

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Philip Downing/Inventor



Before 1891, folks who wanted to send a letter would have to visit their local post office to do so. **Philip Downing** invented a metal mailbox that is the predecessor for the modern version of the ones we use today.

Downing was born March 22, 1857 in Providence, R.I., although some have written that he hailed from Ontario, Canada. His father, George, was a successful businessman and abolitionist, and his grandfather, Thomas, set the tone for the family in similar fashion.

The first of Downing’s inventions, the “New and Useful Improvements in Street Railway Switches,” approved in June 1890, allowed train operators to switch on and off power and proper times from the train cabin.

On October 27, 1891, Downing’s patent for the “Street Letter Box” made it possible for residents to leave their mail inside a tall metal box for the postman to pick up and take to their home post office. The Street Letter Box was fashioned with a self-closing hinge door that kept mail safe from the elements and potential thievery.

In 1917, Downing was issued a patent for a handheld envelope moistener, and the following year, he invented a new type of desktop notepad. Downing eventually settled in Boston after living across New England and in Washington, D.C. He passed on June 7, 1934 at 77.

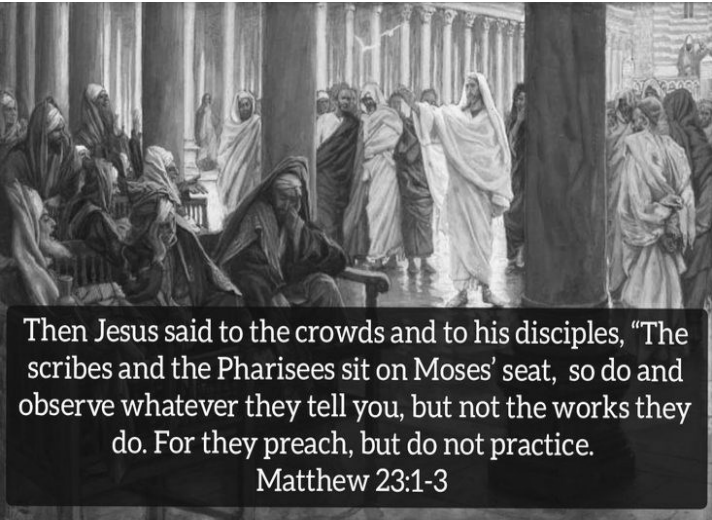
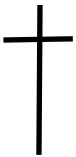
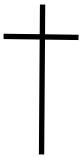
Sacraments

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
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
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

Heavenly Father, thank You for blessing my life with my parents, for they led me to You. My faith continues to be fortified with their support, as together, we are a family of Your followers. I pray that You grant my parents good health, so that they may continue to live out Your will and spread Your good news. Heal them of any afflictions and ease their sufferings, oh merciful Lord. I pray that they overcome any challenges on their continuous journey through life, as they deserve nothing but Your love and grace. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.



Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. “Everything they do is done for people to see: Matthew 23:1-5

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living according to God’s word means living as a servant. “The greatest among you will be your servant” (Matthew 23:11). Jesus’ criticism of the Pharisees suggests that the problem is that they use the law as a pretense to receive honor from others. “They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi” (Matthew 23:6-7). This description rings too true for many of us. We love the trappings of living according to God’s word. We set ourselves up for applause. But it is easier to appear pious or to instruct others regarding their faults than to implement God’s commands in our own lives.

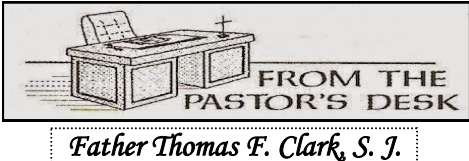
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MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:
Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH TO REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD



During the month of November, we remember our loved one who have gone home to God. The Book of the Remembrance of the Dead will be available near the Baptismal pool. You may enter the names of your deceased family and friends. The book will be placed on the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer as we pray for all who names are contained in it.

On **Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 PM**, we will have a special Mass to remember all the deceased members of our church and all the deceased members of the families of our church. We will remember in a special way those who have died in the past year.

WE WELCOME OUR MISSIONARY PRIEST



This weekend we welcome our missionary priest, Fr. M S Selva Raj from the Diocese of Kumbakonam in India. He will speak at the Masses asking for our prayers and financial support for the pastoral work of his diocese. As we hear about the needs of the people there, we are reminded that we are a worldwide church, and we pray and come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world.

Please be generous in the second collection for the Diocese of Kumbakonam. You may also contribute online at our parish website.

VOTE IN THE RUNOFF ELECTIONS



The runoff elections for Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, and our State Representative District 63 will take place on Saturday, November 18. Early voting will take place from November 3-11 from 8:30 AM to 6 PM each day, excluding Sunday. November 14 is the last day to request an absentee ballot which must be returned by the end of day November 17. Please do not neglect to vote. Your vote is important!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

We are making a change in our Christmas Mass schedule this year. Therefore, we are giving notice of it way in advance so that everyone will know and can plan which Mass they will attend to celebrate the birth of the Lord. This year Christmas is on a Monday, so we have back-to-back holydays. We will adjust our schedule accordingly.

DECEMBER 23-24: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: VIGIL MASS AT 4 PM (SATURDAY) SUNDAY MORNING ONE MASS AT 9:00 AM

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT IN CANDLELIGHT: 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS: 9:00 AM



KPC LADIES' AUXILIARY COURT 116
RED BEANS & RICE PLATES
Sunday, November 12, 2023: 12PM - 2PM
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Parish Activity Center
1565 Curtis St. Baton Rouge, La.
Menu:
Red Beans & Rice, Sausage Link, Salad & Roll
Price: \$10.00 per plate
Contact Members of the Ladies Auxiliary for Tickets

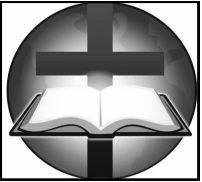


Happy Birthday

TIERA	ELLISON	11/5
ANGELA	LAMOTHE	11/5
GLORIA	LEWIS	11/5
SHEREVA	LEWIS	11/5
LATASHA	MORGAN	11/5
KRYSTAL	SHELMIRE	11/5
EDNA	JAMES	11/6
BRIAN	JOHNSON	11/6
ERICK	KING	11/6
SUPRINA	CYPRIEN	11/6
SHANNON	MATTHEWS	11/6
KYLA	BESSIX	11/7
BEVERLY	CRITNEY	11/7
DAVID	CROGRAM, SR.	11/7
TIMOTHY	DAIGRE, JR.	11/7
KIVON	JOHNSON	11/7
ANGELA	RANDALL	11/7
LASHANTA	VANCE	11/7
MIA	BOURGEOIS	11/8
DENNIS	JARRETT	11/8
MICHAEL	JARRETT	11/8
NAOMI	FACEY	11/8
KOREY	PATTY	11/8
FRANK	RICHARDSON	11/8
ELREN	WADDELL	11/8
EARL	WHITE	11/8
WENDY	GRAY	11/9
PAULETTE	BRADFORD	11/9
TAYLOR	WILLIAMS	11/9
RUSSELL	BALTAZAR	11/10
MATTHEW	LISTACH	11/10
ROSALIND	MORGAN	11/11
RAYON	SELLERS	11/11
ZARRIAN	WRIGHT	11/11
ZARRIUS	WRIGHT	11/11



Happy Belated Birthday to Josephine Dubriel
October 22



Mass Readings

November 5th - November 12th

Sunday

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Psalm 131; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13
Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

Monday

Rom 11:29-36; Psalm 69
Gospel: Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16ab; Psalm 131
Gospel Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10; Psalm 112
Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Feast of The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Gospel: Jn 2:13-22

Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Psalm 98
Gospel: Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Psalm 145
Gospel: Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

Wis 6:12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13



HAPPY 70 YEARS TO US!

This year we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Dedication of our church on December 13 and the 4th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Church after the Renovation on December 15. We will celebrate this anniversary in a very simple way on Sunday, December 10 at our weekend Masses. We should begin to think of how we would like to celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 2028.