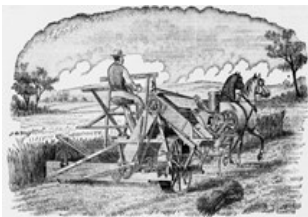


THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Jo Anderson -Co-Inventor of the McCormick Mechanical Reaper



In modern times, despite poor record-keeping and erased histories, it has been revealed that enslaved African-Americans contributed far more than free labor to this country.

A slave, Jo Anderson, is largely credited as the co-inventor of the McCormick mechanical reaper, which revolutionized American farming in the 19th Century.

Jo Anderson, who was born in 1808, was owned by the family of inventor Robert McCormick. McCormick invented a horse-drawn reaper, which is an instrument that gathers and collects crops, but never refined the device. He handed over the designs to his son, Cyrus, who made significant improvements, but Anderson was right there in lockstep with the younger McCormick.

During one month in 1831, McCormick and Anderson debuted their version of the reaper with both men showing of its capabilities to speed up the harvest collection. The device was patented in 1834, and was largely seen as an updated version of earlier versions of the reaper that were invented in Scotland and other locales.

In 1931, Cyrus McCormick II, the grandson of Cyrus McCormick, wrote in his book “The Century Of The Reaper” that Anderson should have been noted as a co-inventor of the device. This family account has been supported by descendants of the McCormicks many times over, another account that Anderson and McCormick were just a year apart in age and were more like brothers although Anderson was a slave.

When McCormick freed Anderson before the Civil War, Anderson couldn’t live freely so he worked for farming neighbors at a rate of \$60 per month which McCormick paid until his death.

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 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

Lord of unfailing love, my life is a living testimony to Your kindness and forgiveness. You redeemed me from an eternity separated from You when I did not deserve it. How then can I reflect unkindness toward anyone? Lord, do not let it be so in my life. Kindness is the instrument of my Holy God, and I want to become a skilled user. Grant me knowledge, discernment, and precision to use kindness to cut out hatred, racism, indifference, inequality, and all the other afflictions that run rampant in the human race. Amen.



The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22)



For many are called, but few are chosen.

—Matthew 22:14

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

Matthew 22:1-3

October 15, 2023

“Many are called, but few are chosen...” This statement, directly following the scene of throwing guests out into the darkness with weeping and gnashing of teeth, might seem a little harsh and selective in terms of God’s love and acceptance. However, the parable of the marriage feast is not one of sadness or devastation, but an opportunity to highlight the loving King who welcomes all that are open to His invitation. Just as the guests at the wedding feast had only to put on a garment, we have only to “put on” Jesus. Some will refuse this free gift, but it is available to all who accept God’s calling.

God welcomes all people into His family, if only we are willing to believe and accept the free gift of salvation. We might make silly excuses for neglecting or rejecting faith, but in the end it’s as easy as putting on a piece of clothing. We are clothed in Christ, washed in His blood and welcomed to God’s Heavenly “party”! We can rejoice in that celebration, and also spread the word to “invite” others to join His loving family, as well.

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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

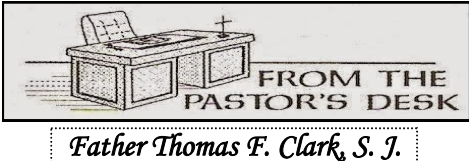
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

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

Holy Day Masses:

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



Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

WEAR PURPLE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 116 encourages everyone to WEAR PURPLE on October 21-22 to Support Domestic Violence Awareness Month



FACTS: Domestic violence can be physical assault, sexual assault, threats, or economic, emotional, and psychological abuse against an intimate partner. Statistics show that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner—including a range of behaviors like slapping, shoving, pushing and in some cases might not be considered "domestic violence."

TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN BASH

Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Bash (sponsored by KPC Jr. Knights and Jr. Daughters Unit 116)



Ghouls and Boo-ys ages 2-12 are invited to our ICCC Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Bash on Sunday, October 22 from 3PM-6PM at the Parish Activity Center. There will be a Trunk-or-Treat Car Decoration competition, Best Costume awards, fun games, a DJ, and lots of candy and treats.

WEAR PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 116 encourages everyone to WEAR PINK on October 28-29 to Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Felicia Gathe, an ICCC Parishioner and Breast Cancer Survivor, will share her breast cancer journey and perspective before the end of the 10:30 AM Mass. If you have a low income or do not have insurance coverage, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Call (800) CDC-INFO or visit <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/>.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR PARISH PICNIC A SUCCESS

THANK YOU to our 2023 ICCC Parish Picnic family and friends, attendees, volunteers, and vendors!

BINGO! Gift Cards/Name That Parishioner!" \$100 Cash Winner Sponsorships: Cassandra Broussard, Cynthia Hall ClouDET, Bradley and Sheila DeRouen, L. Dorothy Hall Rogers and Yvonne Jackson, Calvin and Tracye McClinton, Gerard Morgan, Stephanie Price, Sheila Simms, Andrea Toles, Roderick and Betty Wells, Milton and Anita Williams

Vendor Sponsorships Hall Davis & Sons Funeral Home (Big Tent, Tables, Chairs); Knights of Peter Claver Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 [Water Bounce Inflatables & Rentals, LLC].

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116 [Twinkle the Face-Painting Clown/Twinkle Entertainment;] Matthew and Carmen Valliere and Family [Game Changers Mobile Video Theater] Kevin and Kim Walker and Family/Tommy and Margeaux Walker and Family [Scotlandville SnoBiz]

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Beautification Marlese Harris, Michael Jarrett, Ron Q. Lewis, Marie Matthews, Roderick and Betty Wells, Walterene Whitfield, Stephanie Yearby, Art Display/Painting through the Bible Ministry

Cooking: Knights of Peter Claver Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116, Fred Edwards, Grill Master, Roosevelt Stevenson, Baked Beans Wizardry

Entertainment: Diana Allison, BINGO, Patrick Berzat, DJ, Chris Hunt, Electrical Supply, Jessica Semien Olive, BINGO, Allison Singleton, Line Dancing

Hospitality: Kim Askew, Cassandra Broussard, Sheila DeRouen, Marcus Doucet, Janice Dupuy, Keyshell Dyer, Kalli Gregory, Khloe Gregory, Landen Gregory, Claudia Griffin, Yvonne Jackson, Beatrice Leonard, Calvin McClinton, Tracye McClinton, Ambre Porter, Raven Price, Stephanie Price, Kendrick Slan

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Registration: Juliet Betts, Marilyn Craig, Imelda Goins, Doris Hale, Aretha Hunt, Joyce Johnson, Rita White

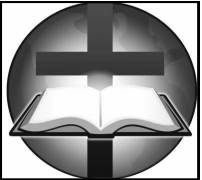
Happy Birthday

JA'MIYAH	ODOM	10/15
ETHEL	SCOTT	10/15
RAYON	SCOTT	10/15
TAYLOR	ADDISON	10/16
CHASE	BROWN	10/16
JEREMY	BROWN	10/16
TANGANIK	JOHNSON	10/16
LAUREN	SHELMIRE	10/16
ELAINE	SIMMS	10/17
CARRIE	BROWN	10/18
MATTHEW	CRUMP, JR.	10/18
CARTER	DRUMMOND	10/18
CHANDLER	JAMES	10/18
SCHENA	SINGLETON	10/18
KEIAWANA	WILLIAMS	10/18
PATRICK	ALEXANDER	10/19
RUDY	LOPEZ	10/19
ANGELA	VEAL	10/19
LEXI	DAUPHINE	10/20
LYRIC	DAUPHINE	10/20
TOMMY	LOONEY	10/20
SHYLON	MATTHEWS	10/20
ALISHA	JARRETT	10/21
JAMAL	ENCALADE	10/21
DONALD	SAULNY, SR.	10/21
HANNAH	WILLIAMS	10/21
EDDIE	YOUNG, JR.	10/21

SHOUT OUT TO MCKENZIE MOORE



When we recognized our youth last Sunday, we inadvertently neglected to mention McKenzie Moore. McKenzie auditioned for Annie and was cast as an actor and a leading soloist. She ran in the Redz River Run and came in third in her age group. She is an honor student and received a reading award. We will acknowledge McKenzie at Mass.



Mass Readings

October 15th - October 22nd

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a; Psalm 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Psalm 98

Gospel: Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Psalm 19

Gospel Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Luke

2 Tim 4:10-17b; Psalm 145

Gospel: Lk 10:1-9

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Psalm 130

Gospel: Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Psalm 32

Gospel: Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105

Gospel: Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21



PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

There will be a Parish Council of Ministries meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 PM. All chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations are asked to make this meeting a priority. If you cannot be there, please ask a member of your group to represent you. The minutes of the last meeting and an agenda for this meeting will be sent out next week. All interested members of the parish are invited to attend.