

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Dr. Margaret Lawrence



Tragedy inspired Dr. Margaret Lawrence to pursue a career in medicine and despite facing sexism and extreme racism, she never stopped chasing her dreams. Lawrence was born August 19, 1914 in New York City to a schoolteacher mother and Episcopal minister father. She was inspired to become a doctor after the death of her infant brother. Her family mourned the child so much that it impacted her deeply and her career was set. From that experience, she sought to help children who had experienced trauma. Raised partly in Vicksburg, Miss. Lawrence moved to New York as a teen to complete her high school studies at a more challenging school.

Dr. Lawrence enrolled at Cornell University, Lawrence excelled as a student despite being forced to live off-campus due to being Black. She lived with a white family, working as their housekeeper in exchange for a room in their attic.

Lawrence applied to Cornell's medical program but was denied because a Black man, was admitted, then died of tuberculosis. It sounds comical now but the reason they denied her admission is because he didn't make it through the program. Lawrence instead enrolled at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in 1940.

Moving south with her sociologist husband, the late Charles Lawrence, Lawrence taught pediatrics and preventive medicine at Meharry Medical College. However, with their children in tow, they returned to New York where in 1948, Lawrence was the first Black person admitted to the New York Psychiatric Institute, becoming a pediatric psychiatrist in 1951. In 1953, she and her husband moved to Rockland County, New York, where she became the nation's first practicing child psychiatrist in the county. For 21 years, Dr. Lawrence was the chief of Harlem Hospital's Developmental Psychiatric Service for Infants and Children, retiring from the post in 1984. Dr. Lawrence died on December 4, 2019 at the age of 105.



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.

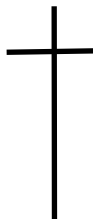
**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the 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

Dear Lord, You are a forgiving and merciful Lord, abounding in love to all who call upon You. Thank You for granting forgiveness so freely to us who are so undeserving. I pray that You'd overwhelm my friends with awareness of how much they've been forgiven and that they'd be able to grant the same mercy to others who have wronged them. Open their eyes to the trap caused by bitterness and enable them to find freedom by following Your example. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.



Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Matthew 18:21-22

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peter was talking to Jesus and asked Him how many times is a person expected to forgive a person that keeps sinning against him? Peter asked if he had to forgive up to seven times? Jesus told Peter that not only does God want us to forgive someone seven times, He expects us to forgive that person seventy times seven! Not seven times seven... but seventy times seven! We are always expected to be forgiving! God doesn't want us to keep a book to keep track of the seventy times seven! He just wants us to love others, have compassion and forgive. It's not always easy! Sometimes it is very hard.



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ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Stephanie Yearby .....(214) 881-5663

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MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

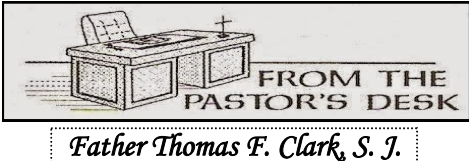
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

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

Holy Day Masses:

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



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC OCTOBER 8



Our Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, October 8, after the 10:30 AM Mass until 3:00 PM. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship and fun with BBQ chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, salad, rolls, cake, and snowballs. There will be music, line dancing, zydeco, face painting, a gaming truck, bingo, and more. Pray for good weather. Come and celebrate our church family!

RECOGNIZING OUR YOUTH



As part of our Parish Picnic celebration, we will recognize the accomplishments and achievements of our youth in the Parish School of Religion. Parents and grandparents, please email Father Clark any award, achievement, or activity that your son/daughter has received in the past six months. We will celebrate the accomplishments as we celebrate our church family day.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION HAS BEGUN!



Our Parish School of Religion has begun! There is still time to register students and get them started "Growing with God." Classes are on Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 AM. Come to 8:00 AM Mass and then to class or come to class and then 10:30 AM Mass. Mass and class go together. **MASS AND CLASS OR CLASS AND MASS!**

CADAV: COMMUNITY AGAINST DRUGS AND VIOLENCE  
MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:00 PM



The monthly meeting of CADAV will take place on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 PM at the Scotlandville library. Come out and find out what is happening in the community. Let's work together to build up our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE OFFERTORY



We are very grateful for your generosity to the Sunday Offertory. There has been an increase in the Offertory since Father Clark made the request. We need your support! The cost of utilities, insurance, repairs, and supplies are rising. Your support is deeply appreciated.

We also appreciate your support of the monthly collection for the MLK Center. Those funds are invaluable to the support of our ministry to the students. Next Sunday, September 24 is the date of the next monthly collection for MLK.

SU HOMECOMING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14



The Southern University Homecoming is on Saturday, October 14. There will be no Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on that day due to the traffic in the area and our selling parking spaces. This is the only time we cancel Mass during the football season. We will have Mass on Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

PLAN AHEAD TO VOTE IN OCTOBER ELECTIONS!



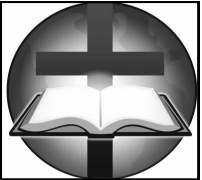
The October election for governor and other state offices is the same day as the Southern University Homecoming—October 14. So, plan now for how and when you will vote.

Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline: September 23  
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar: October 10  
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot: October 13  
Early Voting Begins: September 30  
Early Voting Ends: October 7  
Election Day: October 14: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM



Happy Birthday

JENNIFER	DAVIS	9/17
FRANCES	HARDY	9/17
KENDRA	PAUL	9/17
JOHN	SULLIVAN	9/17
KEVIN	WALKER	9/17
EPHRAIM	WHITE, III	9/17
TIA	EDWARDS	9/17
SADIE	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
LACEY	BODLEY	9/20
SHEILA	FLOYD	9/20
LORI	GREGORY	9/20
LIONEL	SMITH	9/20
REAGAN	NAVARRE	9/20
DANIELLE	CUNNINGHAM	9/21
DAVID	DARTEZ	9/21
LARRY	EAGLIN	9/21
ASHLEY	MARTIN	9/21
RANDI	THOMAS	9/21
REMIKA	BOWIE	9/22
RONALD	JOHNSON	9/22
MARIE	MYLES	9/22
GINA	CLARK	9/22
SELENA	GRANT	9/22
KINGSLEY	AIFESEHI	9/23
RANDY	BOURGEOIS	9/23
GLORIA	BURRELL	9/23
VERONICA	DOMINGO	9/23
NINA	GRAY	9/23
JELANI	KING	9/23
NKOLE	KING	9/23
KAREN	SIMMS	9/23
WANDA	WALKER	9/23
RASHAAD	WELLS	9/23
TARA	WINDER	9/23



Mass Readings

September 17th - September 24th

Sunday

Sir 27:30--28:7; Psalm 103; Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Monday

I Tim 2:1-8; Psalm 28

Gospel: Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

I Tim 3:1-13; Psalm 101

Gospel Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

I Tim 3:14-16; Psalm 111

Gospel: Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

Feast of Saint Matthew

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19

Gospel: Mt 9:9-13

Friday

I Tim 6:2c-12; Psalm 49

Gospel: Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

I Tim 6:13-16; Psalm 100

Gospel: Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

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

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a

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

