

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Dr. Lloyd Noel Ferguson



Dr. Lloyd Noel Ferguson was one of the leading Black chemists of his era, paving the way for future STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) scholars at a time where his talents were almost overlooked. Ferguson was born February 9, 1918 in Oakland, Ca. At 12, Ferguson acted on his interest in science by purchasing a chemistry kit. He was so devoted to experimentation that he developed his own household items by the time he reached high school. Among the items Ferguson created were moth repellent, spot remover and lemonade powder. A teacher suggested Ferguson attend college and after graduating high school at 16, he worked in construction and on the railroad to earn money. Ferguson entered the University of California Berkeley as a chemistry major. After graduating with honors in 1940, he became the first African-American to earn a Ph.D in Chemistry from the college three years later. But the large chemistry companies wouldn't grant Ferguson an interview despite his credentials because of his race. Undaunted, Ferguson took a job as an assistant professor at North Carolina A&T University. In 1953, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship which took him to the Carlsberg Laboratory in Copenhagen, Denmark and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland. After two years at NC A&T, Ferguson joined the faculty of Howard University. While there, Ferguson established the first doctoral program in chemistry for any HBCU in 1958.

Ferguson continued to evolve in his career, becoming the director of Cal State L.A.'s Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) program from 1973 to 1984. The MBRS program resulted in hundreds of health professional and professorial careers, according to Dr. Carlos Gutierrez, a director of the Minority Opportunities in Research Programs.

Among Lloyd's numerous awards, he was named Cal State's Outstanding Professor in 1974. In 1995, the school's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry established the Lloyd Ferguson Distinguished Lecture Series. There is also Cal State L.A.'s Lloyd Ferguson Scholarship that was established for an undergraduate chemistry major.

Dr. Ferguson also helped form the Support for the Educationally and Economically Disadvantaged Program (SEED) of the American Chemical Society. Ferguson retired from Cal State in 1986. He authored seven chemistry books and over 50 research papers. He died on November 30, 2011 at the age of 93.

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.

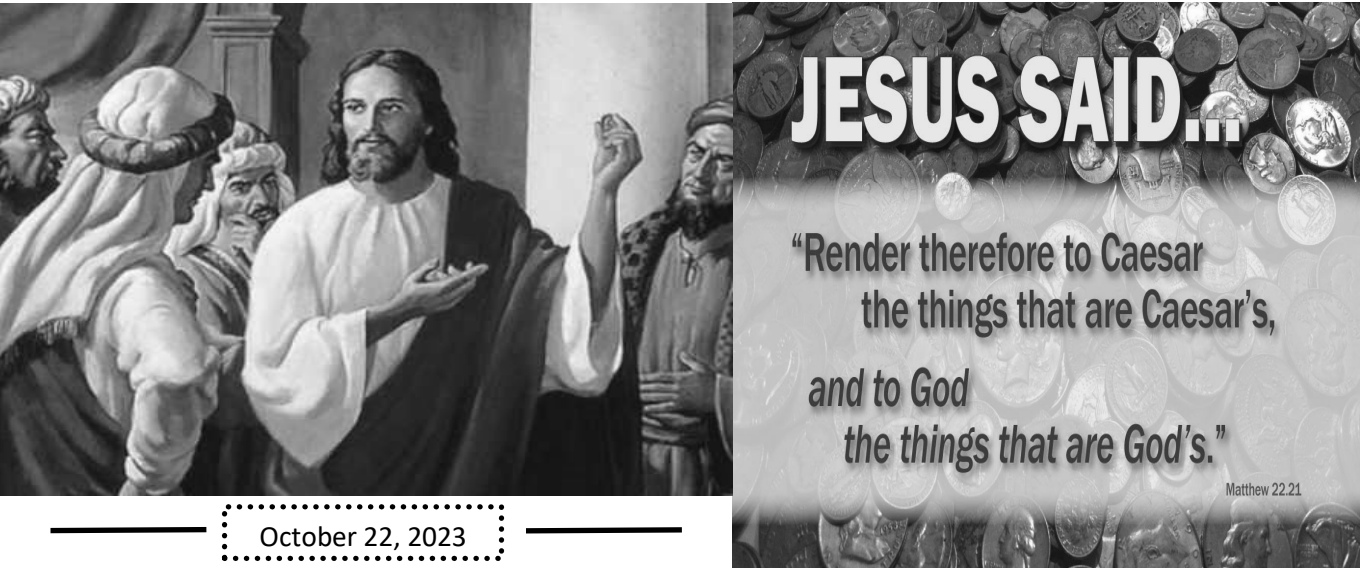
TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor 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
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Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....775-5824
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Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....772-3401
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This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your guidance.
Forgive me for getting ahead of Your plans, and help me know when to stop and listen for Your directions.
Your ways are perfect. Thank You for offering gentle grace and guidance. In Jesus' Name Amen.



But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied.

Matthew 22:18-21

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel talks about who will a person serve. In the Gospel, it tackles about serving the emperor. To serve the emperor is the same thing as serving the Lord with all your heart. Give your tax to the emperor because that is what is asked from you and give to God what is due to Him. What do we mean by "what is due to Him"? It simply means we have to offer our lives by serving God righteously. We will try to ask ourselves: Am I paying my taxes honestly? Do I help my brothers and sisters in times of need? Do I give glory to the Lord my God in every way I can? Am I living my Christian life out of love and service to my family and community? Do I give to God what is due to him?

The Gospel is an eye-opener for each and every one of us. It simply reminds us to always pay a little of our time due to Him and offer Him praises and do our responsibilities as Christians. Christianity is only a word without effort and deed. In everything we do, first and foremost let us offer it to God. Even just by waking up in the morning, we have to thank God for the new day He has given us and give thanks for every blessing we receive. By that simple act, you are already giving Him what is due to Him. We must always remember this cliché **"God, in everything I do, let not others praise me but You."** So, offer everything to God and for sure your life will be filled with blessings.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

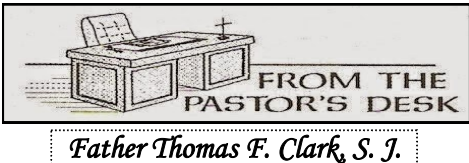
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

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

Holy Day Masses:

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



PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES MINUTES

October 17, 2023



Thirteen members of the Council and interested parishioners attended the Parish Council of Ministries meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 PM. We engaged in a spiritual conversation about evangelization. After reading a selection from Pope Francis in which he described evangelization as sharing the love of God in word and deeds so that others are attracted to the Lord who will convince them of his love. Evangelization is not proselytizing. It does not necessarily result in conversions or new members, but it is sharing the love of God that has sustained us. We divided into four groups and discussed the ways in which we are already an evangelizing parish. We spread the love of God in our community by the way that we include everyone in our worship, our fellowship, and our charitable service. Our parish picnic and other social events that welcomes everyone, our interfaith fellowship, our involvement in community via Together Baton Rouge and CADAV, our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Food Pantry, our social media presence and live stream are all ways that we witness to the love of God in our lives and invite others to know the joy we experience. Therefore, we desire to plan and engage in these activities and ministries with the explicit consciousness that by these actions we are spreading the Good News of the love of God. We commit ourselves to being an active presence and partner in the community as a way of evangelization.

News and announcements: we are working on a combined youth group with Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Paul, and Immaculate; there will be a Revival on March 3, 4, and 5 with Rev. Maurice Nutt as revivalist; musicians and choirs have begun to reflect upon the choir space and sound quality; Jr. Knights initiation on October 21; African American Mass at St. Gerard on November 4 at 10 AM; Halloween party on Sunday, October 29; Christmas Party on December 9; KPC Christmas Dance on December 16; Wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness on Oct 21-22; wear pink on Oct 28-29 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

YOUTH SUNDAY



This Sunday, October 22, our youth will minister to us by the ministries of altar servers, lectors, Universal Prayer readers, ushers, and Communion meditation choir. We pray that by their participation they will come to know, understand, and love the Eucharist in which Jesus gives us the gift of himself and food for our journey here on earth. Every fourth Sunday of the month is Youth Sunday.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF MLK



This weekend we have our monthly collection for the support of the MLK Catholic Student Center and our ministry to our students. This month we sponsored a study night at MLK with pizza and snacks for students and a post-mid-term fellowship evening for students. We are in the Student Union every Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to meet and greet students. We strive to be an active presence on campus meeting students where they are at! We deeply appreciate your support.

ALL HALLOWS/ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS



We will celebrate All Hallows/All Saints/All Souls beginning on Sunday, October 29 with the Blessing of Graves at Southern Memorial Gardens at 2:00 PM. The cemetery staff will provide a reception in the office following the blessing. Father Clark will bless the graves at Heavenly Gates on the following Sunday, November 5 following the 10:30 AM Mass. There will be a Trunk or Treat Halloween Party for children ages 2-12 on Sunday, October 29 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center. We will celebrate All Saints Day with a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 PM and Mass at MLK on Wednesday at 12:10 PM in the hall. You may park in the alumni parking lot next door to MLK.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH MASS

Bishop Duca will be the principal celebrant and Father Clark will be the homilist at the African American History Month Mass on Saturday, November 4, at 10:00 AM at Saint Gerard Church on Plank Road. Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the rich heritage of African American Catholics.

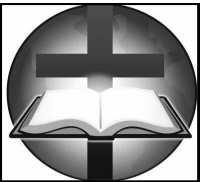


Happy Birthday

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
JACY	DYER	10/24
FREDERICK	EDWARDS	10/24
SABRINA	HARRIS	10/24
SHONET	HAYNES	10/24
KIARA	JOHNSON	10/24
CORRY	STEMLY	10/24
MARCIA	MARSELLUS	10/24
RENEKA	COLEMAN	10/24
SHERILYN	WRIGHT	10/24
LAJUANNA	JORDAN	10/25
DESMON	HUTCHIN	10/25
WILSON	READO	10/25
ANIKA	BELL	10/26
SOPHIE	BURRELL	10/26
JAYLYNN	HOWARD	10/26
AARON	JOHNSON	10/26
RONALD Q.	LEWIS	10/26
IDA	COOPER	10/27
ORSICINI	BEARD	10/28
DENIS	DELAY	10/28
NWAEZE	UNAEZE	10/28
TUHLIA	WILLIAMS	10/28

God, remove all bitterness from my heart and give me the strength and courage to face any disaster that comes my way.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



Mass Readings

October 22nd - October 29th

Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96; I Thes 1:1-5b
Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Luke 1
Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Psalm 40
Gospel Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Psalm 124
Gospel: Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Psalm 1
Gospel: Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Psalm 119
Gospel: Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Feast of Saint Simon and Jude

Eph 2:19-22; Psalm 19
Gospel: Lk 6:12-16

Sunday

Ex 22:20-26; Psalm 18; I Thes 1:1-5c-10
Gospel: Mt 22:34-40



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/>.