

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Sadie Roberts-Joseph

Founder of Baton Rouge Odell S. Williams African - American Museum



Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that Sadie Roberts-Joseph who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 DeRouen218-8292 / 284-597
Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
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

Lord, I need you here in the midst of this difficult situation, that the very warmth of your love will bring about the resolution and that the brightness of your light will cast out all shadows between us. Amen.

God
is our
REFUGE
STRENGTH



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

July 16, 2019

Nineteen chairpersons of parish ministries and organization as well as interested parishioners attended the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. After an opening prayer and a review and acceptance of the minutes of the April 16 meeting, Father Clark gave an update on the progress of the church renovation. The project is about 37-40% complete and is on target for completion at the beginning of November. We can see the framing of the new foyer and will see the framing of the new sacristy on the rear of the church in the coming week. Inside the church much of the electrical and audio wiring as well as plumbing have been completed. The truss work is being stripped, sanded and sealed. New pews will be delivered September 15-16. Bishop Duca is scheduled to bless the renovated church on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM. In the weeks previous to that celebration, we plan to have open houses, an interfaith service, and a time for parishioners to invite family and friends. In regard to the finances: parishioners pledged \$299,710.00 and we exceeded those pledges and received \$358,001.80. We added \$210,895.42 that was already in our Building Fund and will add \$131,468.78 from general savings to make the \$700,000 which is 50% of the cost of the entire project. Going forward, we will have monthly payments of \$48,416.00 on the loan we received from the diocese. If 250 parishioners pledge to donate \$25.00 per month we will raise \$75,000.00 per year which will comprise almost a double annual payment and we can retire the loan in 8 years. We will be offering an opportunity for parishioners to make a donation toward a bench and dedicate it to a deceased loved one.

We will need to become more intentional in our stewardship. We cannot take it for granted. Our parish is extremely generous. We depend on the regular Sunday offerings of our parishioners for the running of our parish. Our regular support of the parish is one of the ways in which we show our gratitude to God for all his blessings in our lives. We will be considering ways to keep the importance of our stewardship forefront in our minds.

As we renovate the church, we renovate ourselves. We will have a Ministry Fair on the weekend of August 24-25 which will be coordinated by Pat Hives. After each Mass, parishioners will be able to visit the classrooms in the Activity Center where ministries will have a table to provide information about their ministry and invite new members. Some new and renewed ministries to be presented are: Youth Choir under direction of Sharnet Nixon and Kerra Augustine; Youth Group for high school students lead by Andrea Toles; Crafts, Book Club, Health/Wellness/ Support Group for Caregivers (David Dartez); Survival Course (Dwayne Thierry); Educational Sessions on Life Skills; Spirituality/Retreat; Parish Pictorial Directory; Ministry for Single Adults.

News and announcements: Gloria DeRouen thanked everyone for their support of the VBS. Cathy Glover thanked everyone for their support of RCIA and encouraged that we invite persons to consider becoming Catholic. Our Interfaith health Fair is this Saturday, July 20 at Allen Chapel AME. We also discussed the Lenten Prayer Companions; good times for an Interfaith Service; repairs to the rectory; security in parking lot during construction.



Announcements and Upcoming Events



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Father Clark is inviting young people from fourth grade up who have made their First Holy Communion to begin to practice to become altar servers. If you are interested in this very important ministry of our church, please contact Father Clark and he will schedule practices during the summer months.



SPIRITUALITY OF SAINT IGNATIUS

July 31 is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. If you would like to learn more about him and his spiritual legacy, there is a website "31 Days of Saint Ignatius 2019" to help you enter into his spirituality. You will find it at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/31-days-st-ignatius-2019> You may also explore <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/31-days-with-saint-ignatius/> If you have any questions or would like to talk about what you learn, Father Clark will be more than happy to meet with you.



DONATING TOWARD A BENCH IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

We will be offering members of the parish an opportunity to make a donation of \$250.00 toward a bench in memory of a loved one. A plaque will be placed on the bench with the name of your loved one. The location of the bench will be determined by a lottery starting with the benches in the front of the church. If you are interested in this way of memorializing a loved one in our newly renovated church, please fill out a form to be found in the foyer.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please call Father Clark or Cathy Glover to talk more about this. If you would like to become a Catholic, you can celebrate the sacraments of initiation (baptism—or profession of faith, confirmation, and Eucharist) once you have completed a time of preparation.

Bible Study

BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Remember, we have Bible Study every Monday evening throughout the summer from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. We look ahead to the Scripture readings of the upcoming Sunday. We have some very interesting discussions about the readings. Please come and join us!



Happy birthday!	RODERICK	WELLS	7/21	Happy birthday!
	DARREN	CLARK	7/21	
	MICHAEL	GORDON	7/21	
	DYLAN	HONORE	7/21	
	MARTHA	PAYNE	7/21	
	EDWIN	ROBILLARD	7/22	
	WILBUR	CLARKE	7/22	
	ELTON	DEROUEN, III	7/22	
	ROOSEVELT	PAYNE, JR.	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		
ARTHUR	JONES	7/25		
TRAMAINE	KENT	7/25		
HARVEY	OLISON	7/25		
JOSEPH	PATRICK, JR.	7/25		
CASSANDRA	BENOIT	7/26		
JOHN	DARJEAN	7/26		
ENA	LACY	7/26		
THADDEUS	SAM	7/26		
JORDAN	THOMAS	7/26		

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

HEALTHY TIDBIT: Smoke alarms save lives when they are properly installed, maintained, and respected – not ignored – when they sound off. A closed door can slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, six inches away from a chimney, and extra ones throughout larger homes. Smoke alarms should be interconnected – when one sounds, they all sound. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month and replace all of them every 10 years. It is best to use both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms. Ionization alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires; whereas, photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. www.brlla.gov



Mass Readings July 21st - July 28th Sunday

Gen. 18:1-10A; Psalm 15; Col. 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Monday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; Psalm 63
Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday

Ex 14:21--15:1; Exodus 15
Gospel: Matt. 12:46-50

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Psalm 78
Gospel: Matt. 13:1-9

Thursday

Feast of Saint James Apostle

2 Cor. 4:7-15; Psalm 126
Gospel: Matt. 20:20-28

Friday

Ex 20:1-17; Psalm 19
Gospel: Matt. 13:18-23

Saturday

Ex 24:3-8; Psalm 50
Gospel: Matt. 13:24-30

Sunday

Gen. 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Col. 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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



Religious Education

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parish School of Religion is in need of volunteers who are willing to commit themselves to teach our children. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Gloria DeRoued at 225-936-8162. You must pass the background check and complete the certification required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge.