

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Dr. Ruth Wright Hayre



DR. RUTH WRIGHT HAYRE (October 26, 1910-January 30, 1999), born in Atlanta, GA, was a prominent African American figure who served her community in a variety of capacities, including as an archivist, philanthropist, administrator, and educator.

Dr. Hayre, the daughter of Bishop Richard Robert Wright, Jr., held multiple higher-education degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1930; A.M., 1931; Ph.D., 1949; L.L.D., honorary, 1989). Inspired by her brief position as a teacher at West Philadelphia High School for Girls, Hayre decided to help bring about educational advancement among African Americans, who faced considerable discrimination and poverty.

She taught at several institutions, including, beginning in 1930, Arkansas State College for Negroes, a.k.a. Arkansas Agricultural and Mechanical College, where she met Talmadge Hayre, another instructor; Ruth Wright and Talmadge Hayre were married in 1937.

Dr. Hayre also served briefly as the principal of Arkansas State College before becoming "Philadelphia's first African American senior high school teacher" in 1946. Hayre became vice principal of William Penn (girls') High School in 1953 and principal in 1955, both "firsts" for an African American in Philadelphia.

In 1963, Hayre became the first African American public school superintendent; she retired in 1976, but accepted an appointment to the Philadelphia Board of Education nine years later. In addition, Hayre founded the Tell Them We are Rising Fund, a philanthropic foundation, at Temple University in 1988. Dr. Hayre passed in 1999.

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.

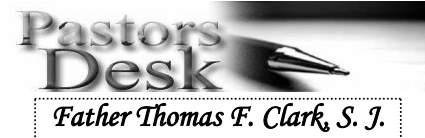
To Whom Do We Go

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

Heavenly Father, help me cast aside my old worn out ways so that I can begin again. Renew me from the inside out. Amen.





THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOTED



Thank you to all who participated in this historic election season. First of all we thank all those who voted. No one can ever say that their vote does not count. Special shout out to the youth of our church who voted for the first time! Thank you to all who encouraged family, friends, neighbors and community to get out and vote. Thank you to those who worked at the polls. We are much more conscious of just how important their work is! God bless our nation!

Lord, we need You! Please sweep through this nation and heal this land. Restore our strength, renew our minds, and cast out anything that's not of You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR BLESSING OF GRAVES AT SOUTHERN MEMORIAL



Thank you to all those who participated in the Blessing of Graves at Southern Memorial last Sunday. We thank the staff of Southern Memorial Gardens for their hospitality and support. In addition to hosting our prayer gathering, they provided a delicious take home meal for everyone and made a generous donation to our church.

COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES FOR SACRED HEART CHURCH IN LAKE CHARLES



We continue to collect supplies for Sacred Heart Church in Lake Charles to support them in their recovery from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. The Knights of Peter Claver will be bringing the supplies on either Friday or Saturday, November 13-14. Therefore we ask that you bring in all contributions by Wednesday, November 11. Requested items include cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items such as soups, peanut butter, jellies, canned foods, personal hygiene items, and gift cards.

Let us continue to remember all who recover from these storms in our prayers and in our generosity. We remember all too well how the process of recovery takes time and is frustrating and challenging.

FORMOSA CHEMICAL PLANT UPDATE



"The Army Corps of Engineers has suspended its permit for the Formosa Plastics' proposed plant in Saint James Parish. The moves come just before a November 5 deadline for the Corps to defend the issuance of permits in a federal lawsuit filed by project opponents. The agency has asked the federal court to stay proceedings in the case. The decision will block construction of one of the world's largest petrochemical plants. The plant would pollute a predominantly Black community, disturb unmarked burial sites of enslaved people, degrade wetlands and add to the ocean plastic pollution crisis." From Louisiana Bucket Brigade. Although this is not the death knell of the project, it is a significant victory for Saint James Parish residents.

THANKSGIVING FOOD GIVE AWAY BY OUR FOOD PANTRY



Our Church Food Pantry will be assisting struggling families of our community with help for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you wish to support this project, please make a cash donation to the Food Pantry. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, a monetary donation instead of actual turkey or canned goods donation will more helpful. We are very grateful for the generous way that the church supports Saint Vincent de Paul and the Food Pantry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS



Please keep our Southern University students and, indeed, all our college students, in your prayers during this month of November. The fall semester is quickly coming to a close. Most colleges will finish the semester before Thanksgiving with final exams being taken remotely. This has been a very unusual semester with many distractions and challenges. Pray that our students will stay focused, overcome all roadblocks, and bring the semester to a successful completion.

Happy Birthday

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
RUSSELL	BALTAZAR	11/10
MATTHEW	LISTACH	11/10
ROSALIND	MORGAN	11/11
RAYON	SELLERS	11/11
ZARRIAN	WRIGHT	11/11
ZARRIUS	WRIGHT	11/11
JORDAIN	DUPLECHAIN	11/12
SKYLER	LEDOUX	11/13
BRITTANY	SMITH	11/13
SANDRA	CLAIBORNE	11/14
SAMUELLA	FRAZIER	11/14
KEYCHA	GIVENS	11/14
JASMINE	JOHNSON	11/14
CAMIEL	WILKINS	11/14

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the members of our parish and relatives of our members whose funerals we celebrated in our church since last November:



Edward Jarrett, Jr.

Raplh St. Amant

Keith J. Thierry

David Gauthier

Maudris Laws

Anthony Legard

Willie Mae Williams

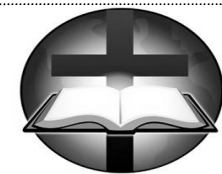
Rachael DeRouen Whittington

Celwyn B. Johson

Mercedes Mackey

Gene Decuir

Gloria Dyer



Mass Readings

November 8th - November 15th

Sunday

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

Gospel: Matt 25:1-13

Monday

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: John 2:13-22

Tuesday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 37

Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ti 3:1-7; Psalm 23

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday

Phmn 7-20; Psalm 146

Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

Friday

2 John 4-9; Psalm 119

Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

Saturday

3 John 5-8; Psalm 112

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128; 1Thes 5:1-6

Gospel: Matt 25:14-30

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

