

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Diane Nash

**Diane Nash** is one of the most important icons of the civil rights movement, although her contributions were often overshadowed by more well-known male figures. Though she preferred a low profile and never sought the spotlight, Nash is a living Black heroine who continues to work for equal rights for all.

Nash was born May 15, 1938 and raised primarily in Chicago, Ill. She started her college career at Howard University in Washington, D.C. then transferred to Fisk University in Nashville. In Tennessee, Nash experienced the impact of racism for the first time. It led her to become a co-founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, better known as SNCC. The group formed in 1960 under the guidance of NAACP leader Ella Baker. Nash and other student activists led the first successful lunch counter integration in Nashville.

That triumph led to SNCC organizing the Freedom Rides to integrate interstate buses in the Deep South in 1961. That same year, Nash married Rev. James Bevel and the pair relocated to Jackson, Miss. to work on voter registration and school desegregation.

When SNCC began working with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Nash became a negotiator between the groups. She was an instrumental figure in the Selma voting rights movement and with Bevel, helped organize young people willing to follow the non-violent creed of the two organizations.

During the events of March 7, 1965, better known as "Bloody Sunday," Nash was on the front lines as marchers attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus bridge into Montgomery. Nash is also credited as the person who kept the Freedom Rides going after a bus was set on fire in Anniston, Alabama. Riders were advised to stop but Nash refused, heroically standing up to then president Lyndon Baines Johnson's advisors.

Nash and Bevel won the SCLC Freedom Medal in 1965 shortly after the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Nash, now 82, remains an active lecturer who reminds listeners that the acts of Bloody Sunday and the fight for voting rights was just a short time ago in American history.

In Ava DuVernay's celebrated "Selma" film, Nash is played by actress Tessa Thompson while Bevel is played by rapper/actor Lonnie "Common" Lynn.

### 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
Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir.....	229-6076
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

Lord, give us that unity, that absorption, that resolution to put away anything that hinders. Let our thoughts, our actions and our intentions be unified to glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen.





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HURRICAN LAURA RELIEF**



We thank everyone who has so generously donated to the Hurricane Laura Relief efforts. In our second collection, as of September 7, we have collected \$3,009.00. We have received many gift cards and many contributions of supplies. We have brought the gift cards and supplies to Sacred Heart Church in Lake Charles. We are grateful to Melvin Chavis and Gerald Berzat for driving the bus on Saturday. We will plan to have periodic drives for Sacred Heart Church throughout the year.

You may continue to make contributions of tools and cleaning supplies by bringing them to the parish office. We will bring them to Saint Alphonsus Church and from there, they will be brought to Lake Charles each Friday by Catholic Charities.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**



Parish School of Religion begins on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 AM via Zoom. Each teacher will send out a Zoom invitation to the parents of the students in his/her class. We ask that families register their children as soon as possible via our parish website if you have not done so already. An adult needs to be with the children during the Zoom class. Pray for God's blessing on the PSR in this remote setting.

**ELECTION AND VOTING INFORMATION**



Together Baton Rouge will host an Accountability Session with the candidates for Metro Council District 2 on Tuesday, September 29 via Zoom. If you would like to serve as a voting captain by committing to coach ten households/persons through the election season, you can get more information and training at [www.togetherla.org/blockcaptain](http://www.togetherla.org/blockcaptain)

**Deadline to register to vote:** October 5 if registration is done in person or by mail; October 13 if registration is done online.

**Early voting:** October 20-27, excluding Sunday, October 25 from 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

An **absentee ballot** must be received by November 2 at 4:30 PM

**CRISTO REY BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**



Cristo Rey will sponsor a Back to School Community Drive Thru with food, free giveaways, and school supplies on Saturday, September 19 from 10:00 AM -12:00 noon or while supplies last. Cristo Rey is located at 4000 St. Gerard Avenue, BR 70805. All are welcome.

**A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Big Mama and Paw-Paw, Memaw and Pop-Pop, Gram, Nanna and Grandpa.



If it were not for our grandparents where would some of us be?  
If it were not for their sacrifices where would some of us have landed?



We bless you for gifts of love and time and patience. We bless you for the sacrifices you made in middle age and retirement so that we would not feel the sting of want.

God bless you for helping your children raise us, for teaching us your faith, for praying for us when we were lost, for keeping a strong light shining in a world full of darkness.

We bless God for grandparents, for godparents, for surrogate parents everywhere. Amen.



**Happy Birthday**

ELTON	DEROUEN, II	9/13
MARLESE	HARRIS	9/13
JUDITH	NED	9/13
VANESSA	PERO	9/13
SALLIE	WRIGHT	9/13
LANDON	HUNT	9/14
LINDA	LEWIS	9/14
TANISHA	MATTHEWS	9/14
PATRICIA	THIERRY	9/14
ASHLEY	RICHARDSON	9/14
TYLER	WASHINGTON	9/14
CHINYERE	AKUJOBI	9/15
DESMON	BROWN	9/15
CHRISTOPHER	CROPPER	9/15
KIMBERLY	DAIGRE	9/15
ARNOLD	JOHNSON	9/15
ANNA CLARE	WILSON	9/15
CLARENCE	CROPPER	9/16
SHALENA	DUGAS	9/16
TAMMIE	FORBES	9/16
SALLIE	NEWMAN	9/16
ANTHONY	VERRETT	9/16
JENNIFER	DAVIS	9/17
KENDRA	PAUL	9/17
JOHN	SULLIVAN	9/17
KEVIN	WALKER	9/17
EPHRAIM	WHITE, III	9/17
TIA	EDWARDS	9/17
SADIE GRACE	BONTON	9/18
CHARRISE	CROPPER	9/18
BARBARA	DUNBAR	9/18
MYLES	FABRE	9/18
BEVERLY	ROBERTS	9/18
BRANDON	BUTLER	9/19
TYLER	GRIFFIN	9/19
REGINALD	GUIDROZ	9/19
ANDRIDE	REESE	9/19
PETRA	SULLIVAN	9/19
LUCILLE	VEAL	9/19

**MASS ATTENDANCE**



In order to maintain social distancing in the church during Mass, the capacity of the church at each Mass is 50 persons. In order to maintain this limit, you must sign up for each Mass that you plan to attend on a weekend. You may sign up by using the Sign Up Genius link that is emailed each Tuesday or by calling the office, emailing or texting. If you do not sign up and come to Mass, you will be put on a waiting list for a seat. We will hold a reserved seat until 10 minutes before Mass begins and then we will seat those on the waiting list. We are hoping to provide a live stream of the 10:30 AM Mass in the Activity Center if there is an overflow. Please consider coming to the 4PM Vigil Mass or the 8:00 AM Sun-



**Mass Readings**

September 13th - September 20th

**Sunday**

Sir 27:30--28:7; Psalm 103; Rom 14:7-9  
Gospel: Matt 18:21-35

**Monday**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4b-9; Psalm 78; Phil 2:6-11  
Gospel: John 3:13-17

**Tuesday**

I Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Psalm 100  
Gospel: John 19:25-27

**Wednesday**

I Cor 12:31--13:13; Psalm 33  
Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

**Thursday**

I Cor 15:1-11; Psalm 118  
Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

**Friday**

I Cor 15:12-20; Psalm 17  
Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday**

I Cor 15: 35,37,42-49; Psalm 56  
Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday**

Is 55:6-9; Psalm 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Gospel: Matt 20:1-16a

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

