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## Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome November 9, 2014

# REFLECTIONS

YOU are God's Temple

By  
Diona Rudolph



Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us that we are God's temple. So we must be mindful as Christians how we put ourselves on display. We must remain "clothed in Christ" as Deacon Hawthorne has expressed in his homily. St. Paul also reiterates this in his letter when he writes: "one must be careful how he builds upon it for no one can lay foundation other than the one that is there". Within this statement St. Paul is warning us of those negative influences of others that we will encounter daily. He is warning us of the individuals who want us to exclude people from our social circles because they are different from us. He is warning us about those who instigate to provoke us to gossip or seek to antagonize others.

So again let us be mindful of Deacon Hawthorne's message to remain "clothed in Christ". And let us also remember St. Paul's message that we are God's temple.

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sunday Mass .....9:30 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....5:30 PM  
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM  
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM  
Holy Days of Obligation.....6:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Sunday .....8:45 – 9:15 AM  
(or by appointment)

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**  
Sunday.....For the People of the Parish

**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**  
Thursday .....8:30 AM

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**Do you know your BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY??**

**QUESTIONS**

- The mother of St. Augustine. An African woman of great faith who prayed for her son to turn against evil.
- Who was the founder of the Blessed Sacrament and the first and only Black Catholic University in the U.S., Xavier University in New Orleans, LA.
- Who was the black "Wise Man" at the birth of Jesus? The Magi whose blackness remains today in the Christian crib set.
- He was a black saint, the first Dominican professed brother in 1603. He worked as an infirmaries doctor, nurse and pharmacist, also called "Father of the Poor".
- On November 12, 2001 he became the first African-American to lead the USCCB, what is his name?
- Son of St. Monica, at the age of 33 he turned back to God and was baptized Catholic. Later ordained a priest and later Co-Bishop of Hippo.

**Matching**

**ANSWERS**

- St. Sister Katherine Drexel
- St. Martin de Porres
- St. Monica
- Bishop Wilton Gregory of Illinois
- St. Augustine
- Melchior



**Honoring our Veterans!!!!**  
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and  
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**Veteran's Day—November 11**  
**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!**

# 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."  
Black (Catholic) Bishops of the United States

**MINISTRIES**

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes  
 Altar Society.....Patricia Reed  
 Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes  
 Bible Study.....Ruth McKitric  
 Bldg. & Grounds Mgr. ....Walter Battles  
 Choir Director.....Lillie Key  
 Finance Chair..... Robert Pettaway  
 Hospitality & Ushers.....Sharon Malone  
 Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway  
 Liturgical.....Ruth Pettaway  
 Liturgical Dancers.....Yvette Smith  
 Male Choir.....William Frazier  
 Media & Public Relations.....Greg Cyprian  
 Parish Council.....Thomas Whittaker  
 RCIA.....Deacon Ronnie Hathorne  
 Religious Education Dir.....Tiffany J. Barnes  
 St Joseph School Alumni.....Shawn Bivens  
 Stewardship.....Keith Brewer  
 Technology/IT.....Michael Smith  
 Youth Activities & Family Life.....Tara Evans

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

**•TODAY— November 9**

Lectors.....Barbara Mitchell  
 Tara Evans  
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....  
 .....Keith & Claudia Brewer  
 Altar Servers .....Kai, Matthew, Pat

**•Next Week— November 16**

Lectors.....Sheila Mosley  
 Ruth McKitric  
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....  
 .....Jeanetta DuClous & Rita Hathorne  
 Altar Servers .....Jessica, Azure, Ashley

**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 – \$2,233.00**  
 (November 2, 2014)

Attendance - 105  
 Communion - 7  
 Blessings - 9



**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**

By

*Father Stephen Sohe*

**The African Church in the Early Christian Community**

Last week we began talking about the great history and heritage of blacks in Christian history. We look at how this history and heritage are rooted in Scriptures, among all other things, with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch. We mentioned some of the great black saints of the Church who helped to shape the Church with their ways of life and teachings. Bringing this history and heritage home, we mentioned the great courage, dedication and determination of Reverend Augustine Tolton, the first black American priest, in the face of racism, segregation and discrimination even within the Church. This week, we want to trace the history of Christianity in Africa, with particular focus on Ethiopia. It is important to point out here that the word “Ethiopian”, as used in the scriptures “is a generic name in Greek for a black African” (Davis, 1990, pg. 4). In that case, the Ethiopian Eunuch mentioned in Acts of the Apostles 8: 26-40 was not a citizen of the Nation, Ethiopia, but a Nubian. That notwithstanding, we shall still make reference to the Ethiopian Eunuch as a biblical link to the Ethiopian (a black African nation) Church.

Although we made reference to the fact that the Ethiopian Eunuch was one of the first set of Christians to accept the gospel of Christ, it was not until the first part of the fourth century that Ethiopia, as a nation became a Christian country, two centuries before the kingdom of Nubia. As a national religion Christianity began with the conversion of the royal court of the country. By the sixth century, Ethiopia has become a great defender of the Christian faith even among its neighboring countries. Cyprian Davis, a black Catholic historian noted, “In the first part of the sixth century, the Ethiopian king, Caleb or Elesbaan, led an expedition into southern Arabia to punish those responsible for the massacre of Christians at Najran in 523” (Davis, 1990, pg. 8). The Ethiopian Church has its own tradition and culture. It has its own liturgy and translation of the Scriptures, and is linked to St. Athanasius, the Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. In fact it has its mark in the history of the Church. It “forms part of the rich heritage of Catholicism” (Davis, 1990, pg. 8).

The thoughts and ideas herein are drawn from Cyprian Davis’ *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**NOVEMBER : BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**

**November 23, 2014**

The entire parish is encouraged to dress in African attire on this day, in celebration of our rich 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.



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**The church is providing us with an opportunity to help with the new “Sound System” by making a donation in memory of your loved ones, living or deceased.**

**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.

<b>READINGS FOR MASS</b> <b>Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time</b> <b>November 10 –November 16</b> 	
MON 10	<b>Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope/Doctor of the Church</b> First Reading: Titus 1:1-9 Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17: 1-6</a>
TUE 11	<b>Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</b> First Reading: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:7-10</a>
WED 12	<b>Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</b> First Reading: Titus 3:1-7 Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:11-19</a>
THU 13	<b>Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</b> First Reading: Philemon 7-20 Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:20-25</a>
FRI 14	First Reading: 2 John 4-9 Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:26-37</a>
SAT 15	First Reading: 3 John 5-8 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
SUN 16	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**



*Today’s refreshments at the CCC were generously donated by The Knights/Ladies of Peter Claver #210 in honor of their Founder’s Day (November 7). Please stop by and enjoy!*

We, the Media and Public Relations Ministry, would like to extend a *special thanks* to Rev. Mr. Deacon Hathorne for the “4-Part RCIA Overview” in the Know Your Faith segment of our parish bulletin. Once again, thank you Deacon Hathorne!!!!!!!

**Casino Bus Trip**—Today, The Knights & Ladies of Council/Court 210, will sponsor their monthly trip to The Imperial Casino. The bus will leave the church parking area at 2:00 p.m., gather a friend and join us today. Donation \$15.00.



**LECTOR’S CLASS** has been rescheduled for Monday, November 17, at 6:00 in the parish hall. ALL lector’s should make plans to attend this class.

**C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S** to Mr. Ernest Diamond, October’s 50/50 winner!! Mr. Diamond grand total was \$74.50. Don’t forget to put \$1 in your pink envelop each Sunday, for your chance to win!

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT** for single women 17-35: “Wake Up the World!” November 14-16 at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Mobile. Contact Sr. Carolyn at vocmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 251-591-3700 for details.

**PARISHIONERS NEEDED:** If you have some time Sr. Susan would like you to join her as the “Neighborhood Assessment Survey” continues. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help please contact Sr. Susan at (843) 331-4773.

**The Diamond Jubilee** would like to say “Thank You” to all parishioners that have given their time, donations and support. Remember, Diamond Jubilee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next gathering “Thanksgiving Gathering” will be November 20, 2014. At this gathering the participants will bring their favorite dish! We have started a list, to add your name and dish please contact Tara Evans: 654-3859 or Sheila Mosley: 621-1947. Additional info later.

**Feast of Christ the King** will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2014, beginning a 10:30 a.m. in Bienville Square in downtown Mobile. After opening prayer all may join in the procession to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where Mass will begin a 11:00 a.m. During Mass, Archbishop Rodi will confer the Annual Christ the Kind Medal to a member from each parish in recognition of their exemplary service to the parish community.



**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. There 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.