

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

### Charles (Chuck) Harrison (1931 – 2018)



The late **Charles “Chuck” Harrison** is one of the most important industrial designers of his time, and items that he’s either invented or designed have been impacting lives for over 60 years.

Charles Harrison Jr. was born September 23, 1931 in Shreveport, La. His father, Charles Harrison Sr., was a professor of Industrial Arts at Southern University. The family relocated to Texas where the senior Harrison taught at Prairie View A&M University before moving to Phoenix, Ariz. to teach at the all-Black George Washington Carver High School where the junior Harrison attended.

After high school, Harrison studied at City College of San Francisco, thriving there despite battling dyslexia. He obtained a scholarship to the School of The Art Institute in Chicago (SAIC), graduating in 1954. Harrison was then drafted into the U.S. Army, working as a cartographer before resuming graduate studies and meeting his wife in Chicago. Harrison obtained his master’s degree in art education from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

In the '50's, Harrison attempted to work at Sears, Roebuck, and Company but was reportedly denied due to his race. However, one of his undergraduate professors put him to work and he did freelance design work. Harrison’s big break and one of his many notable career moments occurred in 1958 when he lead a team that improved the design of the popular View Master toy. In 1961, he was finally added to Sears’ staff, and in 1963, he revolutionized waste management by inventing the first-ever plastic trash can.

Harrison worked for Sears for 32 years, designing hundreds of items including sewing machines, toasters, lawn mowers and several household items. According to reports, he is also the first Black executive for Sears. Harrison retired in 1993, but went on to teach part-time at several universities across Chicago, including his alma mater, SAIC. Chuck Harrison passed at the age of 87.

#### 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, encouragement through friends and family lifts my heart just as sunshine turns roses skyward. May their love inspire me to stretch my soul toward the warmth and nurture of your radiant affection for me. Amen.





**ONLINE PARISH DIRECTORY**



Thank you to all who had their photo taken at the Ministry Fair last weekend. The directory is up and running. Please see the insert in today's bulletin on how to access it and set up your account. The directory is accessible to those who had their photo taken. Please check that your information is correctly entered. You may add your birthday and anniversary dates if you wish. You may supply a photo to be uploaded. Photos will be taken again this weekend after the Masses. A big shout out goes to our photographers, Felicia Gathe, Pam Honore, and Dominic Morgan.

**2020 LENTEN TRI-PARISH REVIVAL:  
March 2, 3, and 4**



Get your Lent off to a great start by attending the Lenten Tri-Parish Revival on Monday, March 2 (Saint Francis Xavier), Tuesday, March 3 (Saint Paul the Apostle), and Wednesday, March 4 (Immaculate Conception). All services begin with Praise and Worship at 6:00 PM and the Revival Service at 6:30 PM. Our revivalists will be a husband and wife team of Catholic Evangelists, Al and Pearlette Carter. Al shares his testimony of having left the Catholic Church, becoming a Baptist Pastor and returning to the Church through the boldness of a Priest and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. They are now very active in sharing the Gospel and the blessing of being part of the Catholic Church. Bring a friend or two!

**ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 26**



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM (Immaculate Conception Church), 12:10 PM (MLK Catholic Student Center), 5:00 PM Prayer Service only (Immaculate Conception Church), and 7:00 PM Mass (Immaculate Conception Church). Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses and at the Prayer Service.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that we eat one full meal and two smaller meals and we do not eat between meals. Abstinence means that we do not eat meat. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is also a day of fasting and abstinence.

Now is the time to plan for how you will make the 40 days of Lent a special time of drawing closer to God. Little Black Books are available in the foyer. Please see bulletin insert for a Lent Retreat Day.



**THE JOURNEY HOME**



A Stephanie Yearby Exhibition presented by Cultural Crossroads, Inc. - February 1-27, 2020. Louisiana State Archives Gallery. Stephanie Yearby is the daughter of parishioners Edward and Beverly Yearby.

Stephanie's work is designed to tell the story that captures the elements of African American life in the 40's, 50's and 60's when African American referred to themselves as Colored, Negroes and Black. There are pamphlets located in the back of the church.

**WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY**



**HEALTHY TIDBIT:** How do you treat a minor burn? **THE DOs:** Run cool (not cold) water over the burn for at least 5 minutes. To relieve minor pain, either take an over-the-counter pain reliever like ibuprofen (Advil) or acetaminophen (Tylenol) or apply a soothing lotion that contains aloe vera. Loosely cover the burn with a sterile gauze bandage or clean cloth. Drink plenty of fluids (including electrolyte-containing drinks like Gatorade) if the burn victim appears dehydrated. Seek medical attention if the burn victim has a persistent fever, extreme swelling or blistering at the burn site, or uncontrollable pain. When in doubt or if you think the victim's life is in danger, call 911. **THE DON'Ts:** Do not apply ice because it may cause skin damage. Do not apply butter or an ointment because this substance will trap the heat in the skin tissue and will make the burn worse. Do not break any blisters. Do not delay medical attention if the burn is larger than the size of the victim's palm. [ameriburn.org](http://ameriburn.org)



**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM CLASS FOR SENIORS**

Saturday February 29, 2020 - 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Activity Center - 1565 Curtis St., Baton Rouge, La.  
Cost: \$15 - AARP Members  
\$20 - Non-Members  
Contact Person: Bea Leonard (225)355-5027



**Happy Birthday**

SHARON	FLORIDA	2/16
EMMANUEL	UNAEZE	2/16
HAROLD	MARSELLUS	2/17
JOYCE	METEVIA	2/17
FRANCES	CROGRAM	2/18
JOSEPH	DOUCETTE	2/18
KENNETH	HARRIS	2/18
RONALD	BELLIAZERE	2/19
SOPHIE	DUBRIEL	2/19
JUANITA	RICHARD	2/20
ZION	STEWART	2/20
ZANETTA	AUGUSTINE	2/21
LEROY	POYDRAS	2/21
STEPHEN	BRISCO JR.	2/22
ERIC	TOLES	2/22

**THE ANNUAL HENRY BELLAIRE MEMORIAL SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER**

The members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta Iota Lambda Chapter  
Invite You To:  
The Annual Henry Bellaire Memorial Senior Citizen Dinner  
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
185 Eddie Robinson, Sr. Drive, Baton Rouge, La.  
Saturday, February 29, 2020 -- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**MEETING OF LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There will be a meeting of all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 PM in the church. Please note this will be a combined meeting of both ministries. Father Clark asks that all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers make this meeting a priority. Please make every effort to be present.



**MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS**

The Parish Office will be closed for the Mardi Gras holidays on Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25. Daily Mass will be celebrated on those days at 12:10 PM only. There will be no 7:30 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 25. There will be no Bible Study on Monday, February 24.



**Mass Readings**

February 16th- February 23rd  
**Sunday**  
Sir 15:15-20; Psalm 119; I Cor. 2:6-10  
Gospel: Matt. 5:17-37  
**Monday**  
James 1:1-11; Psalm 119  
Gospel: Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday**  
James 1:12-18; Psalm 94  
Gospel: Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday**  
James 1:19-27; Psalm 115  
Gospel: Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday**  
James 2:1-9; Psalm 34  
Gospel: Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday**  
James 2:14-24, 26; Psalm 112  
Gospel: Mk 8:34--9:1  
**Saturday**  
**Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter**  
I Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23  
Gospel: Matt 16:13-19  
**Sunday**  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103; I Cor. 3:16-23  
Gospel: Matt. 5:38-48

**THANK YOU FOR THE MINISTRY FAIR**



Thank you for making the Ministry Fair such a success and an important day of community building. Very special thanks to Pat Hives who coordinated the event so well. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked with her. Thank you to all the ministry and organization chairs and members who staffed tables. Thanks to the kitchen crew who served food.

All ministry and organization chairs, please reach out to all who signed up to be part of your group. Extend a warm welcome to them and do all in your power to include them

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**



Next Sunday, February 23, we will have a celebration of Black History Month included in our celebration of the 10:30 AM Mass. (We will not have a program in the Activity Center after Mass.)