

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

### Janet Collins - Ballet Dancer



Janet Collins was born in New Orleans, and at the age of four moved with her family to Los Angeles, California, where Collins received her first dance training at a Catholic community center. She studied primarily with Carmelita Maracci, Lester Horton, and Adolph Bolm, who were among the few ballet teachers who accepted black students.

In 1932, aged 16, Collins auditioned with success for the prestigious Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, but as she was required to paint her face and skin white in order to be able to perform, she did not join the company. A turning point in her dance career came in November 1948, when she performed in a one-night program at the Las Palmas Theater in Los Angeles. She earned excellent notices.

In 1949, Collins earned glowing reviews in a variety of performances, including the Broadway production of Cole Porter's musical "Out of This World." It was in that role that she was noticed by Zachary Solov, then the ballet master of the Met.

In 1951 Janet Collins won the Donaldson Award for best dancer on Broadway for her work in Cole Porter's Out of This World. **She also performed in Aida, Carmen, and was the first Black ballerina to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.** She could not tour in parts of the Deep South, because of her race. In later life Collins taught modern dance at Balanchine's School of American Ballet in New York City, and at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.

Janet Collins struggled repeatedly against racism, which did not spare the world of professional ballet dancing. Not many African-American dancers and performers achieved the successful career she was able to attain, and she paved the way for others to follow. In 1951, Janet became the first African American to be hired full-time by the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Marian Anderson, the first to sing there, did not perform until 1955. In the year Collins retired, Arthur Mitchell joined the New York City Ballet. Janet Collins died in 2003 at the age of 86, in Fort Worth, Texas.

#### 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

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| Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....         | 778-1977      |
| Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....    | (504)491-6556 |
| Communication Coord: Andrea Toles.....       | (504)491-6556 |
| Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....    | 229-6076      |
| Gospel Choir/Adult: Bea Leonard.....         | 355-5027      |
| Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder .....        | 428-5981      |
| Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....               | 775-7067      |
| Lectors: Yvonne Jackson.....                 | 362-0897      |
| 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: Lloyd Doucette, Jr.....   | 270-6660      |
| Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....       | 775-7332      |

#### This Week's Prayer

Dear God, when I think about your example of love, I realize that love is far more than a warm emotion. It is a deep commitment to look out for another's best interest, even at my own expense. Please teach me to put my pride and my heart on the line. Please protect me, Lord, as I love others in your name. Amen.

Faith, Hope, Love

but the greatest of these is love



**Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.**

**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

*Congratulations* Congratulations to all our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school whom we recognize and celebrate at the 10:30 Mass this weekend. We are in awe of your accomplishments! You make us proud! Our prayers are with you that you relish your success and that God will lead you into the next adventures and opportunities that await you!

**MEET AND GREET WITH DR. JAMES COOK**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10 5:00-7:00 pm**

*meet+greet* The North Baton Rouge NOW Blue Ribbon Commission is pleased to invite community members to meet and greet Dr. James Cook, Jr. son of Cook Theater founder, James Cook, Sr., Sunday, June 10, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Activity Center. Cook Theater was the first theater in Louisiana owned by an African American family. Come out and celebrate the history of Scottlandville!

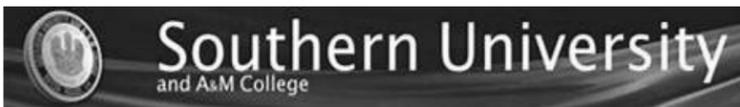
**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PRAYER SERVICE**

*Thank YOU VERY MUCH* Father Clark would like to thank all those who came to the Multicultural Prayer Service at the Cathedral last Sunday. He appreciates your support and hopes that you found the service prayerful and affirming.

**BISHOP MUENCH'S**

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

*50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY* On Sunday, June 24 at 3:00 PM at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Bishop Muench will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The Diocese is requesting that each parish be represented by five persons at the Mass. If you would like to attend the anniversary Mass as a parish representative, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. The Mass is open to the public and anyone may attend.



**WELCOME TO SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SUMMER STUDENTS**

We welcome all students who are attending the summer session at Southern University. Please be assured that you and the success of your studies are in our prayers. We have a church bus that picks up students at 10:15 for the 10:30 AM Mass each Sunday at the circle at Totty Hall. If we can be of assistance to you during this semester, please do not hesitate to contact us. Also, please come and visit us at the Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center (the last building on the left after the guard post on Harding Blvd. across the street from Bethune) for free printing, Wi-Fi, and a place to study and rest.

**Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**



Father Clark is willing to offer the Marriage Enrichment Program with its four challenges of praying together daily, refraining from negative interactions, asking for what you want without explanation, and doing three kind things for each other each day. The program lasts six weeks with a weekly discussion on a topic related to marriage. You are able to adapt the program to your needs. Last summer, couples found the weekly meetings very supportive and helpful. Please let him know if you are interested in participating.

**SAINT PAUL'S FATHER/SON PRAYER BREAKFAST**



Saint Paul the Apostle Church invites all fathers and sons of our church to their annual Father/Son Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 16th from 8 AM - 12 Noon. Speakers for the day are Mr. Kenneth Sims, Major Reginald Brown and Councilman Lamonte Cole. The theme for the day is "Men on a Mission - Living Godly in an Ungodly World." This is open to all Fathers and Sons, all men and youth. ... It is open to all regardless of faith ... The cost is free! The Message is priceless! Please call Mary Martin at Saint Paul to reserve your places. The number is (225) 383-2537.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 11-15**



Vacation Bible School will take place this week, June 11 through 15 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Parish Activity Center. The program is designed for youth from pre-K to grade 5. You may register after the Masses this weekend in the foyer of the church and, if needed, before the first session. If you are registering on Monday, please come early! Thanks to the PSR staff and volunteers who are working diligently to prepare a fun and exciting week for the children!

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE**



There will be new altar server practice each Friday evening at 6:00 PM in the church beginning June 15. All young people who are in the fourth grade and up and who have made their First Communion are welcome to become altar servers. Father Clark asks that a parent or guardian stay for the practice. Parents, if this is not a good time for you, please contact Father Clark for a time that will work for

**Happy Birthday**

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| BROCK    | HAMILTON     | 6/12 |
| RAYLAND  | JOHNSON      | 6/12 |
| GENEVIE  | OLIVER       | 6/12 |
| LINDA    | BELLIAZERE   | 6/14 |
| ERICA    | CARTER       | 6/14 |
| MAZIE    | MALVEAUX     | 6/14 |
| JESSICA  | PATRICK      | 6/14 |
| SHANDAR  | BENNETT      | 6/15 |
| GARCIA   | BODLEY       | 6/15 |
| AUBRY    | DUBRIEL      | 6/15 |
| BRIAN    | FRANKLIN     | 6/15 |
| JAMES    | FREEMAN, III | 6/15 |
| CLARENCE | WILLIAMS     | 6/15 |
| SUSAN    | STEWART      | 6/16 |
| DIJAZ    | TRUDELL      | 6/16 |

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER**

*Knights of Peter Claver* Any male member of the church is welcomed to join the Knight Choir as they conduct their music ministry as they sing during the month of July. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm - 7pm. You do not have to be a Knight or be required to join the Knights. For additional information, please contact Gerald Berzat at (225) 276-4674.

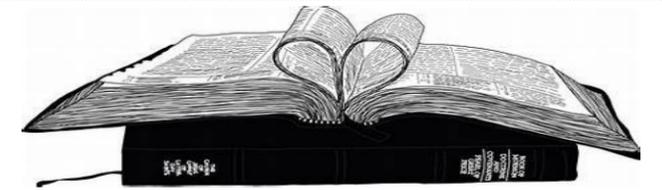
**REMEMBER DAILY MASS**

*Remember Daily Mass* Maybe your summer schedule permits you to come to daily Mass once in a while. We celebrate daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12:10 PM and on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 AM. All daily Masses are celebrated at the chapel at the MLK Catholic Student Center. On Tuesdays, we have a short period of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction following the 12:10 PM Mass.

**Breakfast**

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #116, cordially invites all to a Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 17, 2018. 7:30am - 10:00am in our Parish Activity Center.



**Mass Readings**

**June 10th- June 17th Sunday**

Gen. 3:9-15; Psalm 130; 2 Cor. 4:13--5:1  
Gospel: Matt. 3:20-35

**Monday**

Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Psalm 98  
Gospel: Matt. 5:1-12

**Tuesday**

1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4  
Gospel: Matt. 5:13-16

**Wednesday**

1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 16  
Gospel: Matt. 5:17-19

**Thursday**

1 Kings 18:41-46; Psalm 65  
Gospel: Matt. 5:20-26

**Friday**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Psalm 27  
Gospel: Matt. 5:27-32

**Saturday**

1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16  
Gospel: Matt. 5:33-37

**Sunday**

Ez. 17:22-24; Psalm 92; 2 Cor. 5:6-10  
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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



**"IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE CANNOT STAND."**  
MARK 3:25