



Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.

LENTEN PRAYER COMPANIONS



During Lent, we invite you to become a Lenten Prayer Companion. To participate, write your name on a card in the foyer. Include your preferred contact method. Next weekend, those participating will draw a name and pray for that person everyday during Lent. You will keep it a secret whom you are praying for until Easter when you can reveal to the person that you have been praying for them. Fill out a card today!

LENTEN WALKING WARRIORS



Join fellow parishioners in walking on Saturday mornings on campus for better health. Walking Warriors orientation (required) will be on either Saturday, February 23 at 5:15 pm in the Activity Center OR on Sunday February 24 at 12 noon after the 10:30 Mass. In addition to more information, you will fill out a form for personal info and sign a liability release form. You will be briefed on suggested doctor's approval and walking route. Contact Sheila (225) 936-4110 or Andrea (504) 491-6556 if you cannot attend an orientation session. You must complete orientation to participate in the Walking Warriors.

LENTEN READING:



Perfectly Yourself: Discovering God's Dream for You

We invite all parishioners to join together in reading, "Perfectly Yourself: Discovering God's Dream for You by Matthew Kelly. You can purchase a copy of the book after Mass for \$5.00 to defray the cost. You may gather together your small faith sharing community or form a new one. Fr. Clark will offer a general discussion group three times during Lent on Tuesday, March 5, 19, and April 2 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building.

CHURCH RENOVATION REPORT

We are making progress in our church renovation. The asbestos has been removed from the church building. We have hired a contractor, Firmin Construction Company. They are working with us and architect Sauviac and Dang to begin the project. We are also waiting on city permits. Please keep the success of this project in your prayers. We appreciate your generosity in your financial support of the renovation. Although we will monitor the budget carefully, there are always unexpected costs in a project like this. If you are able, we would greatly appreciate your continuing to support the Building Fund even if you have completed your pledge.



ROSARY GROUP - TIME CHANGE

The Rosary Group time has changed to 4:00 PM on Wednesdays. Meetings are held in the Ministry Building. New members are welcome.



Announcements and Upcoming Events



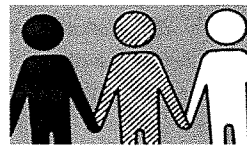
ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. We will celebrate Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 7:30 AM (Activity Center), 12:10 PM (MLK), 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes (Activity Center) and Mass at 7:00 PM (Activity Center).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat is eaten; fasting means that we eat three meals but less at each meal and we do not eat between meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

DIALOGUE ON RACE LOUISIANA:

March 12 to April 16



Dialogue on Race Louisiana will offer the original series on six Tuesdays from March 12-April 16 at 1:00-3:00 PM at Broadmoor Methodist Church, 10230 Mollylea Drive, BR 70815. The dialogue is a facilitated guided conversation about race with readings for each session. The first session lasts 2 1/2 hours. You are required to attend the first session. The registration cost is \$30.00. You may register at info@dialogueonracelouisiana.org or call 225-274-6902.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES LENTEN FISH DINNERS

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.

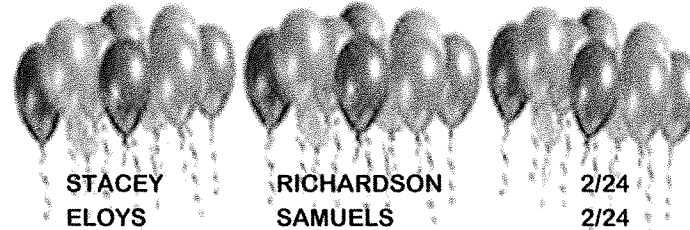


THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY

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.



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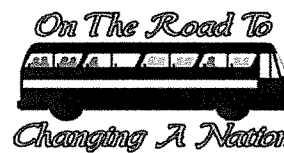
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RUSSELL	JARREAU	2/25
QUINCY	LEWIS	2/25
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CATHLEEN	DEROGERS	3/1
JESSICA	JONES	3/1
LAURA	SCOTT	3/1
ASHLEY	STATION	3/1
MEGANN	THOMPSON	3/1
LA TRICE	WILTZ	3/1
DARRELL	DUPUY	3/1
SHELTON	DYER, JR.	3/2
KRYSTIE	THOMAS	3/2
LINDA	WALKER	3/2

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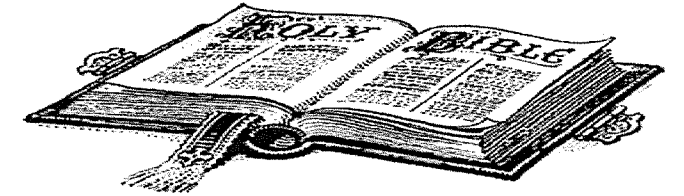
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE: FAITH, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE LOUISIANA CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



On Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM at Saint Aloysius Parish Hall, Chancellor John K. Pierre of the Southern University Law Center will give a talk entitled, "Faith, Social Justice, and the Louisiana Civil Rights Movement." He will be focusing on the local history of the struggle for civil rights. This talk is sponsored by the Racial Harmony Commission of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



Mass Readings

February 24th - March 3rd

Sunday

1 Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Cor. 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Monday

Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93
Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm 37
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sirach 4:11-19; Psalm 119
Gospel: Mark 9:38-40

Thursday

Sirach 5:1-8; Psalm 1
Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

Friday

Sirach 6:5-17; Psalm 119
Gospel: Matt. 10:1-12

Saturday

Sirach 17:1-15; Psalm 103
Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

Sunday

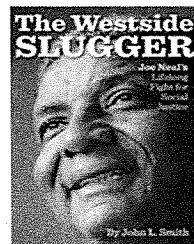
Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Cor. 15:54-58

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



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Joseph M. Neal, Jr. - Politician



The **WEST SIDE SLUGGER** is the powerful story of civil rights in Las Vegas and Nevada through the eyes and experience of Joe Neal, a history-making state lawmaker in Nevada. Longtime Nevada journalist John L. Smith tells Neal's story in *The Westside Slugger*, focusing on some of the key battles of Neal's memorable legislative career.

Neal rose from humble beginnings in Mound, Louisiana during the Great Depression to become the first African American to serve in the Nevada State Senate. Neal graduated from **Southern University** – studying Political Science and law at a time of great political upheaval in the racial status quo. As part of the group of courageous men, Neal joined a Department of Justice effort to register the first black voters in Madison County.

When Neal moved to Southern Nevada in 1963, he found the Silver State to be every bit as discriminatory as his former Louisiana home. As Neal climbed through the political ranks, he used his position in the state senate to speak on behalf of the powerless for more than thirty years. He took on an array of powerful opponents ranging from the Clark sheriff to the governor of the state, as well as Nevada's political kingmakers and casino titans. He fought for greater services for public education, mental health, and the state's libraries.

Neal lived a life that personified what is right, just, and fair. Pushing through racial and civil rights hurdles and becoming a lifelong advocate for social justice. Neal was married to Estelle Deconge Neal and is the brother-in-law of **Lovenia Deconge Watson, one of our parishioners.**

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, Lord, Open Unto Me

Open unto me, light for my darkness
 Open unto me, courage for my fear
 Open unto me, hope for my despair
 Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
 Open unto me, joy for my sorrow
 Open unto me, strength for my weakness
 Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion
 Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins
 Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness
 Open unto me, love for my hates
 Open unto me, Thy Self for myself
 Amen.

