

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Howard Thurman



Theologian, minister, author, and activist **Howard Thurman** was best known as an influence and early mentor of some of the civil right movement’s most notable figures. The Daytona Beach, Fla. native was born November 18, 1899.

The Morehouse man graduated as class valedictorian in 1923, and two years later became an ordained Baptist minister in 1925 while still studying at the Rochester Theological Seminary, graduating there in 1926. His first prominent role as part of an academic faculty came when he was named the dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University.

Thurman left the tenured position at Howard in 1944 to joined Dr. Alfred Fisk in establishing the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first major interracial, non-denominational church in the United States. The church was among the many early churches that allowed members of all spiritual and racial backgrounds to worship as one.

In 1953, Thurman returned to the college ranks, joining Boston University and serving as the dean of Marsh Chapel, making him the first Black Dean to lead a chapel at a predominately white university. He retired from the post in 1965, focusing more on lecturing and writing up until his passing.

Thurman’s 1945 book, “Jesus and the Disinherited,” influenced Rev. King’s philosophy, and was a book partly inspired by Gandhi’s approach and response to oppression via acts of radical nonviolence. Thurman met with Gandhi at various early points of his career, and the book introduced the concept of nonviolence to many in the burgeoning civil rights movement. Thurman also established an educational trust in 1965 after retiring from Boston. Thurman passed in 1981.



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	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: Deadra James Mackie.....	772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

○ God of Peace, I stop right now to give You thanks, not just because You deserve it, but because I need it! As I bring my specific requests to You now, fill my mind with the long, long list of things big and small that are Your perfect gifts to me. Above all, thank You for Your Son, for what he did for me, and that I am in Him. Amen.



Way
Truth
LIFE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
Easter

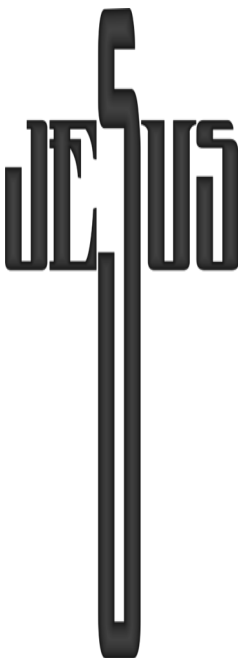
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When Jesus says that they know the way to the place where he is going, Thomas, wants directions, a road map to this place. Jesus responds by saying that he himself is the way: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

John 14:4-6



Jesus responds to the anxiety of his disciples by saying, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me” Jesus calls them back to this fundamental relationship of trust and assures them that he is not abandoning them. Rather, he is returning to his Father, which is good news for them. In speaking of his ascension to the Father, Jesus assures his disciples that this is also their destination. There are many dwellings in his Father’s house, and he goes to prepare a place for them, so that they will be with him and dwell with him in his intimate relationship with the Father.



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SECRETARY: Juliet Betts(225) 775-7067

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COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen(225) 936-8162

ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Kalli Gregory

RCIA COORDINATOR: Cathy Glover(225) 772-6099

MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:

Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

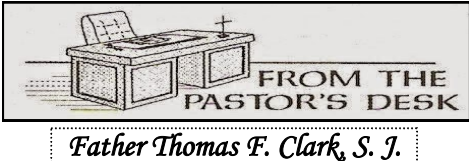
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



THANK YOU FOR OUR PARISH MINISTRY FAIR



We thank all those who made our Parish Ministry Fair successful and enjoyable. Thanks to the Coordination Team: David Dartez, Cassandra Broussard, Brad DeRouen, Sheila DeRouen, Georgia Jenkins, and Andrea Toles. Also to volunteers: Jennifer Dartez, Janine Dupuy, Keyshell Dyer, Kelly Eaglin, Kalli Gregory, Khloe Gregory, and Patrick Jenkins. Thank you to all who came out and participated. We encourage the chairs of parish ministries and organizations to contact those who signed up as soon as possible and get them included in your group!

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS MOTHERS' DAY CARNATIONS



The Junior Daughters will be selling carnations for Mothers' Day on the weekend of May 13-14 before each of the Masses. The carnations are worn in honor of your mother. A white carnation honors a mother who has died, and a red carnation honors a mother who is living. Please donate \$3.00 for each carnation.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD - JUNE 11



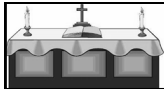
Sunday, June 11, is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The bishops have asked us to celebrate this feast in a special way this year to give a public demonstration of our faith in the Lord present in the Eucharist. We will celebrate the day with an outdoor Mass at 10:30 AM. We will celebrate Mass as we did during Covid but without all the restrictions. You may bring a chair and sit beside your car or in your car. Following Mass, we will have a procession into the church where there will be adoration until 4:00 PM. We invite our parish ministries and organizations to commit to an hour or a half hour of adoration in the afternoon.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND GRAD SCHOOL



On Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 AM Mass, we will honor our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school. Please sign up in the foyer the names of members of our church who are graduates. We are also including Fall, 2022 graduates. We are proud of our graduates and all

MASS AT MLK ON SUNDAYS IS PAUSING FOR SUMMER BREAK



The 2:00 PM Mass for students at the MLK Catholic Student Center is pausing until the start of the summer session. Father Clark asks summer students to contact him if they would like to have a 2:00 PM Mass on Sundays during the summer session.

AARP - DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS



AARP will hold a Defensive Driving Class on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Activity Center, 1565 Curtis St., Baton Rouge, La., (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) Cost: \$20.00 members, \$25.00 non members. Some course highlights are: 1. Discuss the effect of medication on your driving. 2. Learn about research based safe driving strategies. 3. Refresh your driving skills and your knowledge of the rules. As a bonus, you may be eligible to receive a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. There will be prizes given away to some lucky attendees. - **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED** - For additional information, please contact Bea Leonard at (225)355-5027.

Happy Birthday

MORGAN	RIGGS	5/7
MELISSA	RUSSELL	5/7
KIONDRA	SAMPEY	5/7
AARON	WHITE	5/7
TRACI	SMITH	5/8
DIANA	ALLISON	5/9
LATRESHA	CHAMBERS	5/9
ULYSSES	FRANK	5/9
THERON	LANE	5/9
ANTHONY	VERRE, JR.	5/9
LATARA	DEHON	5/10
KELLY	EAGLIN	5/10
ALYSSA	JOHNSON	5/10
EMILY	MONTGOMERY	5/10
RON	CEASAR	5/11
JORDAN	SAMPSON	5/11
TY	WALKER	5/11
ANN	WASHINGTON	5/12
CORI	BODLEY	5/13
CHRISTOPHER	BURLS	5/13
MATTHEW	CRUMP, SR.	5/13
SHAWANDA	HAYES	5/13
MILING	WASHINGTON	5/13

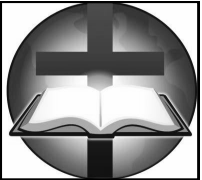


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON MAY 13

Please pray for our candidates for First Holy Communion and their families. We will celebrate this important moment in their lives on Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 AM.

Our candidates are:

Sadie Bonton, Leo Borne, Sophie Burrel, Peter Knight, Koli Malters-Spears, Eryn Jenkins, and Zacchaeus Glover.



Mass Readings

May 7th - May 14th

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Psalms 115

Gospel: Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Psalms 145

Gospel: Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96

Gospel: Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Psalms 57

Gospel: Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Psalms 100

Gospel: Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalms 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR CHURCH

Thank you for your generosity to the church with your contributions to the Sunday Offertory. As we approach the end of the fiscal year on June 30, please continue your generous support. If you have fallen behind in your contribution, please consider catching up! Our goal is to make another \$100,000 payment on the principal of our loan for the renovation of the church.