

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Colonel Charles Young



A leader among the legendary "Buffalo Soldiers", Charles Young (1864-1922) served in the segregated U-S Army of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Young was one of few black military officers. These African Americans served in an era when racism was rampant and many ... if not most ... white soldiers resented taking orders from black officers or non-commissioned officers. Nevertheless, Young carried out a wide variety of assignments throughout the United States, Philippines, Haiti, Liberia, and Mexico over the course of his thirty-seven year military career.

In 1903, Captain Young served as a 9th Cavalry Company commander at the Presidio of San Francisco. His duties that year included leading an escort of troops for President Theodore Roosevelt and serving as Acting Superintendent of Sequoia National Park.

Charles Young was born to former slaves in 1864. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and, in 1889, became only the third African American cadet to graduate and be commissioned as an army officer. There were four black regiments in the United States army at that time: the 24th Infantry, 25th Infantry, 9th Cavalry, and 10th Cavalry. During the nineteenth century, these so-called "Buffalo Soldiers" served mostly in the Plains region of the Western Frontier.

Second Lieutenant Young served first with the 25th Infantry at Fort Custer, Montana. Later, the army assigned him to the 9th Cavalry at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and Fort Duchesne, Utah.

After five years out west, Lieutenant Young was appointed Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce University, an African American college in Ohio. Wilberforce President Samuel T. Mitchell described Young as "enthusiastic, energetic," and "eminently qualified for the position he occupies, teaching not only Military Science courses, but also French and mathematics."

During and after the Philippine War, Charles Young served as a Captain and company commander with the 9th Cavalry, and later as a Major in the 10th Cavalry during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico. At the end of his career, Young had risen to the rank of full Colonel, the highest rank held by an African American up to that time.

A talented musician, Charles Young also directed the college band and played and composed music for piano, violin, and guitar. Young's closest acquaintance on the faculty was Professor W.E.B. DuBois; the two became lifelong friends.

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

God, I know that whatever I touch, do, buy, create, eat, or in any way experience today is provided by your grace. Thank you for my daily bread. You are more than enough. Today I'm thankful for shelter, family, friends, work, food, health even my current struggles as divine opportunities. Help me choose well in my work, finances, family, and friendships today. Prompt me to be a good steward of what you give, and to share your provision with others. Please hear my unspoken prayers and reveal yourself as my provider in ways that you know I will see. Help me to express appreciation so that I may inspire others along the way. Amen.



For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:1-2

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we hear the phrase, the last will be first and the first shall be last, we assume that it is a complete overhaul of the system – up becomes down, down becomes up. But if you read the parable again, everyone both the first and the last receive the same wage, everyone is on the same plane with regards to the landowner – the generosity of the landowner is not dependent on how hard you the workers worked, it is not dependent on how long they worked and it isn't based on the workers' sense of justice and equality. Instead it is entirely based on the landowner's sense of generosity.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?

Or are you envious because I am generous?" – Matthew 20:15

God chooses to give generously to each person, no matter how we might deem the 'quality or length of their work'.

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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

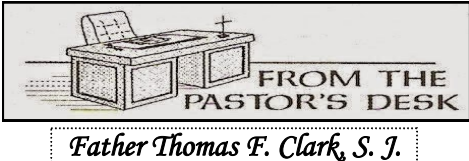
Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel

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

Holy Day Masses:

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





OUR YOUTH MINISTER TO US TODAY AT 10:30 AM MASS



On the fourth Sunday of each month, our youth will minister to us by serving as ushers, altar servers, lectors, and other ministries at the 10:30 AM Mass. We thank the PSR staff and teachers for preparing the youth for their ministries. We pray that by participating in the Mass, they will learn to understand and love the celebration of the Eucharist more and more.

TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR MLK CENTER



This weekend, the fourth weekend of the month, is our monthly collection for the support of the ministry to Southern University students at the MLK Catholic Student Center. We appreciate your support of this important ministry. Of the approximately 110 HBCU's in the country only 12 have Catholic campus ministries. We are proud that the MLK Catholic Student Center is one of them. If you know a Southern student, please let them know that they can come to the MLK Center to study, relax, or fellowship. Tell them to look for us in the Student Union each Thursday from 1:00-3:00 PM. Sunday Mass is celebrated in the chapel at 2:00 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.

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.

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.



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

DWAYNE	BANKS, JR.	9/24
FRAN	SHELMIRE	9/24
SHERROD	HUTCHIN	9/25
ANGELA	LOMBARD	9/25
FAITH	PATIN	9/25
AUTUMN	STATION	9/25
DONNA	WILLIAMS	9/25
WARREN	BELEZAIRE	9/26
TROYLAN	BREAUX, JR.	9/26
DRUSILLA	CLARK	9/26
AUNRAE	NAVARRE	9/26
BENITA	NWOKOLO	9/27
CHERYL	HALL	9/27
ASHLYN	FLEURY	9/27
ANN	CHARLES	9/28
CARMEN	CHARLES	9/28
HENRY	CLAIBORNE, SR.	9/28
COSETTE	KAUFMAN	9/28
DOROTHY	MOTTE	9/28
SHEILA	NEWTON	9/28
CHARLES	BUTLER	9/29
TESS	STIRGUS	9/29
PETER	ALBERT	9/30
JACIEN	BELEZAIRE	9/30
LAMIESA	BONTON	9/30
LORENZO	O'BRIEN	9/30
JEANINE	ENNIS	9/30
SYLVIA	QUINN	9/30

A SHOUT OUT TO THE SU FOOTBALL TEAM

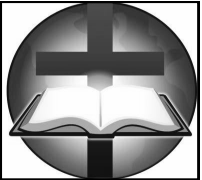


We can't let this go by without a shout out. On Tuesday, September 19, the SU football team went to the hospital to visit Grambling University linebacker, JaQuavis Richmond, who is recovering after surgery to correct a severe spinal injury suffered during the game with LSU. The Jaguars visited this Tiger on his birthday to show him support and fellowship. A shout out for HBCU family and pride!

JESUIT PROVINCIAL'S VISIT  
ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 1



Our Jesuit Provincial Superior, Father Tom Greene, SJ, will be making his annual visit to Immaculate Conception on Sunday, October 1. We hope that his schedule will allow him to join us for the 10:30 AM Mass that day. We appreciate his support of our parish church and look forward to his visit.



Mass Readings

September 24th - October 1st

Sunday

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

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Psalm 126

Gospel: Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Psalm 122

Gospel Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13

Gospel: Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Psalm 149

Gospel: Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138

Gospel: Jn 1:47-51

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9. 14-15a; Jeremiah 31

Gospel: Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28; Psalm 25; Phil 2:1-11

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

GOOD NEWS:

ICCC CHOSEN AS LIGHTHOUSE SITE



We are happy to share the good news that Immaculate Conception has been chosen as a Lighthouse site by Together Louisiana. In 2024, we will be funded to install solar panels on our Activity Center. During times of extended power outages, we will open our Activity Center as a Lighthouse for the community serving as a cooling/heating center, a recharging center, and other services that having power will allow us to provide. We will also benefit from solar energy during the year that will reduce our energy bills. A portion of the savings will be set aside for maintenance and upgrade of the system. The McKinley Alumni Center will also be another Lighthouse site.