

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Jelly Roll Morton



Jelly Roll Morton famously introduced himself as the inventor of jazz. While that claim has been questioned over time, the New Orleans pianist undoubtedly planted the early seeds of innovation in the genre.

Morton was born Ferdinand Joseph Lamothe on October 20, 1890, although some sources cite 1885. A Creole, Morton was of Spanish, French and African descent. He picked up the piano at the age of 10, and honed his skills in the New Orleans bordellos in the city’s red light district as a teenager. Morton combined the bouncy styles of ragtime and minstrel music with a touch of the blues, all forming the early framework of what is now modern jazz.

Morton’s early years were also his best ones, as he toured the country as a musician, comic, and vaudeville act. After working in Los Angeles, he moved to Chicago in 1922 and began cutting records with the Victor Talking Machine Company. Four years later, Morton fronted the Red Hot Peppers band.

After marrying showgirl Mabel Bertrand, Morton moved to New York City and continued recording for Victor but his career began to wane as the dawn of the Great Depression zapped the creative energy of the times. Morton continued to work as a pianist at burlesque shows and the like, and even worked as a manager of a popular nightclub in D.C. By the late 30’s, Morton and his style of music was considered outdated and he fell out of the limelight.

Just ahead of Morton’s death in 1941, renewed interest in his past works from the Library of Congress sparked a series of interviews where Morton claimed to have invented jazz. Although historians don’t agree, most scholars of Morton’s music do believe him to be the first jazz musician to put his arrangements to paper with the 1915 publishing of “Original Jelly Roll Blues.” Morton died July 10, 1941, just as he was mounting a slight comeback.



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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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

Heavenly Father, even Your wisest disciples needed strength to fortify their faith. I pray for the same strength, so that my faith in You may never waver. Increase my faith so that I may share it with others who may need to be shepherded back to You. Strengthen my faith, so that I may be ready to face any doubts that might block my path. Even with faith the size of a mustard seed, I know that anything is possible in Your name. I humbly ask this of you in Christ's glory, Amen.



Do not be afraid
Matthew 10:26

12th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

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Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
Matthew 10:28

Failure to have the courage to speak out for Jesus because we are embarrassed or worry what someone might think of us puts others at risk and puts our relationship with God at risk. Think of the lives that were lost to lynchings because folks were afraid to stand up to the Klan, afraid not for their lives, but about their reputation in the community. Think of the folks now who hesitate to speak up when they are in a crowd where racist or other ethnically derogatory jokes or comments are being made—failing to take a stand for precious children of God because of their skin color or country of origin. Think of those who hide their faith when they are in places belief is ridiculed—whether it be the work place, places of academia, or just in some social setting. Some of us might be thinking, “I can see how it MIGHT put others at risk, how does it put my relation with God at risk?” Jesus makes that clear in our reading today, “...whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my Father in heaven.”

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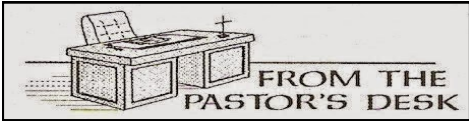
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Mass Schedule

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



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER TUCKER REDDING, SJ



We congratulate Father Tucker Redding, SJ who was ordained a priest last weekend. Tucker was with us for several months twelve years ago as a novice. He will celebrate the weekend Masses for us on July 8-9. Let us welcome him and share his joy as a new priest.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR VBS SO SUCCESSFUL



Thank you to all who made our Vacation Bible School so successful and enjoyable. We thank Gloria DeRouen, PSR Coordinator, Kalli Gregory, Assistant; Teachers: Wilfred Johnson, Marlese Harris, Stephanie Yearby, Rita White, Lundyn Plain; Registration: Yvonne Jackson, Stella Jackson, Jacqueline Marsellus; Refreshments: Ophelia Alcorn, Barbara Denu, Keyshell Dyer, Beatrice Leonard; Safety/security: Gerald Berzat, Roland DeRouen, Charles Duplechain, Darrell Dupuy, Rogers Jackson, Lawrence Williams. We are grateful for donations from Knights of Peter Claver #116, KPC Ladies Auxiliary #116, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Congratulations to our students: Chase Navarre Brown, Reagan Navarre-Brown, Kyleigh Carter, Remorie Coleman, Bryson Daigre, Timia Daigre, Lauren Eason. Mekhi Dyer, Brent Lewis, Ryan Johnson, Alex Noel, Parker Noel, Victor Radusch, and Koli Malter-Spears.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE LAST WEEKEND



Thanks to all for your patience last weekend during the power failure. We appreciate all who attended and participated in Mass, nonetheless. The loss of power makes us more grateful for electricity and air conditioning that we sometimes take for granted. Our experience last weekend gave us a taste of what might happen as hurricane season progresses. Be sure to prepare now for what you will do and what you will need during a hurricane emergency. Plan for the worst and pray for the best.

DAYFORCE UNDERWAY!



The diocese has begun to use a new software called Ceridian Dayforce which manages payroll, benefits, taxes, and other human resource issues. Father Clark wants to express his gratitude to the parish staff for being so cooperative and helpful as we implement this system. Change is never easy but hopefully these changes will result in everyone being paid justly and helping us as a parish church to be compliant with all tax filings and reports, as well as with all labor laws.

THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR



June 30 marks the end of our fiscal year. Father Clark asks that everyone be as generous as possible in your offertory donation so that we can meet our financial goals. We appreciate your extraordinary generosity to your parish church. Also, please be generous to the monthly collection for the MLK Catholic Student Center that will be the second collection at this weekend's Masses.

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS



Our parishioner, Felicia Brumfield Gathe will be taking photos in the Parish Activity Center after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses today, June 25. If you have not al-

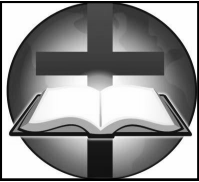


Happy Birthday

PAM	BENNETT	6/25
ELAINA	DEROUEN	6/25
CYNTHIA	IDUSUYI	6/25
ANDREW	NEWTON	6/25
PATRICK	CADORET JR.	6/26
ADREA	HEBERT	6/26
CHIZOMA	AKUJOBI	6/27
THELMA	DEAMER	6/27
ALAINA	ROSS	6/27
MEGAN	ABRAHAM	6/28
MORGAN	ABRAHAM	6/28
SHIRLEY	ENNIS	6/28
WALTER	LEE	6/28
JOESLIE	LOONEY	6/28
ANDREA	NEWTON	6/28
IHEANYI	AKUJOBI	6/29
JANISE	NAVARRE	6/29
ASHTON	THOMAS	6/29
JESSIE	GRAY	6/30
KAITLYN	WALKER	6/30
COURTNEY	URBINA	7/1

DID YOU KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY?

See you later, ALLIGATOR
After a while, CROCODILE
Gotta go, BUFFALO
See you soon, RACCOON
Be sweet, PARAKEET
Take care, POLAR BEAR
In a shake, GARTER SNAKE
Hit the road, HAPPY TOAD
Can't stay, BLUE JAY
Bye-Bye, BUTTERFLY
Give me a hug, LADY BUG
Toodle-loo, KANGAROO
Time to scoot, LITTLE NEWT
Till then, PENGUIN
Adios, HIPPOS
Hasta manana, IGUANA
Give me a kiss, GOLDFISH
Get in line, PORCUPINE
Out the door, DINOSAUR
On the bus, OCTOPUS
To your house, QUIET MOUSE



Mass Readings

June 25th - July 2nd

Sunday

Jer 20:10-13; Psalm 69; Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

Monday

Gn 12:1-9; Psalms 33

Gospel: Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Psalm 15

Gospel Mt 7:6,12-14

Wednesday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 105

Gospel: Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Mt 16:13-19

Friday

Gn 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22; Psalms 128

Gospel: Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

Gn 18:1-15; Luke 1

Gospel: Mt 8: 5-17

Sunday

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

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

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

