

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



**Clementine Hunter - Artist**



**Clementine Hunter**, a self-taught artist who hailed from the Cane River region of Louisiana, gained fame for her artwork that depicted life in and around the Melrose Plantation. As one of the most notable folk artists of her time, she is the first Black artist to have a solo exhibition at the New Orleans Museum of Art, one of many honors she's earned.

Hunter was born sometime in 1887 in the Cane River region, and lived near the town of Natchitoches, seat of the parish of the same name. Her grandparents were formerly enslaved and she moved to the Melrose Plantation, a haven for artists and writers, when she was a teenager. Never learning to read or write, Hunter worked as a servant and cook for much of her life but fortune struck around the '40's.

As legend has it, artists would leave art supplies at Melrose Plantation and with sheer will, Hunter picked up some brushes and painted on whatever surface she could. Her early works sold for as little as fifty cents, a good price at the time. She held her first exhibit in 1949. Hunter's notoriety grew in the '70's after the Museum of American Folk Art in New York and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art shared her work with the masses.

Much of the artwork depicted American folk themes of farmlands, workers, and fields, often mirroring Hunter's daily life. The figures were mostly faceless but easily identifiable as Black. Hunter lived at the plantation until 1970 before moving to a small trailer to continue working. She painted up until the end of her life at the age of 101 in 1988.

Today, Hunter's work can fetch anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000 on the market, although some dealers have been caught attempting to sell fakes. However, art merchants and collectors have cracked down on such thievery, keeping Hunter's legacy intact.

### 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

### To Whom Do We Go

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....         | 778-1977           |
| Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen .....         | 218-8292 / 284-597 |
| 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           |
| Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir.....       | 229-6076           |
| 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

Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot, and compassionate toward all those who are suffering every kind of distress at this time. May we hold back nothing, and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and mercy, like the disciples of Him who went about doing good in times of need. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

**ASSUMPTION OF MARY ON AUGUST 15:  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 15, at 12:10 PM at the MLK Catholic Student Center and at 7:00 PM at the Parish Activity Center. Please note that the 7:00 PM Mass is on **Thursday (not Wednesday)**.



**DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE LIVES OF THE  
AFRICAN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD**

On Saturday, August 17, there will be a Day of Reflection on the lives of the African American candidates for sainthood at Holy Rosary Church in St. Amant. The day will begin at 8:00 AM with registration and coffee. The first session will begin at 8:30 AM. The day will end with Mass at 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass for Sunday). Guest presenters will include: Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Fr. Gerard Jordan, Fr. Joshua Johnson, Fr. Tony Ricard, Sister Laura Mercier, Dr. Ansel Adams, and Mr. Al Carter. Register online at <https://evangathbr.org/african-american-sainthood/>. Everyone is welcome.



**PARISHIONER NEEDING A RIDE TO CHURCH**

One of our parishioners, who have sight impediment and is unable to drive, is requesting a ride to church for the 10:30 AM Mass. She lives in Baker off of Groom Road on the west side of Highway 19. If any one or several persons are able to help, please see Father Clark.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

If any of our Eucharistic Ministers would like to bring Communion to the sick or homebound, please see Father Clark. Even if you are not a Eucharistic Minister and would like to be part of this ministry to the sick and homebound, you are invited to join in. Our gratitude to the Eucharistic Ministers who so faithfully and conscientiously bring the Lord in the Eucharist to our brothers and sisters each week!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KPC FAMILY**

Congratulations to the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary who at their National Convention in Houston this past week were awarded the Claver Family of the Year. Rogers Jackson was awarded Commander of the Year. Council #116 won third place in National Volunteer Hours. At the Juniors' Conference earlier this summer Joshua Morrison won third place for ages 10-12 instrumental performance and the Debate Team won second place in their competition.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
YOUTH GROUP BEGINNING**

Andrea Toles will be forming an Immaculate Conception Youth Group for junior high and high school aged youth in the next month. Please watch the bulletin and Facebook for details. If any of our youth have ideas or suggestions, Andrea would love to hear from you! Please keep this new ministry in your prayers!



**Announcements and  
Upcoming Events**

**MINISTRY FAIR RESCHEDULED**

We have decided to reschedule the Ministry Fair to January. We just do not have the space to do justice to the event in the Activity Center while we are also using it for Mass. However, a couple of new ministries will be presenting information tables in August to invite you to join them. Watch the bulletin throughout the fall for updates about the January Ministry Fair.



**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Parish School of Religion for the 2019-20 school year begins on Sunday, **September 8, 2019**, from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM in the Parish Activity Center. Registration opens on August 3-4 and will continue throughout the month of August. Applications are conveniently located at the entrance of the Activity Center and will be available after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Mass. Early registration is strongly encouraged and can be completed in person or online at [immaculateconceptionbr.org](http://immaculateconceptionbr.org) under "Forms." Registration applications can also be picked up and completed at home and submitted as soon as possible. This will help facilitate our planning process. Registration fees for grades Pre-K/K through 11 are \$25 for one child or the first child of a family, \$15 for each additional child of the same family. An additional \$10 fee for each child receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. **For more information, please contact Gloria DeRouen (225) 936-8162 or Lori Gregory (225) 614-4646. THANK YOU.**



**WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH  
AND WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**HEALTHY BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIDBIT:** Dr. Fran Walfish, a child and family psychotherapist, and Dr. Christina Nichols, a licensed clinical psychologist, offer these tips on how parents can be pro-active managers of their family's stress before and during the school year: create a family calendar that tracks everyone's activities/commitments; schedule 30-minutes of your own "me time" every day on the family calendar; establish "family time" during dinner or before bed; set your clocks forward by 10-minutes to make it easier to be on time; create a reward system when your kids meet grade and chore goals; keep a single, easily accessible file for vaccination records and other important documents; and set-up the next day's breakfast table before going to bed. [www.care.com](http://www.care.com)



**Happy Birthday**



|            |               |      |
|------------|---------------|------|
| MARVA      | ALLEN         | 8/11 |
| MIRANDA    | CHRISTOPHER   | 8/11 |
| JACQUELINE | COLEMAN       | 8/11 |
| TERYN      | DEROUEN       | 8/11 |
| DERRICK    | FRANKLIN      | 8/11 |
| MERCEDES   | GUERIN        | 8/11 |
| DONYE      | NETTER        | 8/11 |
| GLINDA     | VERRETT       | 8/11 |
| LINDA      | ROSS          | 8/11 |
| JAMES      | ST. AMANT     | 8/11 |
| KARTER     | WHITE         | 8/12 |
| LATOYA     | DIXON         | 8/13 |
| CEDRIC     | ROBILLARD     | 8/13 |
| LAWRENCE   | ST. AMANT     | 8/13 |
| PARIS      | COLEMAN       | 8/14 |
| ANDRE      | NEWTON, JR.   | 8/14 |
| KAREN      | OLISON        | 8/14 |
| JOSEPH     | RICHARD       | 8/14 |
| PAULETTE   | RIDEAU        | 8/14 |
| JAMIE      | WILLIAMS      | 8/14 |
| BECKY      | BELLANGER     | 8/15 |
| GLINDA     | LEWIS         | 8/15 |
| REGINALD   | MORRISON, III | 8/15 |
| LOIS       | PRESTON       | 8/15 |
| MILES      | DRUMMOND      | 8/16 |
| MYRTLE     | HARRIS        | 8/16 |
| PATRICK    | JENKINS       | 8/16 |
| ANITRA     | KING          | 8/16 |
| JARED      | SAMPSON       | 8/16 |
| LAWRENCE   | WILLIAMS, SR. | 8/16 |
| CURTIS     | HAYNES        | 8/17 |
| LATOYA     | DOTSON        | 8/17 |
| ELOISE     | JOHNSON       | 8/17 |
| GEORGE     | SOLOMON, JR.  | 8/17 |
| CYNETHIA   | ST. AMANT     | 8/17 |

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

**JR. KNIGHTS/ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE**

The Jr. Knights Branch is conducting a fundraiser, (collecting aluminum cans for recycling.) With football season starting, save your empty beverage cans after tailgating and donate the cans to the Junior Knights. For additional information please contact Gerald Berzat @ 225-276-4674. Thanks.



**Mass Readings  
August 11th - August 18th  
Sunday**

Wis. 18:6-9; Psalm 33; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19  
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

**Monday**

Dt 10:12-22; Psalm 147  
Gospel: Matt 17:22-27

**Tuesday**

Dt 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32  
Gospel: Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday**

Dt 34:1-12; Psalm 66  
Gospel: Matt. 18:15-20

**Thursday**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45; 1 Cor.15:20-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

**Friday**

Jos 24:1-13; Psalm 136  
Gospel: Matt. 19:3-12

**Saturday**

Jos 24:14-29; Psalm 16  
Gospel: Matt 19:13-15

**Sunday**

Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40; Heb.12:1-4  
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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

**LORD, LET THIS BE OUR DAILY PRAYER**

God, keep my anger from becoming meanness.  
Keep my sorrow from collapsing into self-pity.  
Keep my heart soft enough to keep breaking.  
Keep my anger turned toward justice, not cruelty.  
Remind me that all of this, every bit of it, is for love.  
Keep me fiercely kind. Amen.

**Work hard. Talk less.  
Do what you know is right.  
Learn from your mistakes.  
Build people up. Laugh often.  
Stop complaining.  
Invest in yourself. Dream big.  
Plan ahead.  
Love unconditionally.**

