

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week", the brainchild of noted historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other people of African descent. The group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976.

~Dn. Gregory J. Patterson, ASBS



National Day of Prayer for the *African-American Family*

GOD OF MERCY AND LOVE we place our African American Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. **BLESS** us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. **HELP** us to live for You and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians, grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. **GIVE** a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption, and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance.

Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 58:7-11, Ps 112:4-9, Mt 5:13-16
Monday	Gn 1:1-19, Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20-2:4a, Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-17, Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25, Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24, Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sir 15:15-20, Ps 119:1-18, 33-34, Mt 5:17-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 4
5:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Samuels
Sunday	February 5
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
12:15 PM	Souls of Effie, Beverly and Donald Raphael
Saturday	February 11
5:15 PM	Intention of Brandi Arceneaux and Baby Christian
Sunday	February 12
8:00 AM	Soul of Tom Franklin
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Intention of Deacon Greg Patterson

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 29, 2017

\$5,963.00 Tithe and Offering
113.00 Building Fund
37.00 "We Care"



Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Tina Peters and Andrea Ragatte* in memory of their loved ones **EFFIE, BEVERLY, AND DONALD RAPHAEL**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Youth Day- February 23, 2017

February 24-26, 2017

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802

This year's theme is: Embrace Trust

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

Ushers Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2017

10AM in the hall.

If you are an Usher here at Transfiguration Deacon Mark is requesting that you please attend this meeting.

February Virtus Recertification Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will hold a Recertification session on Saturday February 25, from 10:00 to 11:30AM. The session lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Re-Certification is required every four years. Please call Viola Gomez, 323.758.9161, to reserve a place.

2016 Tax Statement!

Tax letters have been mailed. 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 are contributors will receive a tax letter.

Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, it's that time of year again to treat yourself -- or let someone else treat you -- to a peaceful, prayerful weekend. Once again, we are privileged enough to have Palm Sunday weekend (April 7th to 9th) to bask in the renewing environment of Sacred Heart Retreat House. If you're interested in learning more about our weekend, feel free to call:

Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 or
Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325

Mardi Gras 2017

St. Jerome School invites you to "Mardi Gras 2017" on Saturday, February 11th from 7PM to 11PM. Live Entertainment by David Sousa and The Zydeco Mudbugs. Tickets are \$25 and \$45/2. Dinner included with ticket cost. For more information call Gloria Bernestine at 310.465.8874.