

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### **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 .....	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
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
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**

Dear Lord, help me every single morning to find faith in the midst of the chaos. Give me the desire and ability to see You, hear You, talk to You, and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You, and that my faith will multiply exponentially as I understand in new, deeper ways that You are everything I ever hoped You would be. And so much more. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**



Congratulations to our First Communion class who received Jesus in the Eucharist on Saturday, May 15. We congratulate them and their families. We pray that the celebration of this sacrament will be a blessing for their whole family. May Jesus keep them close to himself always. We congratulate: **Maylea Doucet, Solomon Easton, Arthur Johnson, Brent Lewis, Jr., Dallas Plain.**

**SMART CHURCH**



Pennington Biomedical Research Center is encouraging participation in a diabetes health study. Participants will include individuals diagnosed with diabetes, pre-diabetes, at risk of developing diabetes, or have a family member or family members who are diabetic. If there are a sufficient number of our church members interested in participating, we can have a focus group here at Immaculate Conception. The focus group is designed to provide information and support for diabetes management on an individual basis. During the focus group meeting, participants will provide the research team with feedback using text messages. All focus group participants will be compensated \$25. Interested participants should email Lenora Robinson at [Lenora\\_robinson@prc.edu](mailto:Lenora_robinson@prc.edu) or by Phone 225-999-0233.

Pennington Biomedical has an exciting opportunity for older African Americans to get involved, get informed, and get active! The RAATE studies are trying to lower the risk of dementia among African Americans aged 65 to 85 through exercise and educational programs. You can become involved whether you are feeling great or having some problems with your thinking. The programs were developed with input from folks right here in Baton Rouge. You can earn up to \$300 for participating. Sign up at [pbrc.edu/RAATE](http://pbrc.edu/RAATE) or call 225-763-3000.

**OUR NEXT PARKING LOT MASS IS ON MAY 23 AT 10:30 AM**



Our next parking lot Mass will be on Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 AM. You no longer have to call to reserve a seat at Mass. Just come to church! Be sure to wear a mask. We have removed the tape from the middle aisles. We encourage everyone to sit with as much social distancing as possible. The side aisles are still marked off by tape. Bishop Duca encourages us all:

*Wear a mask and return to Mass!*

**INVITATION TO LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS**



We invite our lectors who feel comfortable doing so to return to serving as lectors at Mass. There will be one lector per Mass for the time being. You will not process in but be in the sanctuary before Mass starts. After reading the Universal Prayer, you may stay in the sanctuary for the rest of the Mass or return to a seat in the sanctuary. You will wear a mask when not reading.

Altar servers are invited to return to serving at Mass. There will be one altar server per Mass (possibly two or three if they are brothers and sisters). They will carry the cross in procession, set up the altar at the Offertory and clear the altar after Communion.

If any youth who have received their First Holy Communion would like to become an altar server, please contact Father Clark to begin preparation.



**Happy Birthday**



<b>Happy birthday!</b>	CURTIS	BOWIE, JR.	5/16	<b>Happy birthday!</b>
	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		
NATESSA	DENU	5/21		
CHALONDA	THOMAS	5/21		
LOUIS	JOSEPH	5/22		
TYRIN	MOSEY	5/22		
CHAILA	ROBERSON	5/22		

**Happy birthday! Happy birthday!**

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES 2021**



We are reaching out to all our Immaculate Conception parishioners who are graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year. Please contact Father Clark by phone/email/text with our graduation information and several photos. We will compile a video/slideshow to celebrate your success. Congratulations on all you have accomplished despite the challenges of this past year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TRACI LIVINGSTON AND NEVILLE SMITH ON THEIR UPCOMING MARRIAGE**



We congratulate Traci Livingston and Neville Smith who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, May 21, at Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans. Father Clark will officiate at the ceremony. Please remember them in your prayers that God will give them every grace and blessing as they begin their married life together.



**Mass Readings**

**May 16th - May 23rd Sunday**

**The Ascension of The Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Eph. 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

**Monday**

Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68

Gospel: John 16:29-33

**Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday**

Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

**Thursday**

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16

Gospel: John 17:20-26

**Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103

Gospel: John 21:15-19

**Saturday**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11

Gospel: John 21:20-25

**Sunday**

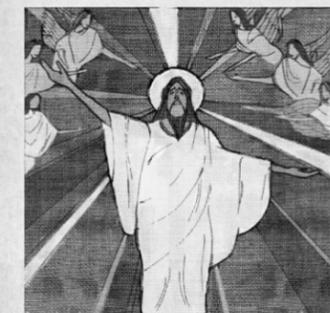
**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

**The Ascension of the Lord**



**"God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."**  
- Psalm 47: 2-3