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ALL SOULS
The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2014

REFLECTIONS

Prove Your Love



How often have we heard this exchange of words? ...“Do you love me?”...”Yes, you know I love you”...”Oh yeah?, then prove it”. Maybe we ourselves have had that very same conversation before.

There are some things we know in our hearts that is more than a fact we get from argument. We can also know some things from argument that we don’t experience in our hearts. Some have argued that the Bible says, *For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son (John 3:16)*. We say, “I am part of the world, therefore God loves me”. That’s one way of knowing that you are loved by God. Then we might go further and say, “Christ told his disciples, *“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”*, We say “I am one of his friends because I follow him and keep his commandments, therefore, Christ loves me with the greater love”. These are ways of knowing you are loved by the use of argument. And that is important, we need to see things and use them as part of our arsenal in our fight of faith. But that is not what Romans is talking about in today’s second reading. It says that” Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

The experience of knowing that we are loved by God through the Holy spirit is supernatural, not worked up by human means. This experience has factual, objective content; it is not only mediated, but also communicated, through the truth about Jesus Christ. You don’t get this experience by emptying your head, you get it in seeing the glory of the love of God in the real historical work of Jesus Christ. In some measure, all true Christians have tasted the outpouring of God’s love in their hearts. Every true Christian knows the love of God, not just as an argument, but as an experience. The Holy Spirit has opened the eyes of our hearts to see the preciousness and beauty of the love of God in Jesus Christ for what it really is, and in our hearts we have been moved spiritually by that love; to cherish, value, treasure and trust this Jesus and love of God in Him. **What more God have to do to prove His love for us?**



Today We Pray for ALL Souls—May They Rest in Peace
Father, source of forgiveness and salvation for all humankind, grant that our deceased relatives and friends may share eternal happiness with all your saints. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God , forever and ever. Amen

HAPPY BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH


“We believe that the Holy Father has laid a challenge before us to share the gift of our Blackness with the Church (the Catholic Church) in the United States.”
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BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY


MATCHING: How well do you know your BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY??

QUESTIONS

- Who was the first black bishop in the United States?
- Who was the first known black priest?
- What is the name of the African-American Catholic Hymnal?
- Who was a gifted teacher, preacher, evangelizer, also known as a modern day saint?
- Name the first black president of Georgetown University.
- What year and city did Pope John Paul II meet with African-American Catholic leaders?
- What is the African-American National Anthem?

ANSWERS

- Fr. Augustus Tolton from Illinois in 1886
- Fr. Patrick Healy, SJ in 1874
- Sr. Thea Bowman(1937-1990)
- Bishop James Healy, Maine 1875
- Lead Me, Guide Me (1987,2011)
- Lift Every Voice and Sing, James W. Johnson
- 1987, in New Orleans during his pastoral visit
- 1965, in Washington, DC during his pastoral visit



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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday Mass9:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....5:30 PM
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Holy Days O f Obligation.....6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Sunday8:45 – 9:15 AM
(or by appointment)

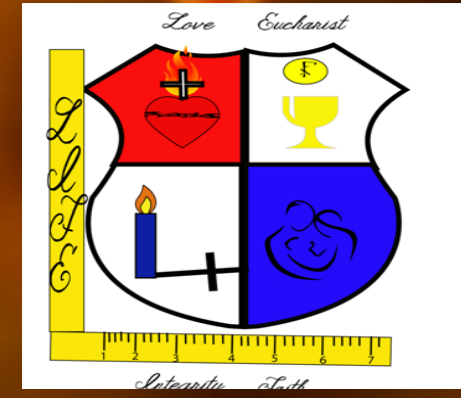
THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday.....For the People of the Parish
Thursday....For the Departed Legionaries

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Religious Education Class – After Sunday Mass
Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM
RCIA Classes -Thursday 6:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY
Thursday8:30 AM

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MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes
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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – YOUTH SUNDAY

November 2

Lector.....Kayla Fuller

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....

.....Le & Di Rudolph

Altar ServersBrandon, Kimara, Lance

•Next Week– November 9

Lectors.....Barbara Mitchell
Tara Evans

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....

.....Keith & Claudia Brewer

Altar ServersKai, Matthew, Pat

NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS

1.....Julius Young

2.....Brandon Barnes

2.....Lionel Thompson

7.....Angela Hawthorne

7.....Fr. Stephen Sohe

11.....Zytavian Ducloux

11.....Sylvia Osborne Holley

15.....Mahogany Taylor

19.....Kierston Garnett

20.....Avery Howell

26.....Claudia Brewer

28.....Greg Cyprian

29.....Marcus Hawthorne



Fr. Stephen Sohe

Weekly Collection – \$1828.00

(October 26, 2014)

Attendance - 117

Communion - 49

Blessings - 8



BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

A Brief Background Exposé

By Father Stephen Sohe

In a 1984 Pastoral Letter on evangelization titled *What We Have Seen and Heard* by the Black Bishops of the United States the bishops noted that “the Black Catholic Community in the American Church has now come of age.” As Black Catholics in the American Church we have come to know, appreciate, and celebrate our history, heritage, and the truth about who we are and our mark on Christendom. Against the myth that Africans were heathens with no past, no history, no God and no religion, we have come to know that our ancestors were in fact among the first set of Christians to accept the gospel about Christ. Before the conversion of St. Paul, the great apostle of the Gentiles, in chapter nine of the Acts of the Apostle (cf. Acts 9:1-19), there was the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch, a black African in Chapter eight of the same book (cf. Acts 8:26-40). The Ethiopian Eunuch was clearly not an ignorant heathen. He was a wealthy literate black African and a convert to Judaism before his conversion to Christianity. Further, against the myth that Catholicism is a “white Church”, we have also come to know, that some of the Church’s earliest popes, mystics, monastics, and martyrs who made the church what it is today were blacks. People like Pope St. Victor I, St. Cyprian, St. Anthony of Egypt, Ss. Monica and Augustine, Ss. Perpetual and Felicitas, and many more others were all Africans who helped to shape the Church with their way of life and their teachings.

The Black Catholics in the American Church have truly come of Age. Prior to twentieth century no American black could aspired to the priesthood in the American Church. Thank God for the Courage, dedication and determination of Augustine Tolton, the first black American priest. His ordination, and ministry in Quincy, IL could be said to have pave the way for the black Catholics involvement in the hierarchical structure of the American Church.

These and many more historical facts were the factors that inspire the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, on July 24, 1990, to designate November as Black Catholic History month with the aim of telling, appreciating, and celebrating our history and heritage. As we remember and pray for our departed relatives especially in this month, we want to also remember and pray for our Black Catholic heroes who have contributed greatly in shaping our history and heritage. One of these heroes is Augustine Tolton, whose cause for sainthood is on. Attached to this bulletin is a prayer for the cause of canonization of Augustine Tolton. We pray that through his intercession God will grant us the favors we ask. Amen. Happy Black Catholic History Month.

The thoughts and ideas herein are drawn from Cyprian Davis’ *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* and the National Black Catholic Congress’ Black Catholic Monthly Features Article, “History, Heritage, and Truth” (http://www.nbccongress.org/features/history_heritage_and_truth_01.asp).



YOUR VOTE COUNTS: Please GO VOTE for the candidate of your choice on Tuesday, November 4. Let your Voice be heard. (Please don’t forget your picture ID).

PARISH ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER : BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

The entire parish is encouraged to dress in African attire on November 23, 2014, in celebration of our history. Ladies, get your outfits and headdress ready! Men get your dashikis out and ready! If you do not have African attire, please wear red, black or green.



St. Joseph's First Friday Fish Fry!

LET’S DO IT AGAIN!!!

OUR MONTHLY FISH FRY IS NOVEMBER 7, 2014 IN THE PARISH HALL.

MENU: *Fried fish green beans, macaroni cheese, potato salad, bread and “homemade” pound cake!* **PLATES**—\$8.00 each; eat-in, carryout or delivery! **FREE DELIVERY** available for 5 (five) or more orders! To place you orders please contact Mrs. Pat Reed at 251-402-7132. Thanks for your continued support!!

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

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Mrs. Theresa Gulley	Ms. Josephine Betton
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman	Mrs. Ireola Frazier
Sr. Jose’, Delores Lewis	Mrs. Katie Peters
Sis. Rita Washington	Mr. John Austin
Mr. Patrick Rankins	Mr. David Simpson

Please sign the *Healing Prayer Book* to list ill parishioners).

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Parents desiring baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the pastor at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and godparents.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Mass of Christian Burial: When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR MASS
Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
November 03 –November 10



MON 03	First Reading: Philippians 2:1-4 Gospel: Luke 14:12-14
TUE 04	First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 14:15-24
WED 05	First Reading: Philippians 2:12-18 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
THU 06	First Reading: Philippians 3:3-8A Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
FRI 07	First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 16 :1-8
SAT 08	First Reading: Philippians 4:10-19 Gospel: Luke 16:9-15
SUN 09	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome First Reading: Ezra 47:1-2, 8-9. 12 Second Reading: 1Corinthians 3:9C-11, 16-17 Gospel: John 2:13-22



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in fellowship every Sunday after Mass at the CCC (**Carrolls Coffee Café**) in the convent. Coffee and doughnuts served, hope to see you there!

Parish Council Meeting will be held this Tuesday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. ALL council members should attend this meeting. Please submit your committee report to Fr. Sohe by Sunday, November2.

The Diamond Jubilee would like to say “Thank You” to all parishioners that have given their time, donations and support. Our October’s computer training was a huge success. We had a total of 20 participants. Remember, Diamond Jubilee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next gathering “*Thanksgiving Gathering*” will be November 20, 2014. Please bring your favorite dish! Contact Tara Evans: 654-3859 or Sheila Mosley: 621-1947.

The parishioners of **St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church** located at 2034 St. Stephens Rd. cordially invites you to join us at our Lawn Party on Saturday, November 8, from 10:a.m.—5:00 p.m. there will be games, food, and a raf-
fle, tickets are \$1.00 each for a grand prize of \$1000.00.

Casino Bus Trip—The Knights & Ladies of Council/Court 210, will sponsor their monthly trip to The Imperial Casino next Sunday, November 9, 2014. The bus will leave the church parking area at 2:00 p.m. Donation \$15.00

HONORING OUR VETERANS!!!



Next Sunday, November 9, we will recognize and honor our parishioners and or their family members who have served In the armed services. Please submit names.

Secular Servite Meeting—Springhill College librarian Gentry Holbert will present a brief history of the College on Saturday, November 8th, in St. Catherine's Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served! Call Jerry/ Millie Betbeze at 473-4804.



A **Christmas Cabaret**”, hosted by the KOPC #210, December 13, 2014, at the Gulf City Lodge on State St., from 9:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m. The will be free food and door prizes will be given while they last. You must be 21 or older to attend (this is **NOT** a BYOB event). Advance tickets are \$15 each and \$20 at the door. For tickets contact Marshae Blackmon, Tiffany Barnes or Thomas Whittaker.

PARISH QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY—
July 1 2014—September 30 2014

Total parish receipts—\$28,796.06
Total parish expenses—24,311.49
Total After expenses—\$ 4,484.57