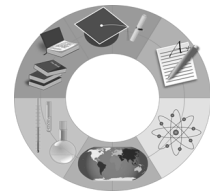
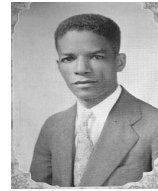


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Lucien Alexis, Sr.



Lucien Alexis Sr. earned the nickname of the “Negro Einstein” while as a student at Harvard University. Despite facing an extreme set of obstacles, Alexis managed not only to graduate from the prestigious university, but became a famed educator himself.

Alexis was born July 8, 1887 in New Orleans, La. Not much has been recorded about Alexis’ childhood but what is known is that he took work as a railway mail clerk at the age of 20. For seven years, Alexis toiled and saved up enough funds for four years at Harvard. The university did accept him, but asked if he would attend the Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire before entering Harvard.

The academy became a place where Alexis thrived, and also where he developed a love for foreign languages and the sciences. However, the year at Exeter cost him one year of his Harvard savings. Determined to fulfill his college dream, Alexis graduated “cum laude” in 1917, a year earlier than expected thus staving off the need for outside funds.

In the same year, Alexis entered Officer’s Training School in Des Moines, Ia. and was commissioned 1st Lieutenant of the 367th Infantry in World War I. After the war, he met and married Rita Holt. They had one son together, Lucien Jr., who also attended Harvard and is part of its lore as well for reasons other than academics.

Alexis returned to his hometown of New Orleans, working as a teacher and assistant principal of a pair of elementary schools. But it was his appointment as principal for McDonough High School in the city that made him a legendary figure. McDonough was the only public high school for Black people at the time, and it was nestled in a poor neighborhood.

For 30 years, Alexis turned the school into one of the best in the city. He had so much respect that unsavory figures near the school wouldn’t bother any of his students as they traveled through the neighborhood.

During his time as an educator, Alexis continued his life of science and published several scientific articles. Upon retirement, he opened the Straight Business School in the city and his wife ran the facility. Alexis was also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Alexis passed in 1981, outliving his son who died in 1975.

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

Heavenly Father, just as you do not reject me or deny me love, O God, I should not reject or deny love from those around me. My love has the power to heal and influence others. May I use that power wisely. Amen.





BE SAFE! STAY AT HOME!



While we are experiencing a spike in Covid 19 infections in Louisiana and through the South, I want to strongly encourage us all not to let our guard down to strictly practice precautions that include wearing a mask, social distancing, hand washing, and staying at home except for essential activities. It is also my personal recommendation that we limit our attendance at Mass. As much as I would love to have everyone in church for Mass, I am very concerned about your health and safety and mine. CDC recommendations list church attendance as one of the more risky behaviors. If you are over 65, have an underlying condition, or are feeling sick, you should stay at home. Out of an abundance of caution I encourage us to limit our attendance at church and to watch Mass on live stream and on television.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



This weekend, July 18-19, we are celebrating the Baptism and First Holy Communion of Lyric Smith and the First Holy Communion of Ian ClouDET at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the First Holy Communion of Konner Williams and Ryleigh Vallier at the 10:30 AM on Sunday. We congratulate these families and pray that these celebrations are a special blessing for your families.

Next weekend, July 25-26 we celebrate the Baptism and First Holy Communion of Lionel Shepherd and the First Holy Communion of Adanya Foster at the Vigil Mass. We will celebrate the Baptism and First Holy Communion of Aariell Martin and William Martin at the 10:30 AM Mass.

CONFIRMATION ON JULY 30 WITH BISHOP DUCA

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 PM with Bishop Duca as the celebrant. Please pray for our candidates.

FAMILY AND YOUTH ZOOM MASS ON THIS SUNDAY AT 5:00 PM



On Sunday, July 19, we will celebrate a Family and Youth Zoom Mass a 5:00 PM. Young people are invited to volunteer to be lectors, read the petitions of the Universal Prayer, and offer a short prayer of thanksgiving following Communion. Everyone will participate through Zoom. Only Father Clark and Nina Gray will be in the church. This is a wonderful way for us to gather and pray during this time of social distancing.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING: Usually at 5 PM. Not this Sunday because of Family/Youth Mass.
BIBLE STUDY: Monday's at 7:00 PM via Zoom
ROSARY: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Conference Call

ICCC YOUTH DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS

The Digital Citizenship (DC) workshop series for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (ICCC) parish youth is sponsored by the ICCC Social Justice Ministry. Digital Citizenship is a teacher led on-line platform that engages students in various on-line lessons focused on internet safety, responsibility, and etiquette. Youth participants will be able to: 9th-12th

- Articulate why it's important to consider the perspectives of others on and offline
- Appreciate the motivations and feelings of all parties involved in an incident of online cruelty
- Draw conclusions about how to respond when someone is the target of online cruelty.

Workshops will be offered for only ICCC youth (9th-12th), on **Saturday August 8th and 22nd from 10:00-11:30am**. Workshops will be taught by parishioner Aubrey Jones, ICARE Prevention Specialist. Each youth will need to have an individual registration form. **Registration runs July 13-28th.**

Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMMNy09dw2128rihWnywXYfFnschBBRu-q1WhOb_1lhRFTOA/viewform?usp=pp_url
Questions: iccsjm1@gmail.com

Happy Birthday

TRACIE	ABRAHAM	7/19
TRINITEE	DUNN	7/19
PATTI	DURIO	7/19
RICKY	ENCALADE	7/19
KEVIN	GRAY	7/19
JERMAINE	MEYERS	7/19
RHONDA	DENT	7/20
SHEILA	DEROUEN	7/20
JERRICA	EAGLIN	7/20
JANIFER	GRIFFIN	7/20
DYLAN	HONORE	7/20
ORRIN	LEBLANCE, II	7/20
EDDIE	SCOTT	7/20
DEE	TAYLOR	7/20
RODERICK	WELLS	7/21
DARREN	CLARK	7/21
MICHAEL	GORDON	7/21
DARRYL	HONORE,II	7/21
MARTHA	PAYNE	7/21
EDWIN	ROBILLARD	7/22
WILBUR	CLARKE	7/22
ELTON	DEROUEN, III	7/22
ROOSEVELT	PAYNE, JR.	7/22
LASHAWN	PRUDHOMME	7/22
FREDA	RUSSELL	7/22
DAVID	SENEGAL	7/23
LARRY	BERRY	7/23
JERRARD	DUGAS	7/23
LAUREN	ST. AMANT	7/23
DWAYNE	THIERRY	7/23
SUSIE	BOUDREAUX	7/24
LARRY	BUTLER	7/24
JOY	GREEN	7/24
ROBYN	JACKSON	7/24
CHARLES	MOORE	7/24
CLAUDE	PATIN, III	7/24
ARTHUR	JONES	7/25
TRAMAINE	KENT	7/25
HARVEY	OLISON	7/25
JOSEPH	PATRICK, JR.	7/25

FATHER CLARK CHANGING DAY OFF TO FRIDAY

Starting the first week of August, Father Clark will change his day off to Fridays. Therefore, daily Mass will be celebrated Monday through Thursday at 12:10 PM. There will be no Mass on Fridays.



Mass Readings

July 19th- July 26th

Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86; Rom 8:26-27

Gospel: Matt 13:24-43

Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Psalm 50

Gospel: Matt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 85

Gospel: Matt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b; Psalm 63

Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-1; Psalm 36

Gospel: Matt 13:10-17

Friday

Jer 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31

Gospel: Matt 13:18-23

Saturday

Feast of Saint James

2 Cor 4:7-15; Psalm 126

Gospel: Matt 20:20-28

Sunday

I Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119; Rom 8:28-30

Gospel: Matt 13:44-52

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

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP



Thanks for Your Support!

We thank the members of the parish who have been so generous and faithful in their support of the church. We are so grateful for the extra effort you make to drop off your offering at the rectory front door mail slot, or the office, or by mail or on line. There are two ways of contributing on line by We Share through the parish website (immaculateconceptionbr.org) or Givelify (givelify.com). Your support of the church during the pandemic is essential to help us keep serving you. Every contribution no matter how large or how small is valuable to us.