

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Jimmie Lee Jackson



Memorial where Jackson was shot, behind Zion Methodist Church in Marion, Alabama



Voting rights activist and Deacon Jimmie Lee Jackson died at the hands of an Alabama State Trooper on February 26, 1965, which inspired the first of the SCLC marches in Selma. It would take 42 years before his family saw justice.

Jackson was born December 16, 1938 in Marion, Ala. He served as the deacon of Saint James Baptist Church in his hometown, and led voting rights causes there. The SCLC and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. among others inspired Jackson.

On February 18, 1965, Jackson joined a peaceful group of marchers who were heading to the Perry County Jail in support of civil rights worker, James Orange. According to accounts, police cut the lights in the area fearing an armed standoff and savagely beat the marchers, including injuring an NBC News journalist.

Jackson was beaten and shot twice in the abdomen by State Trooper James Fowler, who assumed the unarmed activist was going for a gun. Jackson would die of his wounds days later. The SCLC's James Bevel organized the first of the Selma to Montgomery marches in honor of Jackson.

Fowler managed to dodge an indictment from a grand jury in 1965 but in 2007, he was charged with first and second-degree murder. The trooper pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges, getting a light sentence of six months and serving only five.

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
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
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: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

When I feel my control slipping, Lord, I know I only have to call on you for encouragement, direction, and guidance to get your loving assistance. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

April 20, 2021

MINUTES

1. After an opening prayer, review of the minutes of the January meeting and their approval, we discussed the Covid precautions that we have in place. We considered whether there were some restrictions that we could relax because they had outlived their usefulness. The consensus of the group was that we should maintain the majority of restrictions that we have implemented. It seems that the precautions have given us a sense of safety and control that we are not ready to let go of.
2. Father Clark recommended that we put the hymnals and missalettes back in the benches. That means that people will no longer take the missalettes home but replace them in the benches. We will no longer take temperatures at the door. Lectors and altar servers who feel comfortable will be invited to resume serving with only one lector and one server per Mass. For the time being, we will continue to have people sign up to attend Mass. The purpose of this is to have a list of attendees in case we had to do contact tracing. People may also sign in when they arrive at church. If you want to come to church but have not signed up, come anyway. There will be room. Come to Mass whether you have signed up or not.
3. We will continue to wear masks and practice social distancing by using every other pew and sitting six feet apart. Families who live under the same roof may sit together. We will continue to sanitize the church between Masses. There will be no social events or large meetings for the time being. Masks and social distancing should be practiced for small meetings (less than 5 persons) but remote (Zoom) meetings are to be preferred. We will continue to live stream and have monthly parking lot Masses. It was noted that the parking lot Masses are very effective and give a sense of being together with the community.
4. Father Clark asked if there is anything that we are not doing to reach out to parishioners that we should be doing. Suggestions were: remind parishioners to mask, sanitize and get tested; share by word of mouth their experience of attending church, continue to look out for those who do not have access to internet.
5. It was requested that we plan a Praise and Worship Memorial Service for Keith Thierry with Saint Francis Xavier Church. Tara Winder will plan the event.
6. News and Announcements: We are planning for a blood drive on May 3, 4, and 5. If you are planning on donating blood, please make an appointment ASAP. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 15 for our five candidates.
7. Georgia Jenkins gave a report on plans for Father Clark's anniversary. *(After the meeting, Father Clark decided to postpone the anniversary until a later date because of the uncertainty of the Covid restrictions. He will plan a celebration at a more opportune time.)*
8. After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

FATHER CLARK'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION POSTPONED

Due to the uncertainty with Covid restrictions at this time, Father Clark has postponed the celebration of his Ordination Anniversary to a later time when it will be more conducive to a celebration. He will simply mark the anniversary with a prayer of thanksgiving on the date.



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Happy Birthday



Happy birthday!	MICHAEL	THOMAS	4/25	Happy birthday!
	THELMA	BROWN	4/26	
	STEVEN	KNIGHT	4/26	
	ROBIN	RODDY	4/26	
	DAREN JAMES	BOURGEOIS	4/27	
	ROSAYA	CARMEN	4/27	
	DWAYNE	BANKS, SR.	4/28	
	ALBERT	DAIGRE, JR.	4/28	
	SHAWNTAY	MARTIN	4/28	
	AMBER	WILLIAMS	4/28	
	MAURICE	BURRELL	4/29	
	KOLIN	MALTER	4/29	
	ANDRE	MCCULLIER	4/29	
	PATRICIA	ROBERSON	4/29	
	NOLEN	STAFFORD	4/29	
	CURTIS	BOWIE	4/30	
MAURICE	GIVENS	4/30		
ELLIS	HERRING	4/30		
SARAH	COLLINS	5/1		
BRENDA	COOKS	5/1		
AUSTON	JONES	5/1		
JOSEPH	PATRICK	5/1		

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER,

LADIES AUXILIARY,

WILFRED B. RICARD COURT 116

The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, is accepting Scholarship Award Applications for 2021.

Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church and the office of the Church Secretary (located in the Ministry Building). Completed applications are due no later than May 22, 2021. For additional information contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354.



SCOTLANDVILLE INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE

The Scotlandville Interfaith Blood Drive will take place at the Immaculate Conception Activity Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 3, 4, and 5. Please make an appointment either on line or on the sign-up sheets in the foyer. Give the gift of life in honor of or in memory of your mother who gave you life!



Mass Readings

April 25th - May 2nd

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24--13:5a; Psalm 67

Gospel: John 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89

Gospel: John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98

Gospel: John 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

