

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Christina Mae Thomas Jenkins



Many hear about Madame C.J. Walker for her impact on the hair industry. But have you heard of Christina M. Jenkins? She is one of those great minds who is largely credited for creating the hair weaving process. Christina Mae Thomas was born Christmas Day in 1920, although there are conflicting dates regarding her day of birth. She was born in Louisiana but details of her early life are scarce. What is known is that she graduated from Leland College near Baton Rouge with a degree in science in 1943.

Jenkins started work at a wig manufacturer in Chicago and in 1949, she began working on a technique to make a more secure fitting wig. She then moved to Malvern, Ohio and began studying how sewing in commercial hair with a person’s natural hair added length and body. Thus in 1951, Jenkins filed a patent for her “HairWeev” technique, which was granted in 1952.

Jenkins owned and operated her Christina’s HairWeeve Penthouse Salon in the Shaker Heights section of Cleveland until 1993. She also taught her hair weaving techniques at hair shows across Europe. Jenkins was married to jazz pianist Herman “Duke” Jenkins and raised one daughter together, Ms. Shelia Jenkins-Cochran.

There is some dispute over Jenkins’ claim to the hair weave as some historians stated that the technique was used in a similar fashion dating back to ancient Egypt.

The late Ohio U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones commended Jenkins for her invention and praised her for her “revolutionary contribution”. The statement was made in 2003, shortly after Jenkins’ death at the age of 82.



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
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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

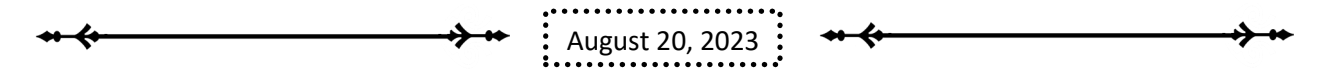
This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, my will to persevere continues to rise all because of Your grace. My faith is kept alive because I am able to surrender myself to Your will. I pray that this unwavering faith will only continue to burn brighter, for whenever I may stagger, I'll always come back stronger than before. Everything is possible with You, Lord, so I have no need for anything else. Let my faith never stray from You, for I already have everything I could ever want by being a follower of Christ. Amen.



Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

Matthew 15:21-22



Great faith requires a great need. But there are lots of people in our world who know that they need something, but they don’t know exactly what they need. So they try this, and they try that, but nothing seems to satisfy them. It seems like a lot of our world’s attention is focused on what will fill our need.

But the truth is that there is a hole in the heart of our world that can only be filled by Jesus. Yes, great faith requires a great need. And, yes, our world has a great need. But that need won’t be filled by anything but Jesus. The Canaanite woman has great faith, not just because she is desperate for help, but because she comes to realize that her help can only come from Jesus. Great faith means recognizing our great need, and turning to our great Savior. Knowing that we need something, and knowing who alone can fill that need.

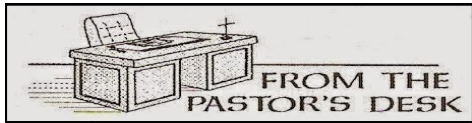
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



DAILY MASS RETURNING TO THE MLK CHAPEL



Our daily Mass (12:10 PM Mondays-Thursdays) will be returning to the chapel at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center on Monday, August 21. You may park in the new Alumni parking lot adjacent to the MLK property for the duration of the Mass. The SU Law Center has rented the parking lot for weekdays and the Athletic Department has rented it for weekends during football season. The Alumni Office has given MLK access to parking for events at MLK.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES DATE CHANGE



Because of our Provincial's visit to Grand Coteau and the holy day, the Parish Council of Ministries will meet on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, AT 6:30 PM.** All chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations should attend. You will be receiving minutes, agenda, and materials in the next week.

AN ADDITIONAL CUP OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST



Starting this weekend, we will have a second cup of the Precious Blood at Communion time to make it easier to participate in the cup if you desire.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC



Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday, October 8, following the 10:30 AM Mass until 3:00 PM. We will have food, drinks, ice cream, face painting, games, bingo, music, and many other fun activities. Please plan to join us for a day of fellowship!

WELCOME TO ALL SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS



As the new semester begins, we welcome all Southern University students to the MLK Catholic Student Center and our church. Everyone is welcome to the MLK Center as a place to study, relax, fellowship, and pray. Look for us on Thursday afternoons in the Student Union. Stop by our table and say hello. Join us on Wednesday, August 30, for a prayer walk to ask for God's blessing on the new semester. We also welcome all college students from LSU, Baton Rouge Community College, and Franciscan University.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOUISIANA LEADERSHIP ALL STAR BAND



Congratulations to the members of our church who marched with the Louisiana Leadership All Star Band last Sunday at half-time of the Saints-Chiefs game at the Superdome. Shout out to James, Jacob, Aja Freeman, Brandon Johnson, Taylor Boudreaux. We are proud of you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) – 2023-2024

The first day of classes for PSR is on **Sunday, September 10, 2023**, in the Church's activity center from 9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church after the 4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and after the 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses on Sundays. The application can be completed at home and returned to a drop box available in the vestibule of the Church or complete the application online at **PSR Registration Application | 2023-24 | Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (immaculateconceptionbr.org)**. Registration fee for Pre-K/Kindergarten through eleventh grade is \$25 for one child or the first child of a family, and \$15 for each additional child of the same family. There is an additional \$10 fee for each child preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in Spring 2024. Instructions for payment of registration fees are on the application. For additional information, please contact Gloria DeRouen (225) 936-8162 or email g1930@att.net or contact the Church office at 225-775-7067. **THANK YOU**

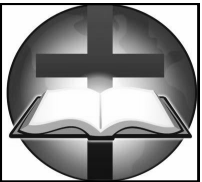
Happy Birthday

CHARLENE	JENKINS	8/20
MISTY	JOHNSON	8/20
BEATRICE	LEONARD	8/20
TYLA	DEROUEN	8/21
RUBY	JONES	8/21
MARISSA	WALKER	8/21
MAYA	ANDERSON	8/22
TAMMY	GUERIN	8/22
JASMINE	RICHARDSON	8/22
IRMA	WILLIAMS	8/22
JASON	BRADFORD	8/23
JEFFERY	HOLIDAY	8/23
GERALDINE	MEYERS	8/23
JACQUELINE	YOUNG	8/23
RUSSELL	AIKENS, SR.	8/24
BELINDA	BARRON	8/24
HENRY	JACKSON	8/24
JARED	LISTACH	8/24
MAUDE	ROSS	8/24
KAREN	SYLVE	8/24
CAROLE	WALKER	8/24
DAPHNE	ALEX	8/25
YVONNE	GOINS	8/25
RALEIGH	RIDGLEY	8/25
CINDY	STEWART	8/25
YOLANDA	LEWIS	8/26
JACOB	RIDEAU	8/26
KODEY	WEAVER	8/26

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



We are most grateful for the generosity of all our church members to our parish stewardship. You know well how costs are rising. Energy prices, groceries, insurance, and repairs are all rising. If you are able, could you increase your weekly or monthly offering by even a little bit---\$5 or \$10 increase can really help. If you are not able, we understand completely and appreciate whatever you can give. Thank you!



Mass Readings

August 20th - August 27th

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Psalm 106

Gospel: Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Psalm 85

Gospel Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Psalm 21

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Feast of Saint Bartholomew

Rv 21:9b-14; Psalm 145

Gospel: Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Psalm 146

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

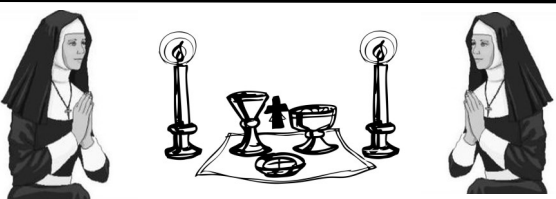
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalm 128

Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Is 22:19-23; Psalm 138; Rom 11:33-36

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20



APPRECIATION MASS FOR THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY AT SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER



This year marks the first year in 104 years that there will not be a sister of the Holy Family at Saint Francis Xavier Church. The parish will celebrate a Mass of Appreciation for all that the Holy Family Sisters have done for Saint Francis Xavier and