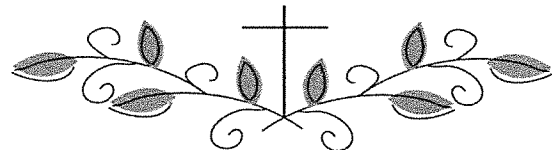


**PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES MINUTES**

**October 16, 2018**

The Parish Council of Ministries met on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM with 21 members of the Council and other interested parishioners in attendance. After an opening prayer and a reading and acceptance of the minutes of the July meeting, Father Clark asked the Council for their advice on how to insure pastoral care for the parish during the time of renovation. He specifically asked if the celebration of Mass in a funeral home would be a deterrent to people's attending Mass. Those present did not seem to think that it made a difference although one person said that some people told her that they would prefer to go to the Vigil Mass in the Activity Center. Others told Father Clark privately after the meeting that its celebration in funeral home is an issue. Further discussion highlighted the challenges/problems we will face during the renovation, e.g. transfer from PSR/RCIA to Mass, relocation of a Reconciliation Room, youth confessions during Lent, First Communion celebration, Stations of the Cross during Lent, reservation of the Blessed Sacrament on Curtis Street campus. These will all have to be worked out. We will have to remove everything that is movable from the church and store it. This will require a "parish service day" in January. The old benches will have to be removed from the church. Parishioners will be offered opportunity to buy a bench. Members of the Council advised Father Clark not to worry about parish support during the renovation. They felt that the parish will be supportive. It was recommended that both the 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM Masses be celebrated in the Activity Center. Father Clark asked if it would be desirable to have an extra mass at 5:00 PM on Sunday afternoon at MLK or Activity Center. We will be able to evaluate needs after a month of trying it out. We will put out a survey to the parish soon to get people's opinions and preferences. Father Clark advised the Council that the parishioners' financial support of the parish will be essential during the renovation in both the completion of pledges and maintaining the Sunday Offertory. This fiscal year (July-June) we are now \$20,000 behind where we were last year at this time. This is not unusual because the summer months' contributions always fluctuate. However, it is a concern. Father Clark asked that all parishioners contribute to the offertory collection at the same level they contributed in the last fiscal year.

The second half of the meeting was a discussion on the two questions sent to us from the Jesuit Provincial concerning (1) how to work for reconciliation given the Jesuit history of slaveholding and the continuing legacy of slavery manifested in racism, and (2) how church leaders can help the church respond, heal and move forward from the crisis of sexual abuse of minors by clerics.



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

**VISIT OF FATHER RON MERCIER, PROVINCIAL**

Father Ron Mercier, SJ, the Provincial of the Central Southern Jesuit Province, will be making his annual visitation to our parish on October 26-27. He will be meeting with some members of the parish and will be with us for the Vigil Mass on Saturday. Then, he will go with me to the Jackson State game where I am saying the opening prayer of the game.



**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES AT SOUTHERN MEMORIAL GARDENS**

We will have our annual Blessing of the Graves at Southern Memorial Gardens on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 PM. We will meet near the offices and have a communal blessing prayer. Each person will receive a small vial of holy water and a prayer sheet with which they may bless their family grave. There will be a reception following the blessing in the cemetery office.



**ALL SAINTS DAY: NOVEMBER 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Thursday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on the vigil of the feast on Wednesday, October 31, at 7:00 PM in the church and Thursday, November 1, at 12:10 PM at the MLK Catholic Student Center on campus.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICAN MICHAEL VICTIMS**

Next weekend, October 27-28, there will be a special second collection to aid those impacted by Hurricane Michael in the Florida panhandle. This collection will be given to Catholic Charities in Florida for aid to those in need. It will be the second collection at Mass; the first will be for the support of the parish. All checks should be made out to "Immaculate Conception Church."



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 3**

The Southern University Gospel Choir will give a concert at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, November 3 at 6:00 PM. Make sure you don't miss out on experiencing this dynamic and prayerful choir. They not only sing; they worship. Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be taken up for the support of the choir and the MLK Catholic Student Center.

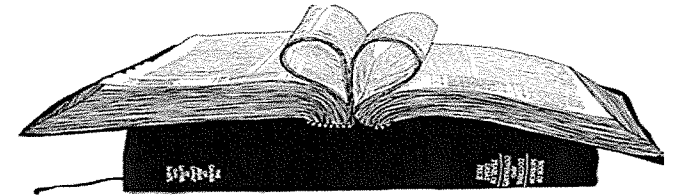


# Happy Birthday

ALISHA	JARRETT	10/21
JAMAL	ENCALADE	10/21
HANNAH	WILLIAMS	10/21
EDDIE	YOUNG, JR.	10/21
VERONICA	BERTEAUX	10/22
JOSEPHINE	DUBRIEL	10/22
JOSEPH	HIGGINBOTTHAM	10/22
SHELITA	LAMOTTE	10/22
STEPHANIE	ROSAYA	10/22
MILTON	ROSS, JR.	10/22
AMBRE	PORTER	10/23
DAPHINE	READO	10/23
BEVERLY	THOMAS	10/23
GLORIA	THOMPSON	10/23
BRENDA	WILLIAMS	10/23
VERLIE	WIMS	10/23
JACY	DYER	10/24
FREDERICK	EDWARDS	10/24
SABRINA	HARRIS	10/24
SHONET	HAYNES	10/24
KIARA	JOHNSON	10/24
CORRY	STEMLY	10/24
RENEKA	COLEMAN	10/24
SHERILYN	WRIGHT	10/24
LAJUANNA	JORDAN	10/25
DESMON	HUTCHIN	10/25
WILSON	READO	10/25
ANIKA	BELL	10/26
JAYLYNN	HOWARD	10/26
AARON	JOHNSON	10/26
RONALD Q.	LEWIS	10/26
MARCIA	MARCELLUS	10/26
CHARLES	AMAR	10/27
IDA	COOPER	10/27

**TRICK OR TRUNK CELEBRATION**

The Junior Daughters will sponsor the annual Trick or Trunk celebration on Sunday, October 28 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Parish Activity Center. There will be refreshments, games, and lots of fun for everyone. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.



**Mass Readings**  
**October 21st - October 28th**  
**Sunday**  
 Is. 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Heb. 4:14-16  
 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45  
**Monday**  
 Eph. 2:1-10; Psalm 100  
 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21  
**Tuesday**  
 Eph. 2:12-22; Psalm 85  
 Gospel: Luke 12:35-38  
**Wednesday**  
 Eph. 3:2-12; Isaiah 12  
 Gospel: Luke 12:39-48  
**Thursday**  
 Eph. 3:14-21; Psalm 33  
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53  
**Friday**  
 Eph. 4:1-6; Psalm 24  
 Gospel: Luke 12:54-59  
**Saturday**  
 Eph. 4:7-16; Psalm 122  
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9  
**Sunday**  
 Jer. 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Heb. 5:1-6  
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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

**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.