

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Dizzy Gillespie



Dizzy Gillespie, with his signature puffed cheeks, horned-rim glasses, beret and bent-bell trumpet, used this musical talent to become a world-renowned figure in the world of jazz. Gillespie was born October 21, 1917 in Cheraw, S.C.

John Birks Gillespie grew up in a musical household and began playing instruments as a preschooler under his bandleader father’s guidance. Gillespie, who taught himself the trombone and the trumpet, earned a music scholarship to North Carolina’s Laurinburg Institute where he studied for a couple of years before moving with his family to Philadelphia.

As a teenager, Gillespie became a professional musician with the Frank Fairfax Orchestra before branching out on his own as a freelance player. He also began a two-year stint with Cab Calloway’s orchestra. From 1937 to 1944, Gillespie played with a number of rising jazz legends in swing bands while leading as well. Along with Charlie “Bird” Parker, the pair developed the be-bop style, moving jazz away from its more straightforward roots and elevating a looser, free-form playing style. Gillespie is also considered a pioneer in bringing Latin and Caribbean influences to the genre. After meeting Cuban musician Chano Pozo, the two developed what is now widely known as Afro-Cuban jazz.

In 1956, the U.S. State Department funded efforts to bring jazz to the global stage with Gillespie leading the effort, earning him the nickname and unofficial title of “The Ambassador of Jazz.” Although his career waned somewhat in the '70s and '80s, he remained a fixture and fierce champion of the genre that he helped to modernize until his final days. The legendary and innovative musician passed in January 1993 after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 75.



Sacraments

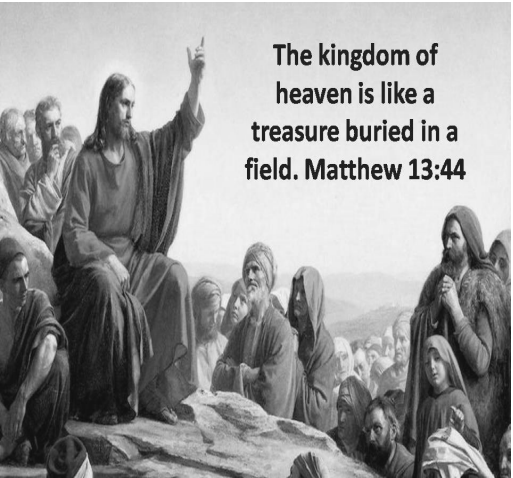
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.
BAPTISMS: To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.
FUNERAL: Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements 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
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
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

Lord, I ask that you would give me the patience and understanding for the situations I have in front of me. My heart feels confused. I want to do the right thing and make choices that would bring You glory and honor. Open my mind and heart to Your ways and let me be guided by Your precious Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus, Amen.



July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”
Matthew 13:52

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

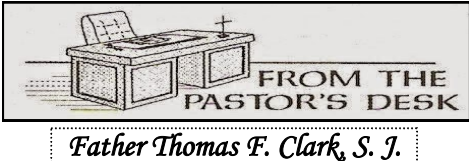
The treasure was hidden, meaning it needed to be sought after. It was out of plain sight, so it couldn’t be stumbled upon and wouldn’t be found without looking. It’s the same for God. God is ever-present in our lives, but unless we’re looking for Him, we’d never realize He was there. He asks us to Seek Him, meaning He expects us to go in search of Him. He hides in plain sight and when we open our eyes and seek Him, we find Him near. In the parable, once the man found the treasure, he immediately knew the value and was filled with joy. In the same way, when we find God by seeking Him, we recognize the value of God’s awesomeness immediately. There is no joy that compares to the magnitude of knowing God and being welcomed into his kingdom.

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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



BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XIII



I had a wonderful time at the Black Catholic Congress XIII in Washington DC on July 20-23. I saw many old friends from my days at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier in the 1990s. It was great to renew old friendships. I attended some excellent break out sessions. Bishop Terry Steib and Georgetown student, Ali Mumbach, presented a review of the Black Bishops' pastoral letter, "What We Have Seen and Heard," as well as its message for today. 2024 is the 40th Anniversary of the landmark letter. I attended two workshops on anti-racism. One on racism and Catholic Social Teaching and a review of US Bishops pastoral letters on racism. Another workshop looked at the racial divide and synodality. The presenter shared a startling survey report that non-church goers are more open to anti-racism than church goers. Finally, I attended a panel discussion on campus ministry and HBCU where I was able to represent the Blue and the Gold. I was surprised to learn that of 107 HBCUs in the US only 7 or 8 have Catholic chaplaincies. There was a moving tribute to the late Bishop Ferd Cheri that included the assembly singing "Tell Them I'm a Child of God" in his memory. We had an evening of community service where we packed breakfast packets for children in Haiti. In assembly line fashion, the volunteers packed 70,000 meals. I am happy to report that the food at the Congress was surprisingly good! A personal highlight was the opportunity to spend a day at the African American Museum. What a moving experience! In short, The National Black Catholic Congress XIII doesn't owe me anything!!!!

THANK YOU, FATHER FRED KAMMER



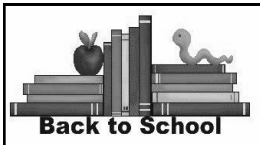
Thanks to Father Fred Kammer for celebrating Mass and attending to pastoral needs last week. We wish him well as he goes off on vacation this weekend. May he have a restful and renewing time.

THE FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



Monday, July 31, is the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, the religious order to which Father Clark and Father Kammer belong. St. Ignatius taught us to find God in all things, to know that all things were created to help us love, serve, and reverence God, and to desire to be free (unattached from personal wants) to serve God alone because in God's plan for us is our true happiness and peace.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Our prayers are with all students, parents, families, teachers, staff, and administrators who are preparing for a new school year. We pray that it is a safe, healthy, and rewarding year. We welcome all Southern University students as a new semester begins. We remind all that we have a Sunday Mass on campus at 2 pm at the MLK Catholic Student Center and invite you to come see us at our table in the Student Union on Thursday afternoons.

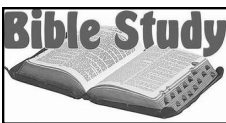


"Every time I look at the cross, I am reminded of the greatness of God and the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. I am reminded of the beauty of sacrificial love and the majesty of unswerving devotion to truth."
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



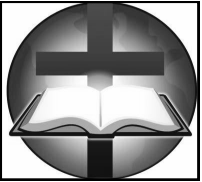
Happy Birthday

ALEXANDRA	NEAL	7/30
KELSEY	WILLIAMS	7/31
PATRICK	BURLS	7/31
JESSICA	OLIVE	7/31
JANICE	ANDERSON	8/1
JARROTT	ANDERSON, SR.	8/1
LIONEL	ANDERSON	8/1
STEFFANI	BOURGEOIS	8/1
SHIRLEY	HENDERSON	8/1
RONALD	JOHNSON	8/1
JHAELYN	ODOM	8/1
WAYNE	STATION	8/1
SHANNON	VITAL	8/1
THOMAS	WALKER, III	8/1
BERNARD	WASHINGTON, JR.	8/1
NATALIE	CLARK	8/2
NITA	CLARK	8/2
DENISE	SANDERS	8/2
KENRIC	BOUDREAUX	8/3
JONI	DEROUEN	8/3
ANITRA	CARTER	8/3
JORDYN	HOWARD	8/3
MMAKU	UNAEZE	8/3
KIERA	BENOIT	8/4
THERESA	HAYNES	8/4
CHANDLER	LEBLANCE	8/4
LAKENYA	JOHNSON	8/5
KEI'ANNA	HOUSTON	8/5
LEANN	MORRISON	8/5
MARY	OLIVE	8/5
CRYSTAL	SAMPSON	8/5



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON AUGUST 7th and 10th

Bible Study will resume on Monday, August 7 at 7:00 PM via Zoom and on Thursday morning, August 10 in per-



Mass Readings

July 30th - August 6th

Sunday

I Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119; Rom 8:28-30
Gospel: Mt 13:44-52

Monday

Ex 32:15-24; Psalm 106
Gospel: Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103
Gospel Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Psalm 99
Gospel: Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84
Gospel: Mt 47-53

Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81
Gospel: Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67
Gospel: Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Feast of The Transfiguration of The Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2Pt 1:16-19
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

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

