

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



A young Merze Tate, left, stands with her mother, Myrtle, and brother, Keith.

Vernie Merze Tate



Having been born among the pine forests of Northern Michigan, upon her death Dr. Tate's body was returned to her home town of Blanchard Michigan where she was buried in a pine coffin.

Merze Tate was a professor, scholar, author and diplomacy expert who achieved a series of notable firsts in her lifetime. Tate is the first African-American to graduate from what is now known as Western Michigan University, and the first African-American woman to attend the University of Oxford.

Born February 6, 1905, in Blanchard, Michigan, Tate excelled as a student, although schools were inadequate for Black students during her youth. Tate entered Western Michigan Teachers College to join the profession in her home state. Racist hiring practices prevented her from being hired in Michigan, so she took a job as a teacher in Indiana.

Not much is known about this period of Tate's life, but she became known for exposing her students to the value of travel via a club she began during her early teaching days. This zeal for globe-trotting would become a hallmark of Tate's further education and career.

Tate attended Oxford in 1932 studying European diplomatic history, advanced economics and international law, among other subjects. In 1935, she earned a Bachelor of Literature degree from the institution, becoming the first Black American to receive the degree. Tate also studied at the University of Berlin while in Europe. She returned to the States to teach history at Barber-Scotia College in Concord, N.C.

Tate's impressive achievements didn't stop there. She became the first African-American woman to earn a PH.D. in government and international relations from Harvard University (then Radcliffe College). As an author, Tate published seven books, which focused on the United States and the practice of disarmament or demilitarization. Because of Tate's global influence and her role as a reporter, she was accused of being a spy, although those allegations were never confirmed.

Tate taught at Maryland's Morgan State College (now Morgan State University) and was the Dean of Women at the school. She later became one of the first two women to join the faculty of Howard University's Department of History and worked there until her retirement in 1977. Tate, who never married or had children, died at the age of 91 in 1996.

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 DeRouen218-8292 / 284-5970
 Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles
 Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
 Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
 Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara 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: Theresa Carmen.....921-7315
 Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....775-7332

This Week's Prayer

Dear Jesus, while we are weak, you are always strong. You lived a life that is the perfect example for all of us. As our family gathers together, bless us with your presence. We are thankful that we are together as a family, but sometimes we don't always get along as we know we should. Help us to love one another as you have loved us. Bless us with strength that will meet all of our needs. Bless us with the comfort only you can provide. Amen





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 19



There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. All chairpersons of Parish Ministries and organizations are asked to be present. An agenda and minutes of the last meeting will be mailed out in the next week.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR CHOIRS



Our Gospel and Traditional Choirs will begin to return to their ministries by sitting together in the congregation and adding to the music ministry. They will gradually return to their full ministry over the weeks ahead. Welcome back!

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOMECOMING ON OCTOBER 23



Southern University Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 23. We will be selling parking places to benefit the KPC scholarship fund as well as to regulate parking on our property. So, **THERE WILL BE NO 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS ON THAT DAY.** Please make a note of that and spread the word.

BLESSING OF GRAVES AT SOUTHERN MEMORIAL GARDENS



The annual Blessing of Graves at Southern Memorial Gardens will take place on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 2:00 PM. We will gather by the office for a common prayer and then each family may go to their family grave and bless the grave with the holy water and prayer that will be distributed. The Southern Memorial Gardens staff will provide refreshments TO GO ONLY immediately after the ceremony. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

SPOOKALICIOUS TRICK OR TREAT DRIVE-BY



On Sunday, October 31, from 4:00-6:00 PM, all ghosts and goblins (up to grade 12) are invited to a SPOOKALICIOUS TRICK OR TREAT DRIVE-BY in front of our Parish Activity Center. Come in your scariest costume and be ready to get treats. Children will not have to get out of the car. BRPD security will be present. See Father Clark and others dressed in costumes and handing out treats.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES



Monday, November 1, is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM and at 7:00 PM (on Monday). Both Masses will take place in the church.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study takes place each Monday evening at 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom and in person on Tuesday mornings at 10:00-11:00 AM in the Parish Activity Center. We read, reflect, share and pray about the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

TAKING ON THE MENTALITY OF JESUS



Pope Francis says that the person receiving the Eucharist ought to take on the mentality of Jesus and live for him and for others. "One who is nourished by the Eucharist assimilates the Lord's very mentality. He is Bread broken for us and those who receive it become in turn broken bread, which is not leavened with pride, but is given to others: they stop living for themselves, for success, to gain something or to become someone, but live for Jesus and like Jesus, that is, for others."



Happy Birthday



Happy birthday! Happy birthday!	ELAINE	SIMMS	10/17	Happy birthday! Happy birthday!
	CARRIE	BROWN	10/18	
	MATTHEW	CRUMP, JR.	10/18	
	CARTER	DRUMMOND	10/18	
	CHANDLER	JAMES	10/18	
	SCHEANA	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	
	LOUIS	METEVIA	10/20	
	ALISHA	JARRETT	10/21	
	JAMAL	ENCALADE	10/21	
	DONALD	SAULNY, SR.	10/21	
	HANNAH	WILLIAMS	10/21	
	EDDIE	YOUNG, JR.	10/21	
VERONICA	BERTEAUX	10/22		
JOSEPHINE	DUBRIEL	10/22		
JOSEPH	HIGGINBOTTHAM	10/22		
VERONICA	JOHNSON	10/22		
SHELITA	LAMOTTE	10/22		
STEPHANIE	ROSAYA	10/22		
MILTON	ROSS, JR.	10/22		
AMBRE	PORTER	10/23		
DAPHINE	READO	10/23		
BEVERLY	THOMAS	10/23		
GLORIA	THOMPSON	10/23		
BRENDA	WILLIAMS	10/23		
VERLIE	WIMS	10/23		

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

GETTING READY FOR OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE



Once again we will be providing Christmas gifts for the residents of the Pines Retirement Center of Baton Rouge and the Elissalde Community Home. You may participate in this gift giving by making a donation of \$20.00. A team of highly trained shopping elves will purchase and gift wrap a present for you. You may put the \$20 in the regular Sunday collection (clearly marked for Advent Giving Tree) or on We Share and Givelify to the designated collection from October 17 through November 17. Help make Christmas merrier for our brothers and sisters.



Mass Readings

October 17th- October 24th
Sunday
 Is 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Heb 4:14-16
 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45
Monday
Feast of Saint Luke
 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Psalm 145
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-9
Tuesday
 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Psalm 40
 Gospel: Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday
 Rom 6:12-18; Psalm 124
 Gospel: Luke 12:39-48
Thursday
 Rom 6:19-23; Psalm 1
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53
Friday
 Rom 7:18-25a; Psalm 119
 Gospel: Luke 12:54-59
Saturday
 Rom 8:1-11; Psalm 24
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
Sunday
 Jer 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Heb 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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

