

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK

Black History Month

28 Powerful Black Speeches to Watch in February

(Most are available on YouTube)

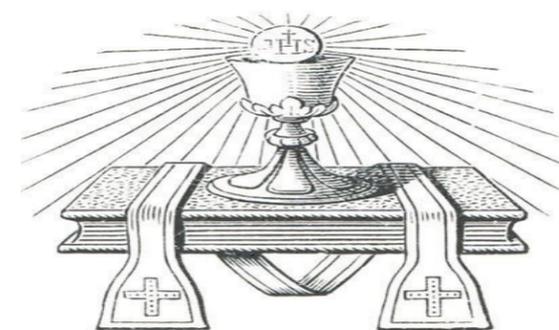
Martin Luther King, I Have a Dream
Malcolm X, The Ballot or the Bullet
Sojourner Truth, Ain't I a Woman?
Frederick Douglass, What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?
Fannie Lou Hammer, Testimony at the DNC (1964)
Barack Obama, 2004 DNC Keynote Address
Shirley Chisholm, Unbought and Unbossed
Angela Davis, Free Angela Davis Speech
James Baldwin, Cambridge Union Debate
John Lewis, March on Washington Speech
Huey P. Newton, Black Panther Party Platform Speech
Bayard Rustin, March on Washington Organizing Speech
Ida B. Wells, Lynch Law in America
Marcus Garvey, Africans for the Africans
Stokely Carmichael, Black Power Speech
Thurgood Marshall, Brown v. Board Reflections
Oprah Winfrey, Golden Globes Cecil B. DeMille Award Speech
Michelle Obama, When They Go Low, We Go High
Nina Simone, Artists' Responsibility Speech
Kwame Ture, Pan-Africanism Speech
Jesse Jackson, Rainbow Coalition Speech
Barack Obama, Selma Anniversary Speech
Amanda Gorman, The Hill We Climb
Bryan Stevenson, We Neet to Get Proximate
Maya Angelou, On Courage and Character
Rev. Jeremiah Wright, The Audacity of Hope (sermon)
Medgar Evers, Voting Rights Speech
Toni Morrison, Nobel Prize Lecture



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 8, 2026

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
12:10 PM

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.



MEET AND GREET AFTER THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Father Clark invites recently joined families and individuals to our church to a “meet and greet” after the Masses this weekend. The hospitality hour after the 4 PM and 10:30 AM Masses will be in the Parish Activity Center, and after the 8:00 AM Mass it will be in the Ministry Building. Come and fellowship with us!

ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 18

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church and at MLK Catholic Student Center there will be Mass at 12:10 PM and a Prayer Service at 5:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses and at the Prayer Service.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast, which means that we eat less at two meals and have a regular third meal. We do not eat between meals. Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Mass and Stations of the Cross with Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist will take place on Fridays of Lent beginning on February 20 except for Good Friday.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FEB 16 -17

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, February 16-17 in observance of Mardi Gras. However, Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM at the MLK Center on both days.

SAVE THE DATE-TRI PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL

Immaculate Conception, Saint Francis Xavier, and Saint Paul the Apostle are happy to announce the annual Tri Parish Lenten Revival on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 2, 3, and 4, with Father Kareem Smith of the Archdiocese of New York. Save the dates! Make plans to attend and bring a friend.

OUR TUTORING MINISTRY HAS BEGUN

Students (K-12) of Immaculate Conception Church are welcome to come for tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM-6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Teachers of the church are welcome to volunteer as tutors.

PSR FAMILY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION ON MARCH 28

The families of our Parish School of Religion are invited to attend a Family Morning of Recollection on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The morning will include separate sessions for parents and children and a joint session with a family activity. This family prayer time will help families grow in their understanding of the importance of Holy Week and Easter for their families. Please make it a priority to attend. You will not regret it!



RUBEN	BROWN	2/8
CAROLINE	HUTCHINSON	2/8
VANTRINETTE	WILLIAMS	2/8
DEIANIRA	BURRELL	2/9
NAOMI	WINDER-DAVIS	2/9
CHRISTOPHER	MCKNIGHT	2/9
BIRD	RICHARD	2/9
SADE	GRAY	2/9
FRANCES	ROYAL	2/9
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
ZEPHRUI	PRINCE	2/11
MARLON	RICHARDSON	2/11
CHRISTINA	RICHARDSON	2/11
TERRIN	SAMPEY	2/11
LENORA	ALLEN	2/12
EVELLA	QUIETT	2/12
BRIAN	JINKENS	2/13
LAMAR	SMITH	2/13
ELLIS	HERRING	2/14
WARREN	RUSSEL	2/14
MASON	WASHINGTON	2/14
STEPHANIE	YEARBY	2/14
BENNIE	BELL, III	2/15
REGINA	BOWIE	2/15
KAREN	JOHNSON	2/15
MARY ANN	NED	2/15



**Weekly Mass Readings
February 8th—February 15th**

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58: 7-10
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
Matthew 5: 13-16

Monday

1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13
Mark 6: 53-56

Tuesday

**Memorial of Saint Scholastica,
Virgin**

1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30
Mark 7: 1-13

Wednesday

1 Kings 10: 1-10
Mark 7: 14-23

Thursday

1 Kings 11: 4-13
Mark 7: 24-30

Friday

1 Kings 11: 29-32; 12:19
Mark 7: 31-37

Saturday

**Memorial of Saint Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius, Bishop**

1 Kings 12: 26-32; 13:33-34
Mark 8: 1-10

Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15: 15-20
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Matthew 5: 17-37