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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014

REFLECTIONS

Make A Return on God's Investment

by Leona Rudolph

A Steward of God's Blessings...



The holiday season is fast approaching. It is time for family, friends, exchanging of gifts and making lasting memories. In the midst of this very exciting time of the year, we should be reminded that it is also a time for us to consider the gifts and blessings that God has already given us.

To most of our knowledge, there are people that are in dire need and are not as fortunate as we are to enjoy the holiday festivities as we have grown accustomed to throughout the years. Therefore, we should be mindful of those who are in need as we gather and make plans for our families this year. Whether it be to buy a gift chosen by a child on the angel tree or providing a meal for a needy family or even as simple as offering a prayer for those less fortunate. We should use our time and talent to do God's work and make a return on His investment in us.

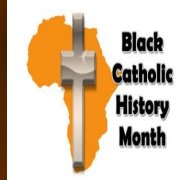
As God has blessed us, we are to multiply His blessings by blessing one another in thought, word and deed.

Wear Your African Attire

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.

HAPPY BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH




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

QUESTIONS

1. She was a dedicated physician and mother of 6, a very sincere Catholic. She received the President's Medal of Freedom in 1964 for her work with the poor.
2. Who was the first African mentioned in the Gospels?
3. He was a convert and leader of a band of monks, because of him, many women and men sought a life of prayer and a In Upper Egypt and Ethiopia.
4. He opened chapels in Ethiopia and did mission work, a person of great faith. He was ordained the first Bishop of Ethiopia.
5. She wrote to Pope Pius IX to plead for the Catholic Church to minister to black people in New York and address racism. This was the beginning of the BLACK CATHOLIC MOVEMENT.

The 225th Anniversary of Black Catholic History is celebrated this month!!!

ANSWERS

- A. Moses the Black
- B. Dr. Lena Edwards
- C. Frementius from Syria
- D. Simon of Cyrene
- E. Harriet Thompson



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stephen Remilekun Sohe, S.S.J.Pastor

Rev. Mr. Ronnie A. Hathorne.....Deacon

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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

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

Media & Public Relations Committee:

Greg Cyprian.....President

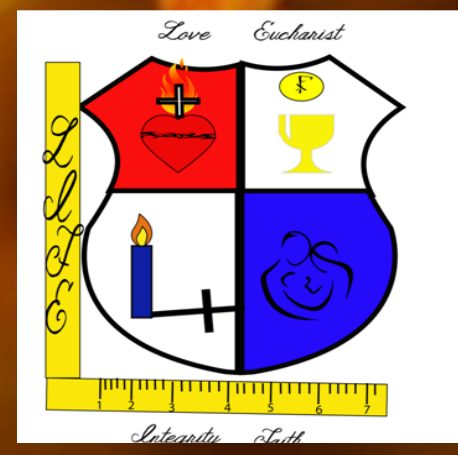
Thomas Whittaker Anita Lott

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Ruth Pettaway Ruth McKitric

Rosemary Austin Brandon Barnes

Kai Lott Austin Howell



MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes
Altar Society.....Patricia Reed
Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes
Bible Study.....Ruth McKitric
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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 16

Lectors.....Barbara Mitchell
Ruth McKitric
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Jeanetta DuCloux , Rita Hathorne
Altar ServersBrandon, Jessica, Ashley

•Next Week– November 23

Lectors.....Pamela Barnes
Ruby Evans
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Karen White, Yvette Smith
Altar ServersBrandon, Keari B., Kiara

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 – \$2,563.00
(November 9, 2014)

Attendance - 126
Communion - 70
Blessings - 20



BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH
An Early History of Black Catholics in The
United Sates

by
Anita Lott

This week we continue our discussion about the great history and heritage of Black Catholics. We have learned about African heritage, now we will discuss the history of Black Catholics in the United States.

The first historical account of a black Catholic in the U.S. was recorded in 1536. Estaban, also referred to as Estavanico (Spanish for Stephen), was a member of a party of Spanish explorers who traveled through Florida, Texas, Arkansas and the Mexican territory. He was described as a Spanish speaking slave born in Azamor in Morocco. He was baptized as a Catholic in Spain and later became a member of an expedition that traveled from Spain to the then U. S. territory. Esteban was a courageous and resourceful explorer who survived a shipwreck, disease, captivity and physical handicap. He helped establish the path through the southwestern United States.

More black Catholics came to America in 1565 and settled in the first Spanish colony in America, St. Augustine, FL. It is the oldest home for African-Americans in the United States, the population included black people who were slaves and free.

In the 1700’s, a black Catholic township was formed northeast of St. Augustine. This town was formed by the Spanish for escaped slaves. They were given their freedom and invited to settle in the township provided they became members of the Roman Catholic faith. By 1788, there were over 60 slaves in St. Augustine. They were all baptized Catholic by order of the bishop. In 1791, there were 114 black Catholics in Pensacola along with 300 white Catholics. The Spanish sent 11 families to settle what is now known as Los Angeles, California in 1781. Spanish census records indicate that all the families were Catholic, over 1/2 of the adults were black, 2 were Spanish, and the remaining adults were Indian. In 1789, Maryland’s black Catholic population was estimated to be 3,000.

In January 1889 almost 100 black Catholic men met with President Grover Cleveland on the last day of the first Black Catholic Lay Congress in U.S. history. Daniel Rudd, a journalist from Ohio and founder of the American Catholic tribune, became a leader of black laity. Fiercely proud of the Catholic Church, Rudd claimed the church as the one place of hope for black people. He recruited delegates to the first “Black Catholic Congress”, hoping to “let them exchange views on questions affecting their race, then uniting on a course of action behind which would stand the majestic Church of Christ.” The delegates’ statement called for Catholic schools for black children, endorsed temperance, appealed to labor unions to admit blacks, advocated better housing and praised religious orders for aiding blacks. Rudd helped organize the first lay Catholic Congress of the entire U.S. in 1889. He insisted that black people be treated as part of the whole, not as a special category. At the 4th Black Catholic Congress in 1893, Charles Butler decried prejudice and discrimination within the Catholic church, asking, “How long, O Lord, are we to endure this hardship in the house of our friends?” The congress calls attention to the church’s failure in its mission “to raise up the downtrodden and to rebuke the proud.” Thus black Catholics made the social implications of Catholicism into a primary feature of the faith, a new and bold approach for the time.

http://www.uscatholic.org/church/2008/07/timeline-black-catholic-history; the thoughts and ideas herein are drawn from Cyprian Davis “The History of Black Catholics in the United States”

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Town Hall Meeting: Will be held on November 30, 2014, immediately following Mass in the parish hall. Fr. Sohe, Deacon Hathorne and the Parish Council extends an invitation to the entire parish to join in a discussion to share your ideas and let us know how we’re doing as a parish. Today, a questionnaire will be given to all parishioners, please take it home, take time to reflect and pray about what you would like to see in your parish. Please return this questionnaire on next Sunday, November 23, so your concerns can be addressed.

Youth Activities /Family Life: to continue the beautification of the outward appearance of our church grounds, the idea of planting flowers around the convent and rectory came from our very own Grand Lady, Jeanetta DuCloux and Josephine “Sweetie Pie” Betton. 14 pots are available, some already claimed, so claim yours before they are all gone! Help us keep St. Joseph’s grounds beautiful! A planting date will be announced later, for questions contact Tara Evans: 251-654-3859.

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Isom	Mrs. Reola Juzang
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 33rd Week in Ordinary Time November 17 –November 23	
MON 17	Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious First Reading: Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
TUE 18	First Reading: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-23 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10
WED 19	First Reading: Revelation 4:1-11 Gospel: Luke 19:11-28
THU 20	First Reading: Revelation 5:1-10 Gospel: Luke 19:41-44
FRI 21	First Reading: Revelation 10:8-11 Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
SAT 22	First Reading: Revelation 11:4-12 Gospel: Luke 20:27-40
SUN 23	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



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!



LECTOR’S CLASS will be held tomorrow, Monday, November 17, at 6:00 in the parish hall. ALL lector’s should make plans to attend this class.

The Diamond Jubilee next gathering “*Thanksgiving Gathering*” will be this Thursday, November 20, 2014. At this gathering the participants are asked to 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 next Sunday, November 23, 2014, beginning at 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 King Medal” to a member from each parish in recognition of their exemplary service to the parish community.

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.

Congratulations to young Thomas and Henry Smith sons of Michael Smith, who were recently advanced to the rank of “Life Scout” through the boy scouts! Over the next 8 months they will be working on getting their “Eagle Scout” badges. Great job guys!!!

Most Pure Heart of Mary School welcomes you to a Grammy Award Nominee, KennyNeal Band Fundraiser also featuring Heart of Mary Angelic Choir and Fashion Show. Tickets are \$25 at the school or online at eventbrite.com. Sunday, November 23, the venue is Holiday Inn Downtown, doors open at 6 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy good music, food and great fun!

The Youth Ministry of St. Joseph would like to ask your assistance in obtaining clothing for a family in need. The family is in need of clothing for their grandchildren that they have recently gained custody of. The children are in need of clothing, sizes are listed on the bulletin board outside the church. You may place your donations in the boxes located at the back of the church, donations will be taken through December 3, 2014. The Youth Ministry thanks you in advance for your consideration and participation!



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. 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.