

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

### Clementine Hunter



Clementine Hunter, a self-taught artist who hailed from the Cane River region of Louisiana, gained fame for her artwork that depicted life in and around the Melrose Plantation. As one of the most notable folk artists of her time, she is the first Black artist to have a solo exhibition at the New Orleans Museum of Art, one of many honors she's earned.

Hunter was born sometime in 1887 in the Cane River region, and lived near the town of Natchitoches, seat of the parish of the same name. Her grandparents were formerly enslaved and she moved to the Melrose Plantation, a haven for artists and writers, when she was a teenager. Never learning to read or write, Hunter worked as a servant and cook for much of her life but fortune struck around the '40's.

As legend has it, artists would leave art supplies at Melrose Plantation and with sheer will, Hunter picked up some brushes and painted on whatever surface she could. Her early works sold for as little as fifty cents, a good price at the time. She held her first exhibit in 1949. Hunter's notoriety grew in the '70's after the Museum of American Folk Art in New York and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art shared her work with the masses.

Much of the artwork depicted American folk themes of farmlands, workers, and fields, often mirroring Hunter's daily life. The figures were mostly faceless but easily identifiable as Black. Hunter lived at the plantation until 1970 before moving to a small trailer to continue working. She painted up until the end of her life at the age of 101 in 1988.

Today, Hunter's work can fetch anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000 on the market, although some dealers have been caught attempting to sell fakes. However, art merchants and collectors have cracked down on such thievery, keeping Hunter's legacy intact.

### **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 DeRouen .....	218-8292 / 284-5970
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
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
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**

Father, thank you for the joy of friendship. For the security and intimacy of love. I pray for my friends that you would hold, keep, bless and envision them. May they feel your love through my actions, words and gifts. I ask that I would always be loyal, trustworthy and generous to them, For I treasure their companionship, their unique spirit and their relationship with me so much. Amen.

*Don't Worry*  
**God** is never blind to your  
 tears, never deaf to your prayers,  
 and never silent to your pain.  
**He sees, He hears**  
 and **HE will deliver.**



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

**SCOTLANDVILLE INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK**

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Immaculate, Camphor, Greater Mt. Carmel and Allen Chapel AME will sponsor a blood drive this week, May 3, 4, and 5 to help alleviate the critical blood shortage in South Louisiana. If you want to donate, please make an appointment by using the online registration or sign up in the foyer of the church. Give the gift of life! Donate blood in honor of or in memory of your mother who gave you the gift of life!

**NO LONGER NEED TO RESERVE SEAT AT MASS**

**Christian Service**  
You no longer need to call to reserve a seat at Mass. You are welcome to just come to Mass. For the time being we will ask you to sign in when you arrive in case we need to do contact tracing. We will no longer take temperatures at the door. However, masks will be required as well as hand sanitizing when you arrive at church and before Communion. We will observe social distancing as much as possible. The new directives from the CDC and the Governor seem to indicate that the wearing of masks and being vaccinated are the greatest defenses against the virus. We encourage all parishioners of every age to get vaccinated. The more parishioners who are vaccinated the more we can return to normal activity. Getting vaccinated is an act of service and care for our neighbor.

**INVITATION TO LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS**

**Christian Service**  
We invite our lectors who feel comfortable doing so to return to serving as lectors at Mass. There will be one lector per Mass for the time being. You will not process in but be in the sanctuary before Mass starts. After reading the Universal Prayer, you may stay in the sanctuary for the rest of the Mass or return to a seat in the sanctuary. You will wear a mask when not reading.

Altar servers are invited to return to serving at Mass. There will be one altar server per Mass (possibly two or three if they are brothers and sisters). They will carry the cross in procession, set up the altar at the Offertory and clear the altar after Communion.

If any youth who have received their First Holy Communion would like to become an altar server, please contact Father Clark to begin preparation.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**First Communion**  
We will celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 15 at 10:30 AM. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for this important step in their Christian Initiation. They are: **Maylea Doucet, Solomon Easton, Arthur Johnson, Brent Lewis, Jr., Dallas Plain.**

**PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM**

**First Communion**  
We are celebrating Baptism as usual. The ceremony will be private for each family and we ask that you limit the number of people to about 10. Father Clark will meet with the parents and godparents prior to the Baptism either on Zoom or in person according to your preference. Please contact Father Clark to arrange for a baptism.

**THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, LADIES AUXILIARY, WILFRED B. RICARD COURT 116**

**First Communion**  
The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, is accepting Scholarship Award Applications for 2021. Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church and the office of the Church Secretary (located in the Ministry Building). Completed applications are due no later than May 22, 2021. For additional information contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354.

**Happy Birthday**



<b>Happy birthday!</b>	ANGELA	MARSHALL	5/2	<b>Happy birthday!</b>
	DONALD	VICTORIAN	5/2	
	NICOLE	SQUARE	5/4	
	ERROLLYN	JACKSON	5/5	
	WILLIE	SANDERS	5/5	
	BARBARA	DENU	5/6	
	ASHLEY	GRISHBY	5/6	
	LAWRENCE	DIKE	5/6	
	KAYLA	WATKINS	5/6	
	MORGAN	RIGGS	5/7	
	MELISSA	RUSSELL	5/7	
	KIONDRA	SAMPEY	5/7	
	AARON	WHITE	5/7	
	TRACI	LIVINGSTON	5/8	

**Happy birthday! Happy birthday!**

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY**



The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to join in a marathon of rosaries for God's mercy during this Covid 19 pandemic so that "prayers to God will rise incessantly from the whole Church." (Acts 12:5) The Rosary will be prayed each day at a Marian Shrine throughout the world at 11:00 AM (CDT) and will be broadcast on Vatican media platforms ([www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)). Each day the Rosary will be dedicated to a group of persons affected by the pandemic. On Saturday, May 1, Pope Francis will begin the marathon by praying the Rosary from Saint Peter's at 11:00 AM (CDT).



**CHANGE IN FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION TIME: NOW SECOND THURSDAY AT 10:00-11:00 AM**

There has been a change in the day and time of food distribution in our parking lot by the Food Bank. Food will now be distributed to 70807 residents on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This month, food will be distributed on **Thursday, May 13 at 10:00-11:00 AM.**



**Mass Readings**

**May 2nd - May 9th**  
**Sunday**  
 Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24  
 Gospel: John 15:1-8  
**Monday**  
**Feast of Saints Philip and James**  
 1 Cor 15:1-8; Psalm 19  
 Gospel: John 14:6-14  
**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**  
**National Day of Prayer**  
 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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10  
 Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

