I pray that you bless them and touch them with your Grace. I pray this in your mighty name. Amen.

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 DeRouen	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
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....	772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	(504)427-6459

MAKE MOTHER'S DAY MORE THAN SPECIAL

Mother's day is always special, but every day should be the same for mothers. Considering everything your mother has done, does, and will always do for you. One day of celebration and prayer is undoubtedly not enough. Be encouraged to pray for your mother and other mothers every day; your prayers will make a big difference in our world.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

— MAY 14, 2023 —



Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."
John 14:21

How do we keep following Jesus after he is no longer among

us? The answer is simple, and extremely difficult at the same time.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments," Jesus says.

Note that this is not a conditional imperative statement. Jesus isn't

saying, "If you really love me, you'd better keep my command-

ments." He is simply stating a fact. It might be easier to grasp if we

translate that first word as "since" instead of "if." "Since you love

me, you will be keeping my commandments."

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

PASTOR: Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.(225) 775-7067/(225) 773-2036

IN RESIDENCE: Father Fred Kammer, S.J.(225) 774-3241

SECRETARY: Juliet Betts(225) 775-7067

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:

Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

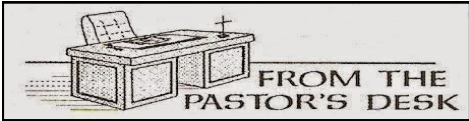
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

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

Holy Day Masses:

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



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



We wish all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all those who have been like a mother to others a very happy Mother's Day. We pray that you will have a deep sense of consolation and joy at all that the Lord has empowered you to do. May we all honor our mothers today. For those who are still living, may we thank them today and everyday with not only words, but actions. For those who have died, may we pray in thanksgiving to God for all that they did for us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Congratulations to Leo Borne, Sophie Burrel, Peter Knight, Koli Malter-Spears, Eryn Jenkins, and Zacchaeus Glover who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time yesterday. Thank you to their parents and families who supported them throughout this year of preparation. Thank you to the PSR team: Gloria DeRouen, Kalli Gregory, Chalonda Thomas, and Belva Robertson for preparing the children for this day.

ADDING TO OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



On the first two Sundays of June---June 4 and 11---Felicia Gathe will be taking photos for our pictorial directory in the Activity Center. We began our directory just before Covid and then had to stop. We want to get as many photos of parishioners as possible into our directory. You may submit your own digital photo. You may also decide how much or how little information you want in the directory. Once we have enough photos, we will print a hard copy of the directory for those who do not access the online directory.

FATHER CLARK AWAY THIS WEEK FOR A PASTORS' MEETING



This week Father Clark will be attending a meeting of pastors of the Jesuit Central Southern Province in Dallas. He will leave on Monday and return on Wednesday. Father Fred will be celebrating the 12:10 Mass on those days and will be available for pastoral needs.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS AND MUSICIANS



Sunday, May 21, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The readings for next Sunday are found on pages 86-91 of the missalette. We do not celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter. We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on May 21.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS MOTHERS' DAY CARNATIONS



The Junior Daughters will be selling carnations for Mothers' Day on the weekend of May 13-14 before each of the Masses. The carnations are worn in honor of your mother. A white carnation honors a mother who has died, and a red carnation honors a mother who is living. Please donate \$3.00 for each carnation.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD - JUNE 11



Sunday, June 11, is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The bishops have asked us to celebrate this feast in a special way this year to give a public demonstration of our faith in the Lord present in the Eucharist. We will celebrate the day with an outdoor Mass at 10:30 AM. We will celebrate Mass as we did during Covid but without all the restrictions. You may bring a chair and sit beside your car or in your car. Following Mass, we will have a procession into the church where there will be adoration until 4:00 PM. We invite our parish ministries and organizations to commit to an hour or a half hour of adoration in the afternoon.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND GRAD SCHOOL



On Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 AM Mass, we will honor our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school. Please sign up in the foyer the names of members of our church who are graduates. We are also including Fall, 2022 graduates. We are proud of our graduates and all they have accomplished!

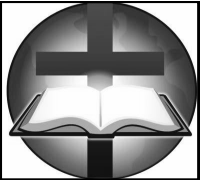
Happy Birthday

WAYNE	DUPRE	5/14
STELLA	JACKSON	5/14
DELANA	JARRETT	5/14
ERIKA	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
LASHOUNDA	JACKSON	5/19
TAFARI	BEARD	5/20
TARA	HANEY	5/20
COURTNEY	GUNN	5/20
KRISTA	MACKIE	5/20

AARP - DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS



AARP will hold a Defensive Driving Class on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Activity Center, 1565 Curtis St., Baton Rouge, La., (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) Cost: \$20.00 members, \$25.00 non members. Some course highlights are: 1. Discuss the effect of medication on your driving. 2. Learn about research based safe driving strategies. 3. Refresh your driving skills and your knowledge of the rules. As a bonus, you may be eligible to receive a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. There will be prizes given away to some lucky attendees. - **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED** - For additional information, please contact Bea Leonard at (225)355-5027.



Mass Readings

May 14th - May 21st

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalms 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Psalms 149

Gospel: Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Psalms 138

Gospel: Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; Psalm 148

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98

Gospel: Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Psalms 47

Gospel: Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Psalms 47

Gospel: Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

The Ascension of The Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47; Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR OFFERTORY

Thank you to all for your generosity to our Sunday offertory and Building Fund. As we approach the end of the fiscal year on June 30, please continue to be as generous as you have been. If you have fallen behind and are able to make it up, we would appreciate that so much. We do understand that these are financially challenging times with prices rising, especially for groceries. Whatever you can do to help your church is very much appreciated. Our goal is to make another \$100,000.00 payment on the principal of our loan for the renovation of the church.