

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 February 2015

Reverend Clarence Joseph Rufus Rivers, September 9, 1931 - November 21, 2004

Renowned liturgist and musician, **Reverend Clarence Joseph Rufus Rivers** died at his home on Sunday, November 21, 2004 in Cincinnati, OH. Father Rivers, ordained in 1956, was the first African American priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He was a preeminent pioneer in bringing the gifts of the African American expression to life in the Roman Catholic liturgy. Father Clarence paved the way for liturgical inculturation and inspired Black Catholics to bring their artistic genius to the Catholic worship. In 2002, Father Rivers was honored with the Berakah Award from the North American Academy of Liturgy. Father Rivers started Stimuli, Inc., a center for liturgical arts, design and publication, in 1968 to foster a greater synthesis between African American cultural expressions and traditional European American worship services.

In the introduction to, *Soulful Worship*, Fr. Clarence writes, "The creation of effective worship is the most important task of the Church, but it is also the task that the Church in my opinion does least well."

Father Rivers' two publications: *The Spirit in Worship: and Soulful Worship* challenged and inspired worshipers and liturgists to seriously examine worship through the lens of African American cultural frames. Never before, had this cultural genre been pointedly mined for its possible contribution to the worship of the Catholic Church. For those studying liturgy and music, these are seminal texts whose insights deepen upon each reading. His recording of *Mass for the Brotherhood of Man* gave musical footing to the efforts of all those struggling to be Black and Catholic. It is through him that many churches with majority Black parishioners began to dance, sing, vest, and preach in ways familiar to their cultural and spiritual hearts.

~Deacon Greg Patterson

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 2nd - The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple; known as "Candlemas Day." This feast originating in the 4th century in Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th century. Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to his temple to be a light for all the nations.

February 3rd - Sts. Blaise and Ansgar, martyrs. St. Blaise is believed to have been martyred during the persecution of Licinius in early 4th century; he was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia; associated with the healing of throats; he is venerated as well by the Eastern Church.

On the same day, St. Ansgar, bishop of Hamburg; a Benedictine (O.S.B.); he was a missionary to Denmark and Sweden; a great preacher and administrator; known as the "Apostle of the North;" patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland; martyred in 865 at Bremen. In memory of St. Blaise, The Blessing of Throats may be given today.

February 5th - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr; probably martyred (date not certain) ca. 251 A.D. under Emperor Decius Sicily; patroness of Palermo and Catania; invoked for protection against volcanic eruptions and fires; mentioned in the Roman Canon. (First Eucharistic Prayer)

February 6th - St. Paul Miki, Jesuit Scholastic, and his 25 companions were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi February 5th 1597 at Nagasaki, Japan; among his companions was the Mexican Felipe de Jesus, the first martyr from the Americans to be beatified; protomartyrs of the Far East; canonized in 1862 by Pope Pius IX.

February 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita; St. Jerome, born in Venice in 1886; after embracing military life, dedicated himself to helping the poor, distributing to them his own possessions; founded the Order of Clerks Regular of Somascha supporting orphan boys; he died in 1537. Also, St. Josephine Bakhita, born ca. 1869 in the Sudan and raised in the Islamic faith, canonized by Pope John Paul II, October 1st, 2000, the first Sudanese Saint for being a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom. She was formally introduced to the faith, joined the Canonian daughters of Charity; served the Sisters for 25 years as cook, seamstress, and portress of homes in Venice, Verona, and Schio, Italy. She was beloved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. She died after a long, painful illness, in 1947. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 31
5:15 PM Soul of Gloria Robottom

Sunday February 1
8:00 AM Soul of Harold Goosby
10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Soul of Lillian White

Saturday February 7
5:15 PM Soul of Jeroline Richards

Sunday February 8
8:00 AM Soul of Louis Roache
10:00 AM Souls of Sam Richardson and Alton Bill
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Dt 18:15-20, Ps 95:1-9, Mk 1:21-28
Monday Mal 3:1-4, Lk 2:22-40
Tuesday Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday Heb 12:4-15, Mk 6:1-6
Thursday Heb 12:18-24, Mk 6:7-13
Friday Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29
Saturday Heb 13:15-21, Mk 6:30-34
Sunday Jb 7:1-7, Ps 147:1-6, Mk 1:29-39

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

UP-COMING SERVICE

**Ash Wednesday Masses
February 18, 2015**

**Sam Daily Mass
9:30am School Mass
6pm**

Distribution of Ashes at all Services.



January 25, 2015 Weekly Collection

\$4,635.00 Tithe and Offering
32.00 Building Fund
5.00 "We Care"

Altar Servers Schedule February 7 & 8, 2015

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony

8 AM

Kniya Addy
Delisa Madere

10 AM

Dillon Rickenbacker
Alonzo Ramos
Martin Hill
Lanigi Chinilio

12:15 PM

Cori Chapman
Stephanie Elize
Brenden Wilkerson

Religious Education Congress

March 12-15, 2015

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is: See!

To register please see Ms. Refugio Godinez
or call the rectory at 323.291.1136.

Please

NO FOOD OR DRINKS

allowed in church.

Thanks for your cooperation.

2014 TAX STATEMENT!

Tax letters have been mailed out. If you do not receive a statement, please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who contribute will receive a tax letter.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Nancy Goosby, Jane Grover, Jacqueline Holman, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Patricia Williams.