

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Father Cyprian Davis, spiritual writer/historian



Davis was born with the name Clarence John in Washington, D.C. on September 9, 1930. He converted to Catholicism in his teenage years and became interested in joining the priesthood as well as becoming a monk. Though many monastic communities did not accept African Americans at the time, after high school, Davis joined the seminary of St. Meinrad Archabbey (1949–1956). He became a novice on July 31, 1950, took the monastic name Cyprian on August 1, 1951, and was ordained a priest on May 3, 1956. He became the first African American to join the monastic community of St. Meinrad.

Davis received a S.T.L. from the Catholic University of America (1957), before going to the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium to study church history, obtaining a licentiate (1963) and a doctorate (1977). Upon his first return from Belgium in 1963, he taught church history at St. Meinrad, and eventually became the school's first professor emeritus in 2012.

Davis returned to the United States in the midst of the civil rights movement. He attended the August 1963 March on Washington and heard Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech. As a black Catholic professor, he began to be invited to speak in black parishes and was constantly asked about the place of African Americans in the Catholic church.

He was involved in writing two pastoral letters on race, "Brothers and Sisters to Us" (1979) and "What We Have Seen and Heard" (1984), and later received a grant from the Lilly Endowment to the study the black church, resulting in the publication of his award-winning *"The History of Black Catholics in the United States"* (1990). Davis died on May 18, 2015 in Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana, at age 84.

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 DeRouen	218-8292 / 284-597
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara 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: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

This Week's Prayer

No matter the worries I have, small or large, you, O God, are there ahead of me with promises of help and support that relieve me and free me from getting stuck in the mire of my fear. I am grateful. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

FATHER CLARK AWAY

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY



Father Clark will be away this week from Monday through Thursday, May 20-23, visiting his brother. Fr. Rick Andrus will be on call for any pastoral emergencies. There will be no Mass on Tuesday at 7:30 AM. There will be no Bible Study on Monday, May 20. There will be Communion services on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 12:10 PM at MLK.

THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

Thank You Thank you to all who worked together to make our celebration of First Holy Communion such a beautiful occasion. Our children's receiving of the Body and Blood of the Lord is one of the most beautiful moments in our parish life. We thank the parents and families of the First Communicants for committing to this year of preparation. We ask you to insure that your child keeps on receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis. We thank Pam Malveaux for serving a catechist and preparing the children for this day. Thank you to Gloria DeRouen and Lori Gregory for preparing the details of the celebration.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JUNE 3

 Our next Bible Study will be on Monday, June 3 at 7:00-8:00 PM. (Please note that there will be no Bible Study on May 20 and 27.) We will be reading, studying, discussing and praying with the readings for the following Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your Bible.

Faith ✦ Hope ✦ Love

CHOOSE TO LIVE IN JOY

Life goes by in the blink of an eye. It's too short to live upset, angry, resentful, or ungrateful. If you look for the good, you'll find it. Choose to be happy, to be at peace. Decide that each day is going to be a great day and grab each moment and make the best of it. Refuse to let negative thoughts take root in your mind and refuse to let negative people and situations drag you down. Trust your journey and know that if you make a mistake, it's okay. See it as a lesson learned and keep moving forward. Spend less time worrying and more time being grateful for those who love you and all of life's goodness. Choose to live in joy!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

OFFICE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY

 The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no Bible Study that evening. However, daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM.

JESUIT SEMINARIAN VISITING

 Mr. William Manaker, SJ, a Jesuit seminarian, will be visiting with us from May 30-June 3. He is currently in studies at Loyola University in Chicago. He accepted my invitation to come visit. I am trying to reach out to younger Jesuits and interest them in parish ministry.



LOOKING AHEAD: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will take place from Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21. More details will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

ASCENSION DAY: SUNDAY, MAY 26

 We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on Sunday, May 26. The traditional date for the celebration of the Ascension was forty days after Easter which always fell on a Thursday. For a number of years now, the majority of archdioceses and dioceses in the United States have celebrated this feast on the following Sunday. **LECTORS AND MUSICIANS: PLEASE NOTE THAT ON SUNDAY, MAY 26 WE USE THE READINGS OF ASCENSION ON PAGES 180-183 IN THE LECTOR'S WORKBOOK AND PAGES 84-89 IN THE MISALETTE.**

HONORING OUR GRADUATES:

CHANGE OF DATE

 We will honor our graduates from high school, college and graduate school on Sunday, June 9 at the 10:30 AM Mass. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.** We are changing the date so that we can reach out to more graduates. Graduates, please sign up for recognition by using the form on the parish website www.immaculateconceptionbr.org or the form in the foyer.

Happy Birthday

			
LASHOUNDA	JACKSON		5/19
TAFARI	BEARD		5/20
TARA	HANEY		5/20
COURTNEY	GUNN		5/20
KRISTA	MACKIE		5/20
NATESSA	DENU		5/21
CHALONDA	THOMAS		5/21
LOUIS	JOSEPH		5/22
TYRIN	MOSEY		5/22
CHAILA	ROBERSON		5/22
KEYSHELL	DYER		5/23
JUDY	MARTIN		5/23
MARVELL	BAUDY		5/24
JERMAYNE	BRADFORD		5/24
KEITH	COLEMAN, JR.		5/24
MARIE	CORREA		5/24
BLAINE	EDWARDS		5/24
BRYCE	EDWARDS		5/24
JOHN	HENDERSON		5/24
AUDREE	VAUGHN		5/24
JOHN	EDWARDS		5/25
THOMAS	SCOTT, JR.		5/25

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

 **HEALTHY TIDBIT:** Most researchers consider stuttering to be a neurological condition which has a genetic component. It usually starts between the ages of 2½- 5; affects about 3 million people in the US; and boys are about three times more likely to stutter than girls. Do not tell a person who stutters to "slow down," "take a breath," or "relax." Stuttering can pose a life-long challenge, but, speech therapy and self-help/support groups can improve a stutterer's communication. Maintain eye contact, listen carefully, and wait patiently until the person is finished speaking. A few famous persons who stutter: James Earl Jones, actor; Joseph "Joe" Biden, 2020 Democratic Presidential candidate; Ed Sheeran, singer/songwriter; Darren Sproles, running back, Philadelphia Eagles; Emily Blunt, actress. westutter.org



Mass Readings

May 19th - May 26th Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Rev. 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115
Gospel: John 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145
Gospel: John 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122
Gospel: John 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96
Gospel: John 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57
Gospel: John 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100
Gospel: John 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67; Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

