

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK  
Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

**FAMILY movie night**  
Next Sunday, February 17, at 2:00 PM we will show the Black Panther at the MLK Catholic Student Center. There will be snacks served. Wakanda dress is encouraged! Door prizes!

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE BY CLERGY

**REPORT IT!**  
If you or someone you know needs to report an incidence of sexual abuse by clergy or a diocesan employee, you or they should call Ms. Amy Cordon, the Diocesan Coordinator for Victim Assistance. The 24 hour Victim Assistance Hotline is 225-242-0250.

DONATION TOWARD SANCTUARY FURNITURE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

**Donations are greatly Appreciated!**  
If anyone would be interested in exploring the donation of a piece of sanctuary furniture (pulpit/ambo or tabernacle stand) in memory of a loved one, please contact Father Clark. The price range is approximately \$2,500.00 for each item. They are being custom made by a woodworker and will match the ambry (the container for the holy oils).

DIALOGUE ON RACE LOUISIANA ORIGINAL SERIES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11

Dialogue on Race Louisiana is offering a six week, facilitated dialogue on race beginning on Monday, February 11 at Trinity Episcopal Church; 3552 Morning Glory Ave., Baton Rouge 70808. The sessions take place at 6:00-8:00 PM. The first session is 2 1/2 hours from 6:00-8:30 PM. Participants are required to attend the first session. The fee for the series is \$30.00. For more information or to register contact Maxine Crump at 225-274-6902 or [info@dialogueonracelouisiana.org](mailto:info@dialogueonracelouisiana.org)

May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

EIGHT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

- 1. Everything can—and will—change.
- 2. You've overcome challenges before.
- 3. It's a learning experience.
- 4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
- 5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
- 6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
- 7. Other people's negativity is not worth worrying about.
- 8. And there is always, always, always something to be grateful for.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE! OUR LENTEN REVIVAL

**Revival**  
Our Lenten Revival with Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Paul the Apostle Churches will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 11, 12, and 13. Bishop Ferd Cheri, the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, will be our revival preacher. Make plans now to attend all three nights and bring a friend!

KNIGHTS AND LADIES LENTEN FISH DINNERS

**Fish Fry**  
The Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary are selling Lenten Fish Dinners beginning March 8 on the Fridays of Lent from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center. The dinner includes fried catfish, potato salad, sweet peas and a dessert. The cost is \$8.00.

THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF PRAYER

PRAYER AND ACTION!

"You can pray until you faint, but unless you get up and try to do something, God is not going to put it into your lap."  
Fannie Lou Hamer

Celebrate BLACK HISTORY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH READING

- The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How the Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-blindness* by Michelle Alexander
- Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* by David W. Blight
- Looking for Lorraine: A Radiant and Radical Life of Lorraine Hansbury* by Imani Perry

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

KATRECE	ALBERT	2/10
ALBERT	BELLANGER, III	2/10
CATHERINE	BRADFORD	2/10
TROYLAN	BREAUX	2/10
DMARVION	FINLEY	2/10
RODERICK	WELLS	2/10
PEARL	ANDREWS	2/11
WILLIAM	BROWN	2/11
FRANKIE ANN	EAGLIN	2/11
MATTHEW	LEWIS	2/11
BETTY	ODOM	2/11
MARLON	RICHARDSON	2/11
CHRISTINA	RICHARDSON	2/11
TERRIN	SAMPEY	2/11
LENORA	ALLEN	2/12
EVELLA	QUIETT	2/12
OTIS	WASHINGTON	2/12
BRIAN	JINKENS	2/13
LAMAR	SMITH	2/13
ELLIS	HERRING	2/14
WARREN	RUSSEL	2/14
MASON	WASHINGTON	2/14
BENNIE	BELL, III	2/15
REGINA	BOWIE	2/15
MARY ANN	NED	2/15
SHARON	FLORIDA	2/16
EMMANUEL	UNAEZE	2/16

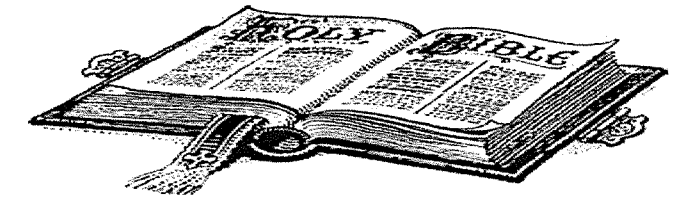
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THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY

**PRAYER CHANGES THINGS**  
The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, is accepting Scholarship Award Applications for 2019. Applications are available in the entrance of the Church and in the Church Secretary's office located in the Ministry Building. Completed applications are due April 23, 2019. For additional information contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354.

ARCHBISHOP LYKE CONFERENCE

The annual Archbishop Lyke Conference will take place on July 2-6, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Details of the conference will be posted on the bulletin board. There will be an opportunity to travel to conference by a chartered bus.



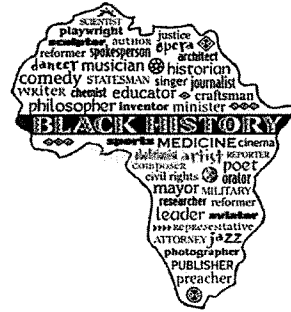
**Mass Readings**  
February 10th - February 17th  
**Sunday**  
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11  
**Monday**  
Gen. 1:1-19; Psalm 104  
Gospel: Mark 6:53-56  
**Tuesday**  
Gen. 1:20--2:4a; Psalm 8  
Gospel: Mark 7:1-13  
**Wednesday**  
Gen. 2:4b-9, 15-17; Psalm 104  
Gospel: Mark 7:14-23  
**Thursday**  
Gen. 2:18-25; Psalm 128  
Gospel: Mark 7:24-30  
**Friday**  
Gen. 3:1-8; Psalm 32  
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37  
**Saturday**  
Gen. 3:9-24; Psalm 90  
Gospel: Mark 8:1-10  
**Sunday**  
Jer. 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20  
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

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



# THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

## Arturo Alfonso Schomburg



Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, also known as Arthur Schomburg, was a meticulous historian and important Harlem Renaissance figure. During his career, he was referred to as the "Sherlock Holmes of Black History" due to his exhaustive research on Africa and the diaspora.

Schomburg was born Jan. 24, 1874 to a Black mother from the Virgin Islands and a German father who lived in Puerto Rico. As a boy, Schomburg was told by a teacher that Black history was a farce, which set him on a path early on to prove that doubter wrong.

In 1871, Schomburg moved to Harlem, New York and was an active member of the fight for Cuba and Puerto Rico's independence. When his home country became part of the United States, Schomburg embraced the African-American community that he was now a part of. This set him on a path of serious study of the connection Black Americans had with Africa.

In 1911, Schomburg founded the Negro Society for Historical Research, and in 1922, he was named president of The American Negro Academy. As a collector and researcher of African art, Schomburg amassed a massive collection which was put on display by the New York Public Library's Division of Negro Literature, History and Prints in 1926. He became the department's curator and remained so until his death in 1932.

Today, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library boasts more than 10 million items connected to Africa and beyond.

### 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

### 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
Lectors: Yvonne Jackson.....	362-0897
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, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognizing what we have in common rather than focusing on what our differences might be. Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not, and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of good will who bring life and joy to others. Amen.

