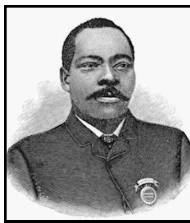


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Granville T. Woods



Granville T. Woods was an inventor who worked on over 50 inventions in his lifetime. His expertise in the electrical realm gained him the nickname the “Black Edison.”

Granville Tailer Woods was born April 23, 1856 in Columbus, Ohio to free parents. As a young boy, Woods began working to support his poor family. In his teens, he reportedly worked as an apprentice for a machinist, but accounts vary on much of Woods’ early life. As written by some historians, Woods also studied engineering and electricity for a span of two years in New York while working odd jobs as a railroad engineer and a British ship engineer among other positions. He returned to Ohio and opened up his machine shop in 1880 in the city of Cincinnati.

Over the years, he began tinkering with inventions and in 1887; his “Synchronous Multiplex Railway Telegraph” or “Inductor Telegraph” allowed moving trains to communicate with train depots and conductors to avoid collisions. He also invented an overhead electrical wire system to power locomotives.

Thomas Edison attempted to put a claim on the telegraph system and another of Woods’ inventions, losing the patent battle twice in court. The white inventor asked Woods to become a partner in his company, to which Woods declined. In some reports, this is how Woods obtained the “Black Edison” nickname.

By the time of his death, on January 30, 1910, in New York City, Woods had invented 15 appliances for electric railways and received nearly 60 patents, many of which were assigned to the major manufacturers of electrical equipment that are a part of today's daily life.



APRIL 21, 2024

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:14-16

The image of a Good Shepherd is a comforting one. We can take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus loves us and cares for us. We, like sheep, are vulnerable to attack. A good shepherd will protect us from attack, whereas a hired hand will flee to protect himself. A good shepherd leads his flock to where it needs to go for food, shelter and protection. We, like sheep, know and trust the shepherd. We, like sheep, know every inflection of his voice, the way he leads us to pasture, and his courage in the face of danger. Jesus will never desert us. He will always be with us. He comforts us. Our sins have been forgiven. We have been adopted into the family of faith. Our prayers will be heard. We will have help for our problems. All we have to do is submit to his word and respond to his message in faith. That involves being thankful for Jesus and all the good shepherds who try to follow him and do his good work.

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 Winder428-5981
- 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



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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: 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESCENDANTS OF GEORGETOWN/JESUIT SLAVEHOLDING



The Descendants Truth and Reconciliation Foundation which has been set up to distribute reparation funds to certified descendants of Jesuit slaveholding is partnering with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund to award annual need-based scholarships of up to \$10,000 for attendance at HBCUs or other post-secondary institutions. For more information go to the Foundation website at www.Descendants.org or scan the QR code on the poster in the church foyer.

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION



Please pray for our candidates for First Communion and their families as Saturday, May 11, the day of their receiving the Lord in the Eucharist draws near. Pray for Jillian Brown, Kennedy Brown, Addisyn Jarrett, Victor Radusch, and Carson White.

OUR PRAYERS GO WITH COREY JACKSON, nSJ



We are grateful for the time that Corey Jackson, nSJ has spent with us during the month of April. As he goes on to other parts of his formation as a Jesuit, we will keep him in our prayers. We look forward to when he will be able to visit us again.

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO? PLACES TO GO? PEOPLE TO MEET?



Our own Cassie Broussard shares with us an opportunity for Senior Citizens to go on organized day trips or several excursions to interesting and entertaining sites. Want to go but no one to go with? This is the Opportunity! Come Join Us. Golden Opportunity (GO) is a membership program for 50+ year old men and women offered by Ochsner that promotes an active, healthy, and independent lifestyle, which provides the opportunity to become more active and social with your peers while creating new and exciting memories. The focus is building a healthier body, mind, and spirit through a broad array of wellness services, educational information, social activities, and travel opportunities to keep members on track for optimum health. Our monthly events include educational, social, cultural travel (day and overnight trips) and other fun activities. Members receive a monthly calendar of activities along with announcements of future events and other important information. Past events included visiting local museums, attending plays, strolling through gardens, traveling out of state and meeting people in and around our community. We have our first Tea Party in May and a train ride to Mississippi in May, A cruise to the Caribbean in August and a cruise to Alaska in September. We are going to Gatlinburg in December, along with several day trips in between. Contact Cassandra "Cassie" Broussard @ 225-755-4984.

Happy Birthday

HENRY	CARMEN	4/21
DARRYL	HONORE, II	4/21
ANTHONY	BRADFORD	4/22
KAYLAN	LISTACH	4/22
CHLOE'	SHELMIRE	4/22
JOHN	THIBODEAUX	4/22
ANGELA	BALTAZAR	4/23
CONSTANCE	DRUMMOND	4/23
ALFRED	LEDOUX, JR.	4/23
TERRY	JETT, JR.	4/24
KERRY	MALTER	4/24
DAVID	PERKINS	4/24
MICHAEL	THOMAS	4/25
THELMA	BROWN	4/26
STEVEN	KNIGHT	4/26
ROBIN	RODDY	4/26
DAREN JAMES	BOURGEOIS	4/27
ROSAYA	CARMEN	4/27

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES WILL BE SHARED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLEITN



At our Parish Council of Ministries quarterly meetings, we have been reflecting on various dimensions of our parish church mission. Our format is to divide into small groups and discuss the given topic. The goal of our discussions is to listen. After an initial round of sharing, we take three minutes of silence to reflect on what we have heard. The second round is to share what we have heard. After another period of silence, we share how we can put our insights into action. Thus far, we have discussed evangelization not as a program but as a way of being *church*, and what we can do to care for creation given the impact of climate change in Louisiana. In future meetings, we will be reflecting upon the four Apostolic Preferences that Jesuits have adopted. They are the spirituality of St. Ignatius ion the Spiritual Exercises, reconciliation of the barriers and divisions in the human family, ministry to youth, and care for creation.



Mass Readings

April 21st - April 28th

Sunday

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

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42
Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87
Gospel: Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24--13:5a; Psalm 67
Gospel: Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Feast of Saint Mark
1Pt 5:5b-14; Psalm 89
Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2
Gospel: Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98
Gospel: Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

