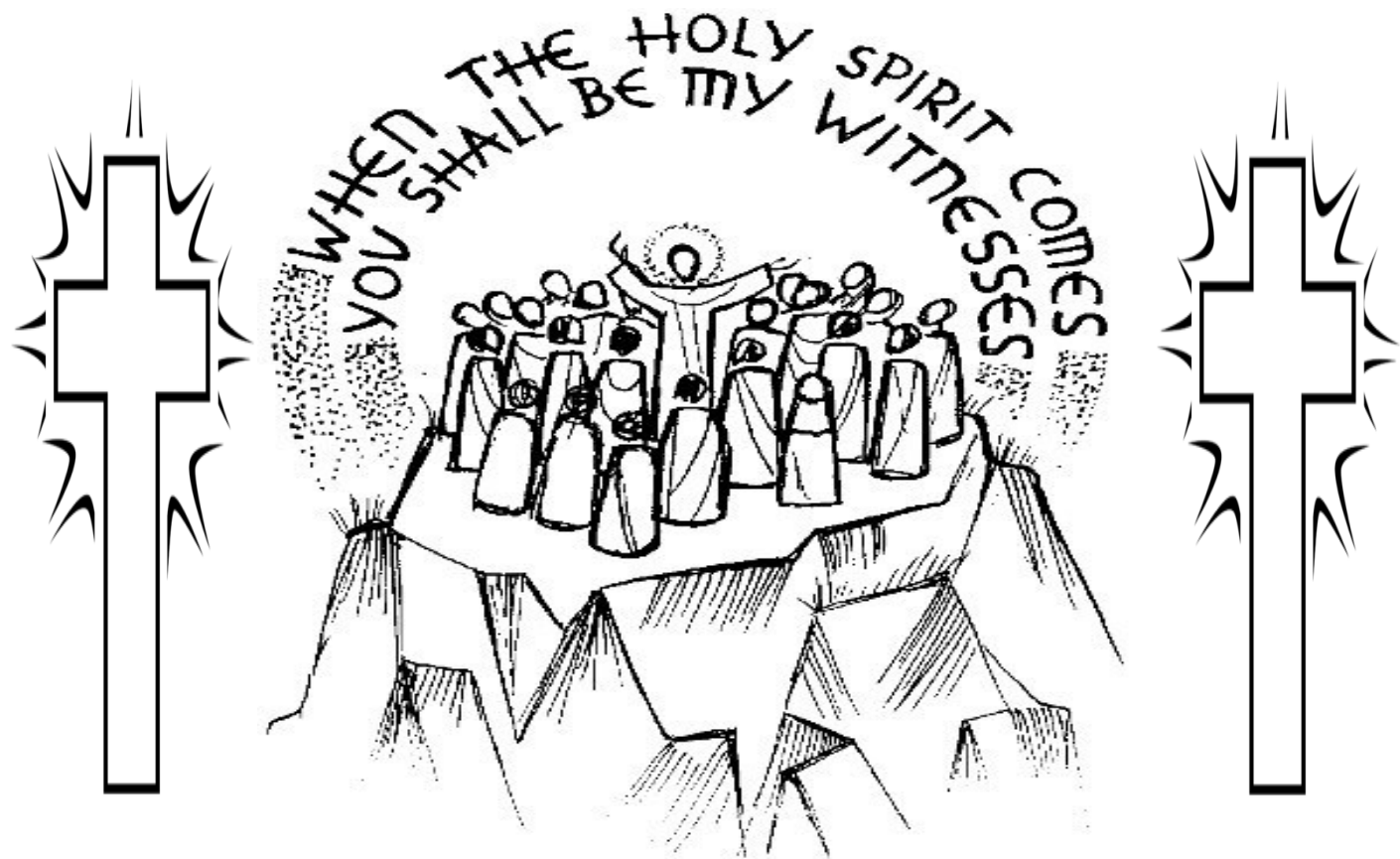


THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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	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

This Week's Prayer

God, our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and some in our nation respond by arming themselves with more guns with greater capacity to end life. We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness, and turn us away from violence toward peace. Let our hands reach out and connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear, and those suffering from mental illness. We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace. Amen.



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The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 28:16-18

Matthew has pointed out for us, again and again, that Jesus is not merely a man, He's not merely a miracle worker, He's not merely a great teacher, and He's not merely Messiah. Jesus is the Son of God and He is Lord of all! Jesus was sent by the Father to the earth, He was given a mission by the Father, He fulfilled that mission, and He now has full authority to pass on God's mission to His followers.

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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

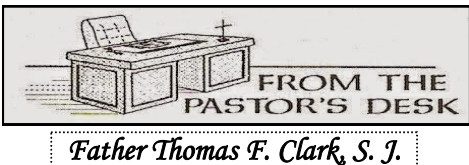
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

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

Holy Day Masses:

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



TODAY IS THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus is lifted up in glory and takes his seat at the right hand of God the Father. The Risen Lord Jesus carries our humanity to heaven so that we share in his divine life. The Lord Jesus also leaves behind the limitations of his humanity and fills the world with his presence in the Holy Spirit. He is present to us in all places, in all ages, and in all times.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES



Next Sunday at 10:30 AM Mass we will honor our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school, including Fall 2022 graduates. All graduates please submit your information to Andrea Toles via a hard copy form in the foyer or an online form on the website. We are proud of you!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY



We appreciate your generosity to our parish in the Sunday Offertory. As we approach the end of the fiscal year on June 30, your help is even more important as we strive to meet our projected offertory goal. Costs are rising as we all know. We know that you are facing the same cost increases, and so your generosity is deeply appreciated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on **June 13-15, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** in the parish activity center. Registration is open to Church members with children ages 4 through 12. The registration application is available in the foyer of the Church and can be completed after each Mass or completed at home and returned to us by May 31. A drop box will be available in the foyer for returning the application. The application is also available online at <http://www.immaculateconceptionbr.org>. There is no cost to families for participation. For additional information, please contact Gloria DeRouen at (225) 936-8162 or 225-775-7067.

JR. KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER #116 -- JAMBALAYA DINNERS

Our Jr. Knights of Peter Claver #116 would greatly appreciate your support. They will be in New Orleans for The National Convention on July 13-16, 2023. The sale of the Jambalaya Dinners will help with the cost of the trip and the Hotel stay. Please come out and support our Jr. Knights.

Sunday: June 4, 2023 - After 10:30 AM Mass

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Activity Center -1565 Curtis St. Baton Rouge, La.

The menu includes: Delicious Jambalaya, white beans, garden salad and garlic bread

\$10.00 per plate:

Contact Person: Gerald Berzat - (225) 276-4674



Happy Birthday

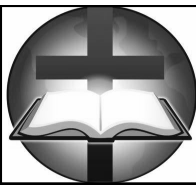
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CHALONDA	THOMAS	5/21
LOUIS	JOSEPH	5/22
TYRIN	MOSEY	5/22
CHAILA	ROBERSON	5/22
KEYSHELL	DYER	5/23
JUDY	MARTIN	5/23
MARVELL	BAUDY	5/24
JERMAYNE	BRADFORD	5/24
KEITH	COLEMAN, JR.	5/24
MARIE	CORREA	5/24
BLAINE	EDWARDS	5/24
BRYCE	EDWARDS	5/24
JOHN	HENDERSON	5/24
AUDREE	VAUGHN	5/24
JOHN	EDWARDS	5/25
THOMAS	SCOTT, JR.	5/25
ANTHONY	OLIVER	5/26
SHAWN	CHAMBERS	5/26
KACI	THOMAS	5/26
MARCUS	COX	5/27

**GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEKEND
JUNE 2-4, 2023**



Wear orange for a future free from gun violence and to honor the communities shattered by gun violence alongside the hundreds more who are wounded, every day in our country. Participate in an Awareness Activity: rally, walk, pray vigil, in the community, parish, District/State Conference. Share your orange or activity photos with the Save the Children Committee via kpcla_savethechildren@yahoo.com

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. Your willingness to assist in bringing attention to this public health crisis is much needed and greatly appreciated.



Mass Readings

May 21st - May 28th

Sunday

The Ascension of The Lord

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

Gospel: Matt 28:16-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Psalms 68

Gospel: Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Psalms 68

Gospel: Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68

Gospel: Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

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

Gospel: Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Psalms 103

Gospel: Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

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

Gospel: Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday

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

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

Forms for new parishioners or changes

are located in the vestibule of the church.

CORPUS CHRISTI-

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



On Sunday, June 11, we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi by celebrating Mass outside in the parking lot. You may stay in your car or bring a chair and sit by your car. The sound will be broadcast on your FM radio or via Face-

book. After Mass we will process into the church with the Blessed Sacrament where we will have Adoration until 4 pm. We ask that parish ministries organize to spend an hour or a half an hour in Adoration during the afternoon. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer.