

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

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Mae Mallory was an activist and freedom fighter who was at the forefront of some of the civil rights movement's major events. Mallory was a founder of the Harlem Nine who railed against New York's segregated school system and was a supporter of Black radical **Robert F. Williams**.

Born June 9, 1927 in Macon, Georgia, Mallory moved to New York with her mother at the age of 12. In 1956, she became the founder and spokesperson for the Harlem Nine, a group of Black mothers who were critical of the poor conditions of Black schools and called for school integration. The Nine faced several legal hurdles, despite the federal ruling of "Brown v. Board of Education" and several attempts to jail them eventually failed.

The efforts of the Nine included a successful lawsuit in 1960 which allowed thousands of parents to transfer their children to racially integrated schools. This came after help from the local NAACP and a 162-day boycott prior with leaders like **Ella Baker** and **Adam Clayton Powell**. Many of the first so-called "freedom schools" of the civil rights era were established as a result of the Nine's work on the ground.

1959, Williams, who was also the leader of the Monroe, N.C. NAACP, befriended Mallory after a visit to New York. Mallory was taken with Williams' message of self-defense and self-reliance and organized a group of supporters. By 1961, Mallory was aligned with Williams but they were met with resistance from white locals who feared a revolution. Unlike most of the civil rights activists of the time, Williams believed in responding with violence when confronted by it.

Williams and Mallory were falsely accused of kidnapping a white couple, she fled to Cleveland, Ohio to escape what she felt would be an unfair jury. Williams fled to Cuba, allegedly with Mallory's assistance. Mallory fought extradition to Monroe and instead served time in Cleveland. She became an avid writer and many of her works centered on her activism.

In 1965, Mallory was one of the attendees in the Audubon Ballroom in New York when Malcolm X was assassinated. Her already radical ideology increased from that point on, and she eventually became involved in the Black Power Movement and the Pan-African Congress in the early '70's. Mallory passed in 2007.

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
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

God, bless this situation with the gentle, healing power of your love, that I may find the courage to carry on through this dark time of loss and the grace to believe there is happiness ahead. Amen.





CHANGES IN OUR WEEKLY MAILING OF THE BULLETIN

This bulletin will be the last of our weekly mailing of the bulletin. Starting next week, we will have the bulletin available in the church, the parish office and posted on the parish website (www.immaculateconceptionbr.org). We will mail a monthly newsletter which will include announcements from the bulletin of the past month. The first monthly newsletter will be mailed out the last week of September.

Check out this week's bulletin

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Classes for the Parish School of Religion will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 AM. All classes will be virtual and live streamed on Zoom or a similar platform. We ask parents to join their children in the virtual classes through the year. This is to comply with child safety guidelines as well as to promote a family learning experience. When the PSR class ends, you will be able to join in the live streamed Mass at 10:30 AM. Parents will receive materials for the classes. The classes will be taped so that they may be accessed later on. Parents, please register your children as soon as possible on the parish website. We ask for everyone's patience and good will as we implement this change in our program necessitated by the Covid 19 precautions.

TOGETHER BATON ROUGE EVENTS RE: GET OUT THE VOTE



Together Baton Rouge will host a Metro Council District 2 "House Meeting" on Wednesday, September 2 via Zoom. They will also host an Accountability Meeting with candidates for Metro Council District 2 on Tuesday, September 29 via Zoom. Details about logging on to these virtual meetings will be forthcoming as the dates approach.

If you would like to be a Voting Captain, i.e. contact by telephone, email or text 10 households of your friends or neighbors encouraging and insuring that they vote, go to <https://www.togetherla.org/blockcaptain> to sign up.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT GIPSON, WINNER OF KPC SCHOLARSHIP



Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is proud to announce the winner of our 10th annual scholarship award, Jr. Knight **Robert Gipson**. Mr. Gipson also was selected as the first place winner for the Louisiana State Knights of Peter Claver Scholarship and the National Knights of Peter Claver Scholarship. He is a member of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church and a member of the Branch 116, Junior Division. Mr. Gipson is currently enrolled at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge majoring in Mathematics. His ambition is to work on Wall Street as a Stockbroker. Congratulations on your accomplishment!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LANDON HUNT, WINNER OF THE LADIES OF GRACE SCHOLARSHIP



Landon Hunt is the recipient of a scholarship award from Constance Butler Chapter 9, Ladies of Grace, Knights of Peter Claver. Congratulations to Landon, and best wishes for a successful college career.

FATHER CLARK WILL OFFER SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS



Father Clark will be offering the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in the retreat in the world format beginning in September. This year he will offer the retreat via Zoom to those who have already made it so that they can renew the graces of the retreat and go deeper into its meaning. If you have already made the Exercises and would like to make them again, please contact Father Clark. All meetings will be on Zoom which you must attend with a camera.

Happy Birthday

MARLENE	DOMINGUE	8/30
JACOB	FREEMAN	8/30
EIAN	ROBBINS	8/30
KIRT	YOUNG	8/30
QUINCY	COLLINS	8/31
BRANDON	RAMI	8/31
ELEANOR	BRUMFIELD	9/1
ANTHONY	MORGAN	9/1
ANDREA	TOLES	9/1
CHARLEEN	BAHAM	9/2
LAKEDRA	BAISE	9/2
CHANDLER	BIAS	9/2
MICHAEL	JACKSON	9/2
CONSUELA	KNIGHT	9/2
BERNICE	JAMES	9/3
MICHAEL	JAMES	9/3
SHEILA	SIMS	9/3
KIMBERLY	THOMAS	9/3
JUSTIN	ABADIE	9/4
PATRICK	GRIFFIN, II	9/5
RASHIDA	MCKNIGHT	9/5
JOSHUA	MORRISON	9/5
CATHERINE	STEVENSON	9/5

BE PREPARED TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3



We all need to make plans now for how we will vote in the election on November 3. As someone wisely said, we no longer speak of Election Day but Election Season. How will you vote? By mail in ballot? Early voting? At the poll on election day? If you choose mail in ballot, will you mail it by the USPS or hand deliver it to the registrar of voters office? Now is the time to plan!

Deadline to register to vote in person or by mail is October 5. Deadline to register to vote online is October 13

Anyone over 65 years old can request an absentee ballot at voterportal.sos.la.gov/Home/VoterLogin by October 30 at 4:00 PM

Early voting: October 20-27, excluding Sunday, Oct 25. From 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

An absentee ballot must be received by November 2 at 4:30

CATHOLIC COMMENTATOR COLUMN ON RACIAL HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION

Starting in September, the *Catholic Commentator* will present a regular column on racial healing and transformation entitled, *Building Bridges*. The *Commentator* is soliciting articles of 700-800 words. The purpose of the new column will be to highlight the rich and varied life and faith experiences of readers and believers in order to build bridges of empathy and understanding. How? By telling and listening to each other's stories. In a nutshell, we're asking you to tell us your stories of race and faith. What more can be done to strengthen what unites us as children of God, to enhance tolerance, promote the common good and make our communities and our churches stronger?

Contributions should be sent to racialharmony@diobr.org.



Mass Readings

August 30th- September 6th

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Psalm 63; Rom 12:1-2

Gospel: Matt 16:21-27

Monday

I Cor 2:1-5; Psalm 119

Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

I Cor 2:10b-16; Psalm 145

Gospel: Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

I Cor 3:1-9; Psalm 33

Gospel: Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

I Cor 3:18-23; Psalm 24

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Friday

I Cor 4:1-5; Psalm 37

Gospel: Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

I Cor 4:6b-15; Psalm 145

Gospel: Luke 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

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

