



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK  
**Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

We are grateful to you for your extraordinary generosity to your parish church. Immaculate Conception Church has done an amazing job in raising money for the church renovation as well as the Sunday Offertory that supports our operating expenses. During the time of renovation, your contribution will be even more important. We appreciate your faithfulness to the Sunday Offertory even when you are not able to be present in church. Please do your best to maintain the same level of giving that you did last year. Remember, you can contribute on line at [www.immaculateconceptionbr.org](http://www.immaculateconceptionbr.org)



**THANKS TO THE JUNIOR DAUGHTERS**

We wish to thank the Junior Daughters for providing a fun time for the youth of our church at the annual Trick or Trunk celebration last Sunday evening. There was a great turn out and lots of fun and food for everyone. Thanks to all the families who supported this event by their presence and



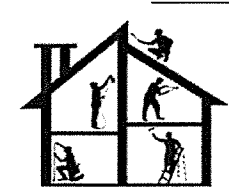
**THANKS TO SOUTHERN MEMORIAL GARDENS**

We appreciate the warm hospitality and generosity of Southern Memorial Gardens as they welcomed us for our annual Blessing of the Graves last Sunday. Thanks to all the members of the church who came out to observe this special remembrance. Thanks to the staff of Southern Memorial for the reception following the blessing and their gift to our church.



**GETTING READY FOR THE CHURCH RENOVATION**

We are moving forward to the beginning of our church renovation which we expect to begin in January. During the expected ten months of renovation, we will be celebrating Sunday Mass in an alternate site. During the month of November we will be conducting a survey of the parishioners to determine your preferences with the options that are available to us. Please make sure that you fill out one of the surveys as honestly as you can. The survey will be available on line as well as in hard copy. Your input will be very valuable in our making the best decision that we can. The renovation will require sacrifice and some inconvenience for us all. Please be as supportive of your parish church as possible during this time, especially by your presence. You are important to us!



*Christ*  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

JOHN 14:6

**Announcements and Upcoming Events**



**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. Please make it your number one priority to vote in this important election. Prepare for voting by making yourself familiar with the ballot and reviewing the referendum questions before you go to the polls. You can get information about the referendum questions at:

<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ProposedConstitutionalAmendments2018> and at <https://www.lwvofla.org/>

**CORRECTION:  
RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS**

As of March 1, 2019, individuals convicted of a felony are ineligible to vote while incarcerated, on parole, or on probation. Voting rights are automatically restored upon completion of all supervised release. Ex-offenders should re-register to vote.

**TOGETHER BATON ROUGE CIVIC ACADEMY:  
HEALTH CARE AND HEALTHY FOOD**

The next Together Baton Rouge Civic Academy will take place on this coming Thursday, November 8 at 6:00 PM at Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 6217 Glen Oaks Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70811. Availability of health care in North Baton Rouge as well as availability of healthy, fresh food in this part of town will be discussed. These Civic Academies have been very interesting and informative. Don't miss out on this valuable information.

**2018-2019**

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop Michael G. Duca continues decades of ministry support in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, connecting generous parishioners and worthy diocesan programs that directly serve those in need. Such a vast effort invites a commitment on the part of many, blessing thousands of our neighbors and friends, as we follow the example of Jesus Christ in search of the hurting and the lost. Together, we *Follow the Shepherd's Lead*, and respectfully ask you to do your part. *"What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the one until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4)?*

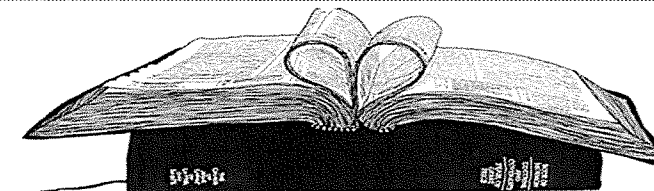


**Happy Birthday**

DEBORAH	ANDERSON	11/4
VERNA	BROWN	11/4
KIMBERLY	LOCKETT	11/4
EMILY	MARTIN	11/4
CHELSEA	WILSON	11/4
LATASHA	MORGAN	11/5
TIERA	ELLISON	11/5
ANGELA	LAMOTHE	11/5
GLORIA	LEWIS	11/5
SANDRA	STERLING	11/5
ERICK	KING	11/6
SUPRINA	CYPRIEN	11/6
SHANNON	MATTHEWS	11/6
KYLA	BESSIX	11/7
DAVID	CROGRAM, SR.	11/7
KIVON	JOHNSON	11/7
LASHANTA	VANCE	11/7
MIA	BOURGEOIS	11/8
DENNIS	JARRETT	11/8
MICHAEL	JARRETT	11/8
NAOMI	FACEY	11/8
KOREY	PATTY	11/8
FRANK	RICHARDSON	11/8
ELREN	WADDELL	11/8
EARL	WHITE	11/8
WENDY	GRAY	11/9
PAULETTE	BRADFORD	11/9
RUSSELL	BALTAZAR	11/10
MATTHEW	LISTACH	11/10

**TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 at 7:00 pm**

On Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Life Center, the Office for Black Catholics will present a 60 minute live drama: "Tolton: From Slave to Priest." Father Augustus Tolton was the first recognized American diocesan priest of African descent. He was a slave in 1854 in Missouri and, while growing up in Quincy, IL, he endured ridicule and humiliation in the city's churches and schools. He was denied acceptance by every Catholic seminary in the country, when, at age 16, he was called to the priesthood. Eventually, he was able to work enough odd jobs for a decade to be able to travel to Rome to attend seminary there. The play is important because most people do not know the story of Father Tolton. His story centers on racial discrimination which continues to be a fiery topic today. Check out the trailer at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (Tolton: From Slave to Priest). For tickets, contact Deacon Alfred Adams at the Office for Black Catholics. 225-562-3255.



**Mass Readings  
November 4th - November 11th**

**Sunday**

Dt. 6:2-6; Psalm 18; Heb. 7:23-28  
Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

**Monday**

Phil. 2:1-4; Psalm 131  
Gospel: Luke 14:12-14

**Tuesday**

Phil. 2:5-11; Psalm 22  
Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

**Wednesday**

Phil. 2:12-18; Psalm 27  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday**

Phil. 3:3-8a; Psalm 105  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

**Friday**

**Dedication of St. John Lateran**  
Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46; 1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Gospel: John 2:13-22

**Saturday**

Phil. 4:10-19; Psalm 112  
Gospel: Luke 16:9-15

**Sunday**

1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146; Heb. 9:24-28  
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

**Online Giving**

**iGiveCatholic CAMPAIGN FOR  
MLK CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER**

You have heard about Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. How about Giving Tuesday? Giving Tuesday is a 24 hour, on-line event when you are able to donate to the charity or non-profit of your choice. The MLK Catholic Student Center is participating in iGiveCatholic with other ministries in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. You may make a tax deductible donation to the MLK Catholic Student Center by going to [igivecatholic.com](http://igivecatholic.com) and following prompts to the Diocese of Baton Rouge and to MLK. The actual day is Tuesday, November 27, but donations may be made in advance of the date.

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Harry S. McAlpin



Harry S. McAlpin was born on July 21, 1906, in St. Louis, Missouri. He studied journalism and advertising at the University of Wisconsin. After graduating in 1926, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a reporter, editor, and office manager for the *Washington Tribune*, an African American weekly paper, from 1926 to 1929.

When the New Deal got underway in 1933, McAlpin joined the New Negro Alliance to "protect employment of Negroes under the NRA. He served in the Federal Security Agency and the U.S. Employment Service while attending the Robert H. Terrell Law School at night. He passed the D.C. bar examination in 1937. McAlpin became an assistant to Mary McLeod Bethune, Director of Negro Affairs at the National Youth Administration. In 1943 the National Negro Publishers Association (NNPA) petitioned the White House Correspondents Association (WHCA) for press credentials on the grounds that the *Atlanta Daily World* was one of its member papers. All other African American papers at the time were weeklies, and the press credentials were limited to reporters for daily papers. The WHCA agreed but it took several more months before the NNPA could afford to open its own Washington bureau and hire McAlpin as its full-time Washington correspondent. In February 1944 he attended his first presidential press conference and was greeted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who shook his hand and said, "I'm glad to see you, McAlpin, and very happy to have you here."

Although accredited at the White House, McAlpin was rejected when he applied for a congressional press pass. The Standing Committee of Correspondents that controlled accreditation for the newspaper press galleries at the Capitol regarded him as a reporter for mostly weekly papers, while the Periodical Press gallery rejected him because he reported for newspapers rather than magazines. Strong competition from a rival news service, the Associated Negro Press (ANP), led the NNPA to replace McAlpin as its Washington Correspondent with Louis Lautier.

McAlpin moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he served as the only African American assistant commonwealth attorney until 1953. McAlpin became head of the Louisville chapter of the NAACP. He died on July 18, 1985. He was posthumously honored by the White House Correspondents Association at their May 3, 2014 dinner. The WHCA created a scholarship in his memory, and President Barack Obama noted his pioneering journalism.

### 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
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....	(504)491-6556
Communication Coord: Andrea Toles.....	(504)491-6556
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
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.....	999-0090
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

### This Week's Prayer

Dear God, hear my prayer. I am suffering and in need of your merciful blessings. Please take me into your arms. Give me the courage to keep going through difficult times and the fortitude to move beyond the outer illusions of pain and despair. Only you can heal me, God. Amen.

*Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD*