

Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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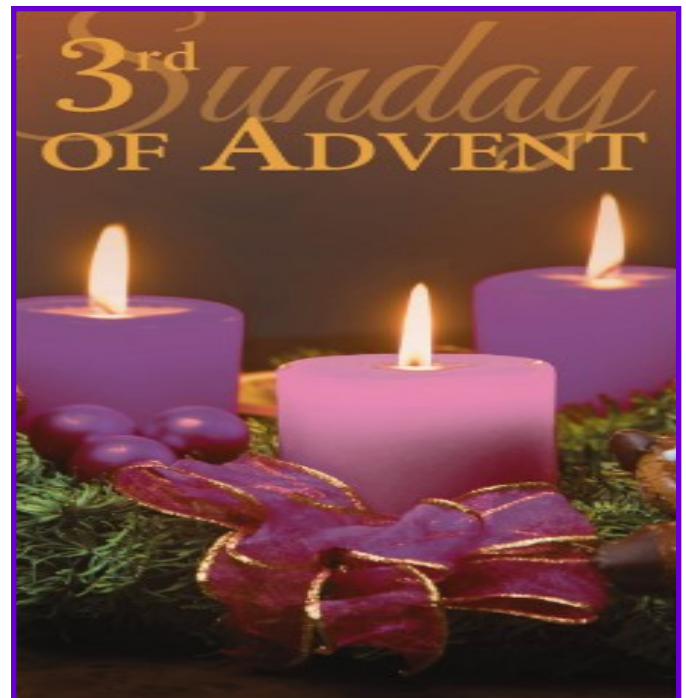
Church Office Days & Hours
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
8:30 am — 4:00 pm

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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

December 13, 2020



Advent is a season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord.

Gaudete Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reason for our rejoicing: god has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Thomas Bostick, Fr. Giles Conwill, Sybil Doucette, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



Bible Readings for Sunday, December 13, 2020

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Bible Readings for Sunday, December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: \$9,910

Pledged as of December 8, 2020

\$6,110 (61.65%)

CMA Update: How the CMA helps our Parish

As of this date, we have raised \$6,110 and 19 families from our parish have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Did you know that the CMA funds the education and formation of seminarians and deacons, education and professional development of our parish leaders and, and promotion of religious vocations? One example that has greatly benefitted our parish is the ministry of Deacon Rick Rall. Although he does not receive payment for his service to Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church, his education to become a deacon was funded by the CMA. Please join our appeal and give what you can so that we remain strong and continue to encourage vocations to continue God's great work! Go to www.dor.org/cma for more information or to make your gift.

Offerings for November 29, & December 6, 2020

Offerings: \$2,730

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving: Week of December 5—\$340



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

James 5:7

Reflection: We seem to grow more impatient with ourselves each day. We don't give ourselves enough time to think things through, to get in touch with our true feelings, to wait for God to answer a special prayer request, and to simply enjoy and savor life.

As we grow more impatient with ourselves, we also grow more impatient with others. We dismiss others because we don't have time to listen to their problems. We are quick to judge others because we have no interest in getting to know them and fostering healthy relationships. We are rude to the waiter or waitress, the bank teller, the cashier at the supermarket, the toll booth attendant, the janitor, and anyone else we don't have time to deal with.

When we are impatient in life, we can become harsh and bitter toward others. When we are impatient, we deplete the joy and love that is deep within us. When we are impatient, we make others feel uncomfortable and unimportant. When we are impatient we find it difficult to trust, forgive, love, and reconcile our differences. Being patient is an act of love.

Ponder: Why am I so impatient in life?

Prayer: Lord, you are patient with me and give me time to correct my faults and become a better person. Help me to be more patient and loving toward others.

Practice: Today I will be patient and kind toward everyone I encounter.



Offering Envelopes

Beginning in January 2021 you will be receiving offertory envelopes from Our Sunday Visitor. The envelopes will be mailed directly to you to be used for your weekly contributions as well as second collections and holy days.

If you have any questions please call the church office. Thank you

What does the pink candle in the Advent wreath represent?

Pink or rose represents joy or rejoicing and reveals a shift in the season of Advent away from repentance and toward celebration. The third Advent candle color on the wreath is pink. It is named the shepherd candle or candle of joy.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

Keep in Prayer

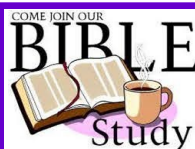
Please pray for Musette Castle, her mother, Marie Jordan and their family. Musette's brother, Khary Sudan passed away on December 10th in Tennessee. Please keep Musette and her Mother in your prayers and pray for the repose of Khary's soul.



December Birthdays

Modupe Agunbiade, Thomas Bostick, Robert Burgess, Musette Castle, Iala Cropper, Natalie Cropper, Thomas Degnan, George Fontenette, Caroline Seide, Judy Toyer, Roxana Weber

Happy Birthday



Bible Study resumed on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 and will be held on Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining Bible Study, please contact Jean Pryor or the church office.

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Psalm 34:3

The desire for God is written in the human heart.

Catholic Courier 2020 Advent Calendar

Filled with daily multimedia treats, the calendar is designed to help families and individuals prepare for the birth of Christ. Visit each day starting November 28th.

CatholicCourier.com/adventcalendar2020

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SPACE AVAILABLE	SPACE AVAILABLE	In Loving Memory of MARY JACKSON <i>Thomas & Nellie Bostick</i>

***Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence. Please come again!***