

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Floyd Norman



Floyd Norman was the first Black animator hired by the Walt Disney Animation Studios, a legacy that will remain cemented in time. He was featured in a documentary, “Floyd Norman: An Animated Life” in 2016.

Norman was born June 22, 1935 in Santa Barbara, Calif., a far cry from the Jim Crow South that he experienced later as a boy. Without the overt racism that was prevalent throughout much of America at the time, Norman grew up in a relatively sheltered environment which fueled his imagination.

In 1956, Norman received a big break in his career when Disney hired him as a part-time animator when he was just 21. Prior to this, Norman worked as a cartoonist’s assistant. The first film Norman worked on was “Sleeping Beauty,” released in 1959. Other early works that employed Norman’s expertise was the original “Jungle Book and” “101 Dalmatians.”

In past interviews, Norman defended the notoriously picky and hands-on Disney, saying that they never once fretted about Norman’s race. The studio was especially patient with Norman, who originally applied to work there fresh out of high school. The company plucked Norman out of the Art Center College of Design and the rest was history.

In 1966, Norman and his partner Ron Sullivan formed Vignette Films and worked on a series of projects including the original 1969 “Fat Albert” special, and the animated Soul Train logo. In 1999, Norman and Sullivan created the website, Afro Kids.

Norman is also the recipient of the 2002 Winsor McCay Award and the 2007 Disney Legend award, among other honors. Norman paved the way for future Black Disney animators like Bruce Smith who did “The Princess and the Frog” and is the creator of “The Proud Family.”



July 2, 2023



Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:38-39

Sacraments

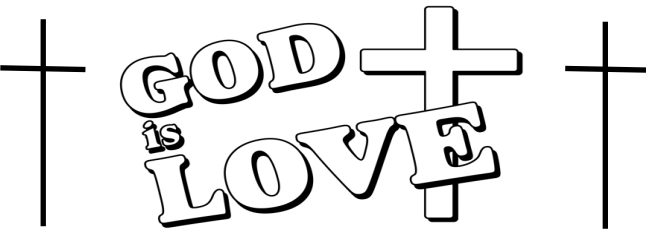
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.
BAPTISMS: To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.
FUNERAL: Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements 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 DeRouen284-5970
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Pantry/Food and Vouchers:774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.362-0907
Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, today we pray for every soul on earth to embrace Jesus Christ. We pray to be good representatives of love on earth, Father. Give us the courage to live our faith boldly and consistently. Clean hypocrisy out of our hearts and wipe away prejudice and favoritism. Give us strength and sight. Help us to look at each other through the lens of love. Amen.



Honoring and loving our earthly parents, our brothers and sisters, and our loved ones is truly laudable, and it is, in fact, commanded by God. Yet, no matter how important it is, it cannot override the greatest commandment of all, that is, to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind”. Everything else takes the backseat: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me”

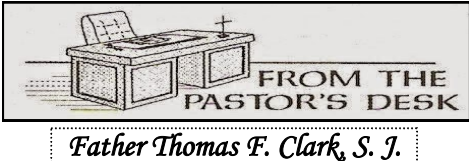
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses:
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



Lord, remind us today that You have shown us what is good in what You require of us; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. We ask that as a people, we may humble ourselves before You and seek Your will for our lives and for this great nation. Help us in our nation to work as never before to strengthen our families and to give our children hope and a moral foundation for the future. So may our desire be to serve You, and in so doing, serve one another. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Thanks to our amazing parishioners who responded to the call for generosity to the parish offertory and MLK Center. We budgeted this year for \$500,000 in the offertory and as of 6/28 we have reached \$508,000. This is less than the \$540,000 we reached last year, but with the rising costs of groceries, gas and, frankly, everything else, it is understandable. Thank you for your generosity to the MLK collection, we collected \$1,526.34. Thank you for your support of your parish church!

PAINT MINISTRY A SUCCESS!



Thank you to Stephanie Yearby who blessed everyone with Paint Ministry last week. Her sessions were very well attended. Everyone enjoyed painting to the verse from Genesis 1: 3, Let there be light and there was light. The next Paint Ministry will be on July 11.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY



In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the parish office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. However, there will be Mass at 12:10 PM.

FATHER CLARK WILL BE ON RETREAT JULY 5-12



Father Clark will be on retreat from July 5-12. He is making his annual 8-day silent retreat. Be assured of his prayers for all your intentions and remember him in your prayers. Father Fred Kammer will be celebrating daily Mass and be available for all pastoral needs. Newly ordained Father Tucker Redding, SJ will be celebrating the Masses on July 8-9.

BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK



Our Bible Study on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings will be taking a break during the month of July. Bible Study will resume on Monday, August 7 and Thursday, August 3.

Happy Birthday

DERRICK	BARNES	7/2
ROBINSON	JONES	7/2
STEPHEN	EASTON	7/2
AARON	MARTIN	7/2
DESIREE	CHAMBERS	7/3
SHERMAN	DUGAS, SR.	7/3
IMELDA	GOINS	7/3
GEOFFREY	GRIFFIN	7/3
TERRADYS	BONNEY	7/4
JUNE	DURIO	7/4
KERMIT	PATTY	7/5
JUANITA	PAUL	7/5
JAECI	HARRIS	7/6
CYNTHIA	OGBU	7/6
ALECIA	RIDEAU	7/6
JOSEPH	HIGGINBOTTHAM	7/7
VONETTA	MEYERS	7/7
BARBARA	ROBERTSON	7/7
SCOTT	CLARK	7/8
GERALDINE	DUVERNAY	7/8
MICHAEL	GREEN	7/8
MELANIE	GRIFFIN	7/8
AMBER	JONES	7/8

SUMMER VISITOR, JACK MCLINDEN, SJ

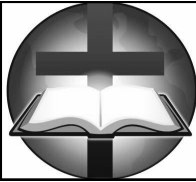


Jack McLinden, SJ, a Jesuit scholastic (seminarian) will be visiting with us from July 15-21. He will have just completed a semester at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. We welcome him to our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



We would normally have a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on July 18, but since July is a time for vacations and Father Clark will be attending the National Black Catholic Congress at that time, we will have the meeting on Tuesday, August 15.



Mass Readings

July 2nd - July 9th

Sunday

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Psalm 89; Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

Monday

Feast of Saint Thomas

Eph 2:19-22; Psalms 117

Gospel: Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29; Psalm 26

Gospel Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Psalm 34

Gospel: Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Gn 22:1b-19; Psalm 115

Gospel: Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Psalms 106

Gospel: Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Psalm 135

Gospel: Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10; Psalm 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

VENERABLE MOTHER

MARY ELIZABETH LANGE



Good news from Rome! Pope Francis has declared Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, the founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious order of sisters for Black women, and one of the African American candidates for sainthood, venerable. This is an important step on the road to sainthood. After the approval of a miracle, she will be declared Blessed, and after another miracle, she will be declared a Saint. Pray for the canonization of all our African American candidates for sainthood.

