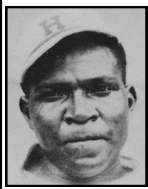


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Andy Cooper



There are several Negro League players that would have undoubtedly dominated in major league baseball if not for the racism of the times. One of those players was **Andy “Lefty” Cooper**, a tall, strong pitcher that was inducted rightfully into the National Baseball Hall of Fame decades after his passing.

Cooper was born April 24, 1898 in Waco, Texas although some historians say it was 1896. Not much is known about Cooper’s early life but reports indicate he may have attended Paul Quinn College in his hometown and even played for a series of farm teams before the Negro Leagues.

The late baseball historian and notable Negro Leagues expert Dick Clark once said that Cooper might have been the best pitcher ever in Detroit history, even though he never played in the major leagues. He played nine seasons for the Detroit Stars. Chicago Defender sports editor Russ J. Cowan once wrote that Cooper could throw just about any pitch he wanted and had amazing control of his pitches. He set a Negro League record for saves. Cowan added that Cooper had an uncanny knack for studying his opponents’ weaknesses. Along with the Detroit Stars, Cooper was a standout player with the Kansas City Monarchs, where he played ten seasons. In the last three seasons of his career, he was both player and manager. As a member of the Monarchs, he helped the team win the pennant between 1937 and 1940. Cooper suddenly died in 1941 after a stroke and heart attack at the age of 43. He was survived by a son, Andy Cooper, Jr. Cooper was inducted into the Hall in 2006.



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.

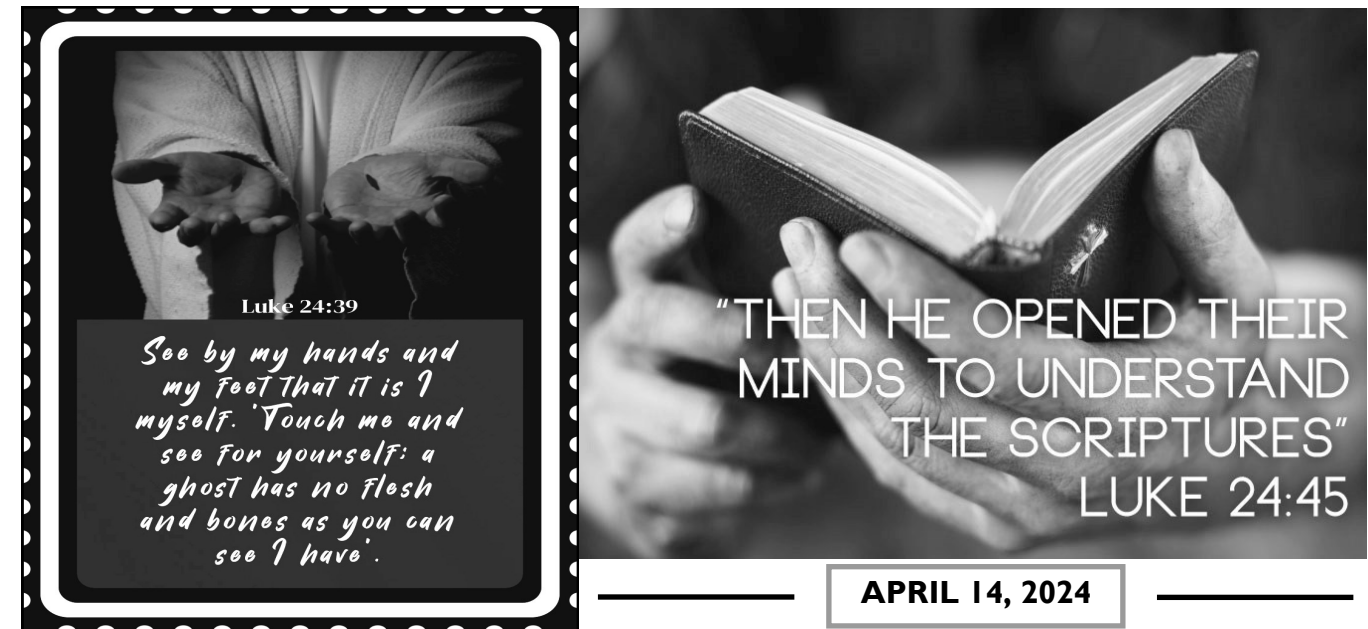
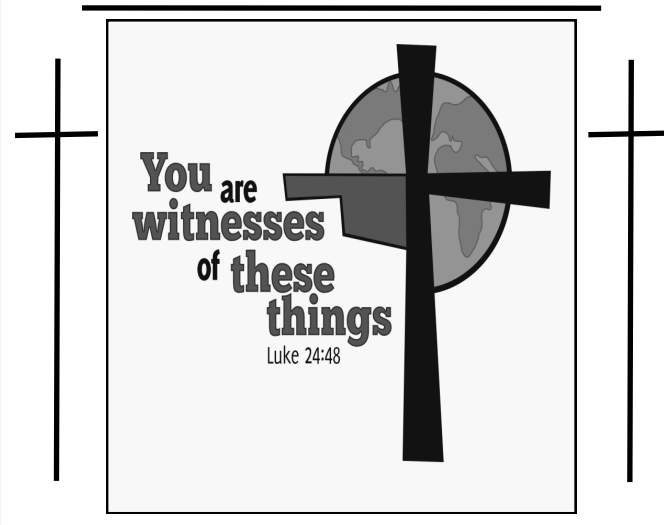
NEW PARISHIONERS: Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

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
Child Protection 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
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



Then the two disciples told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, Why are you troubled, and why does doubt rise in your minds? Luke 24:35-38

In Luke 24:35-48, the disciples were very lucky to have seen the face of Jesus after His resurrection from the dead. This resurrection is the symbol of the repentance and forgiveness of sins of all people. The disciples realized the great mystery of the resurrection of Jesus with joy. Jesus told His disciples “You are the witnesses of these things.” We too are the living witnesses of Jesus through baptism and church. We are to be the instruments of His works. To witness the power of God means to give our full faith that we too can do small things for our brothers and sisters. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we have to be doing our best to scatter the word of God in the best thing we can. Patience is another virtues that will keep our faith going. Like Jesus who returned from the dead after three days, we too should be patient in waiting for our time. Instead of complaining about what we have and don’t have, we have to pray in silence. Pray that patience will always come near us. Patience is a virtue and those who waits in patience receive the gift from above. “Peace be with you.”

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MASS

Mass Schedule
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
 Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
 Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM
 Holy Day Masses:
 Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ON APRIL 16



There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 PM. The chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations are asked to attend as well as any interested parishioners. Please watch your email for an agenda and minutes.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FROM DESCENDANTS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION FOUNDATION



The Descendants Truth and Reconciliation Foundation is seeking applications from certified descendants of Jesuit slaveholding for scholarships to HBCUs and other post-secondary institutions via the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Scholarships are need-based up to \$10,000. Please see the poster in the foyer for the QR code. Go to www.Descendants.org for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION



On Thursday, April 25, Bishop Duca will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our candidates here at Immaculate Conception at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate this completion of their Christian Initiation. Please pray for Bella Bridgewater, James Freeman, III, Zypphelle Prince-Gipson, Kristen Sam, Addison Valliere and Karter White.

RETREAT DAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Our First Communion candidates and their families will have a Retreat Day on Saturday, April 20 in the Activity Center to prepare for their First Communion Day on May 11. Please pray for our candidates. They are Jillian Brown, Kennedy Brown, Addisyn Jarrett, Victor Radusch and Carson White.

ADULT CONFIRMATION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY



If any person over 18 years old who has not had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so and complete their Christian Initiation, please see Father Clark and we will make the necessary preparations for you to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at Saint Joseph Cathedral with Bishop Duca.

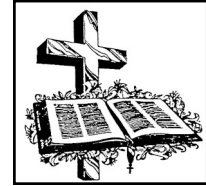
BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK APRIL 11-17



Black Maternal Health Week will be observed from April 11-17. Brenda Smith invites us to support and honor the lives of women who have died in childbirth or complications thereafter. The event is Sunday, April 14 at the Louisiana State Capitol at 1:00 PM. There will be a Resource Fair and a Kids Zone so that children can be entertained safely. Please consider attending this event and encouraging others to do so also.

Happy Birthday

TANESHA	JOHNSON	4/14
ALFRED	WIMS, JR.	4/14
CATHERINE	ABUWI	4/16
VICTORIA	CHRISTOPHER	4/16
MARILYN	ALEXANDER	4/16
JANIYA	HOWARD	4/16
ALBERT	LEWIS, JR.	4/16
JARED	NELSON	4/16
JENNIFER	O'CARROLL	4/16
JAMARI	LOCKETT	4/16
LADONNA	EVANS	4/17
DICKSON	IDUSUYI	4/17
ERICA	JOHNSON	4/17
ARCHIE	BROWN	4/18
VIOLET	HAYNES	4/18
ANNA	JACKSON	4/18
DEJUAN	ROSS	4/18
ASALENA	LEBLANCE	4/19
DEBORA	TUCKER	4/19
CASSANDRA	BROUSSARD	4/20
JOSEPH	MATHIS	4/20
LEONA	WILSON	4/20



Mass Readings

April 14th - April 21st

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119
Gospel: Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51--8:1a; Psalm 31
Gospel: Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66
Gospel: Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66
Gospel: Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117
Gospel: Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116
Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2
Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

Not the setbacks, but the 'lessons.
Not the excuses, but the truth.
Not the destination but the journey.
Not the age, but the wisdom.
Not the accomplishments but the goal,
Not the time spent, but the blessings.
Not the pain, but the love.
Not the sorrow, but the joy.
Not the doubt, but the hope.
Not what you do, but who you are.

