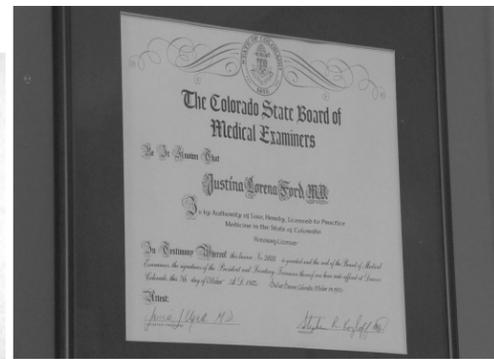


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Dr. Justina L. Ford



Dr. Justina L. Ford was a pioneering physician who practiced medicine in Colorado, despite facing the barriers of race and gender. Dr. Ford, better known as the “Lady Doctor,” was rumored to have delivered 7,000 babies in her lifetime and was the lone Black female doctor in the state for the first half of the 20th century.

Justina Laurena Warren was born January 22, 1871 in Knoxville, Tenn. The daughter of a nurse, she moved to Chicago and married preacher John Ford in 1892. Ford attended Hering Medical College in the city and graduated in 1899. After working briefly in Alabama, Ford relocated to Denver in 1902 and became the first Black woman in the state to earn a medical license.

Despite Dr. Ford’s credentials, Black doctors were banned from working at larger white hospitals. There were few places that served the needs of the poor. Ford was also denied access to the state’s medical association, which would have provided her a network of opportunities afforded to her white, male counterparts.

Ford opened a gynecology and pediatrics practice out of her home. Ford’s generosity was legendary, and she often took trades of goods for her services if patients didn’t have the money to pay her. Poor patients also got special care in the form of Ford providing food and clothing when she was able. She saw patients of all racial backgrounds and made frequent house calls.

Some accounts state that for several decades, Ford was the only woman physician in Colorado. What can be confirmed is that up until 1950, she was the only Black female doctor there. Denver General Hospital eventually opened its doors to Ford and she was finally admitted to the Denver Medical Society. Dr. Ford’s former home is now the Black American West Museum. Ford passed in 1952.

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

Lord, help me to be open to your guidance, however it comes. When you speak to me in the words of a friend, open my ears. When you touch me in the embrace of a family member, let me feel your gentle touch. Alert my senses to your presence at all times. Amen.





Dear Parishioners:

What a year 2020 is! We have been forced to change all our daily routines, wear masks, stay at home when possible, perform frequent hand washing, and socially distance. It has changed everything. I am most aware of how it has our church life. The most difficult experience has been the limitations it places on the way we celebrate funerals with only a few family members present. Social distancing changes the way we console each other and how we minister to the sick. We cannot visit hospitals or nursing homes and we are limited in the home visits we can make to homebound parishioners. Yet, we have discovered new ways of worshipping and fellowshiping. Our live streamed Mass on Sunday attracts about 400-500 views each week. Daily Mass has 50-60 viewers. We continue Bible Study on Zoom. The Rosary Group prays the Rosary on a conference call. We have begun a Sunday Prayer Meeting on Zoom and a Family/Youth Mass once a month on Zoom. When one door closes, God opens another!

One of the most challenging impacts of the pandemic is in our financial situation. Members of the parish have been very generous and conscientious about their stewardship. We are so grateful for those who faithfully mail in their offering or place it through the mail slot on the front door of the rectory or contribute on line. Even with this attentiveness to stewardship we are falling behind by about \$15,000 to \$20,000 from where we were last year at this time. I am writing to ask that if you have not been contributing to the church because of the upheaval in our routine and you are able to do so, please consider finding a way to regularly contribute to the church. We are including in this communication directions on how to contribute on line through our website and through the app, **Givelify**. If your present financial situation prevents you from contributing, we understand completely. We depend on your generosity to continue our mission and meet our obligations.

I understand that the down turn of the economy has affected everyone. If you are out of work or are struggling to make ends meet, I ask that you contact me and let me know how you are doing. I will keep confidential everything you share with me, but I would like to know how you are doing and if there is anything the church can do to help you at this time. Thank you for your dedication to our church and your generosity in its support, Father Clark.



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE ON LINE VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE

1. Go to www.immaculateconceptionbr.org
2. At the bottom right hand corner of the homepage click on "Donate"
3. Follow the directions for registering for We Share
4. Designate how much you want to contribute either one time or a reoccurring donation
5. Supply your credit, debit, or checking account information
6. Call Father Clark (225-773-2036) if you need assistance

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE VIA GIVELIFY

1. Go to Givelify.com
 2. On the homepage, click on "I want to donate now"
 3. Enter "Immaculate Conception Church" and choose our church option
 4. Click on the amount you want to donate
 5. Choose one time or recurring
 6. Enter billing information
 7. You can download the Givelify app for your phone or device
- N.B. The service charge on this app is less than the charge for We Share*



Happy Birthday

GAYLYN	BELLAIRE	8/9
SOPHIE	HIVES	8/9
CATHY	PURSLEY	8/9
CARL	STEVENSON	8/9
DERRICK	BARNES	8/10
KIMBERLY	ENCALADE	8/10
KATRINA	GRIFFIN	8/10
PATRICIA	ROBERTSON	8/10
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
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
LOGAN	DAUPHINE	8/15
GLINDA	LEWIS	8/15
REGINALD	MORRISON, III	8/15
LOIS	PRESTON	8/15

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Because it is on a Saturday and because of the pandemic, it is not a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate Mass on Friday evening at 7:00 PM. The Mass will be livestreamed on Immaculate Conception BR via Facebook and YouTube. Please note: there will be no Saturday morning Mass at 9 AM as was announced in last week's bulletin.



Mass Readings

August 9th- August 16th

Sunday

I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85; Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Matt 14:22-33

Monday

Feast of Saint Lawrence

2 Cor 9:6-10; Psalm 112

Gospel: John 12:24-26

Tuesday

Ez 2:8-3:4; Psalm 119

Gospel: Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 113

Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12; Psalm 78

Gospel: Matt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Isaiah 12

Gospel: Matt 19:3-12

Saturday

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Sunday

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

Gospel: Matt 15:21-28

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

