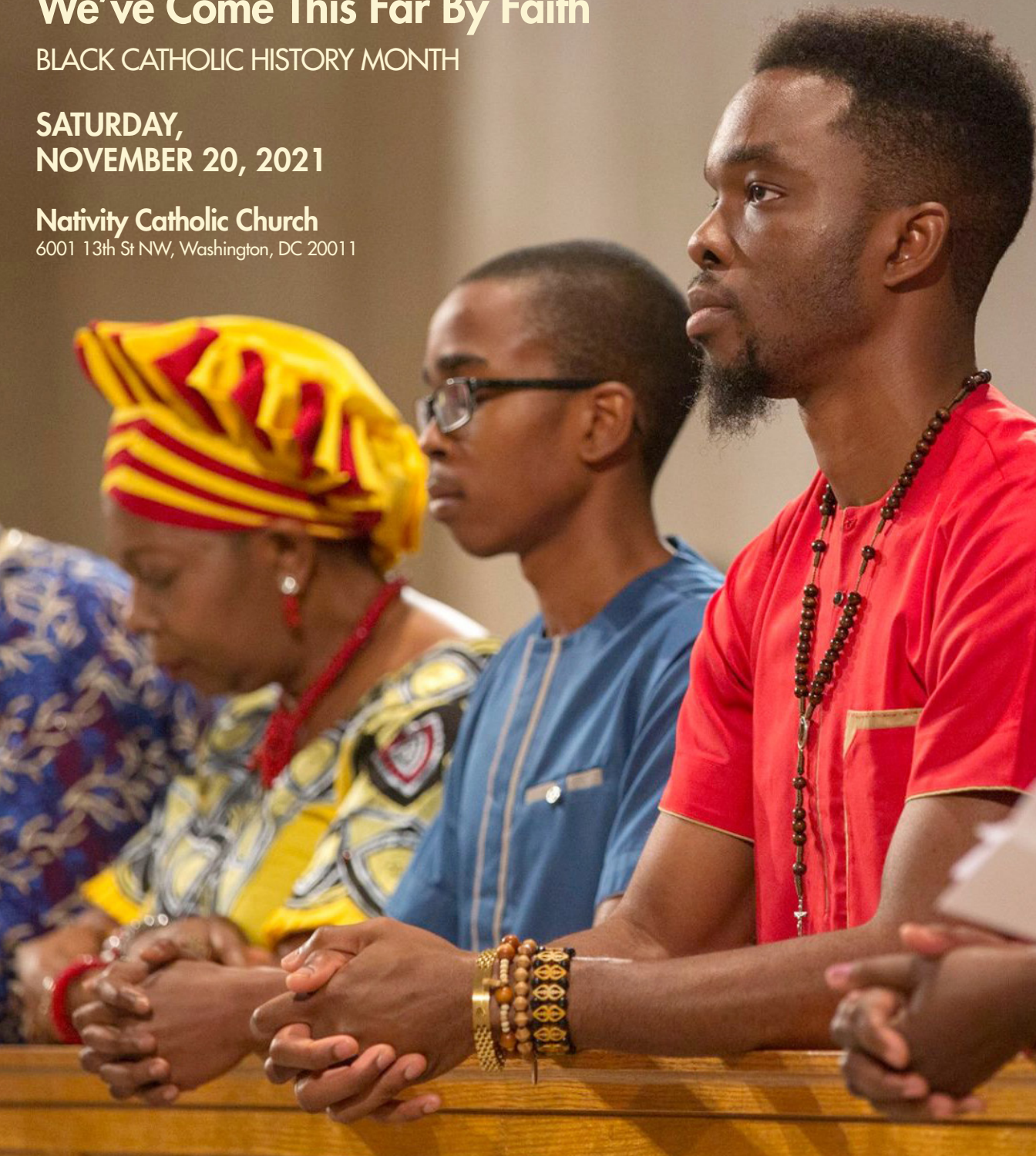


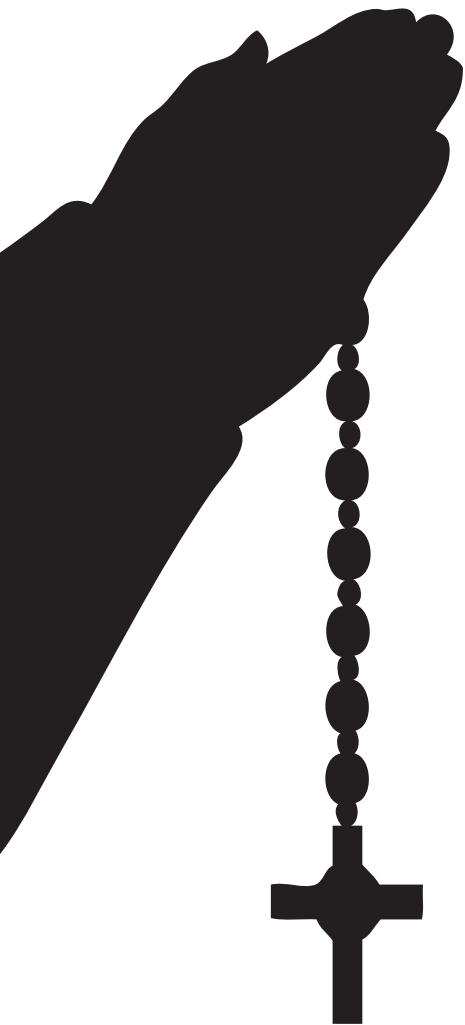
Celebrating Steadfast Witness: We've Come This Far By Faith

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2021**

Nativity Catholic Church
6001 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20011





MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

PRAY AND WORK TO
END THE SIN OF RACISM
(CCC 1935)

OUR FAMILY PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Loving and faithful God, we come to you, Father, to ask that through your Son, Jesus and in communion with the Holy Spirit, you help us in the battle against America's "original sin" of racism that divides us from being the Body of Christ that we are called to be as your children.

We implore you to give us your wisdom, so that we may build a community founded on the Gospel message of the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death, and to live in communion like the divine communion of the Holy Trinity.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith, to love one another regardless of skin color, ethnicity and national origin, just as Jesus loves us. Bless and protect all of us as we live out our faith in being "instruments of your peace" as St. Francis said. Fill us with a thirst for justice and righteousness.

Hear our prayer and give us the courage, compassion, and perseverance to root out any form of injustice within our communities and to bring the healing love of Christ to all in need.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Church, hasten to help us and intercede on our behalf, so that our Archdiocese can continue to witness to the Gospel message of life and dignity of all people.

Amen.

Written by
Wilton Cardinal Gregory
The Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville
The Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr.
The Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher

Black Catholic History Month Celebration

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Gospel Mass Choir Praise and Worship

Lynné Gray, Music Director

Henry Herrera, Assistant Music Director

Musicians

David Satterwhite, Bass Guitarist and Richard Slye, Drummer



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First Reading: Jacob Bryant
Second Reading: Christina Grant
Intercessions: Miles Lee
Howard University

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Nativity Roman Catholic Church

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Howard University and Nativity Roman Catholic Church

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON GOSPEL MASS CHOIR

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY BEACON LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY

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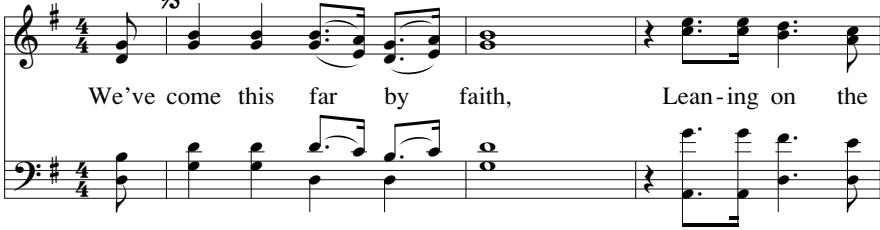
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude

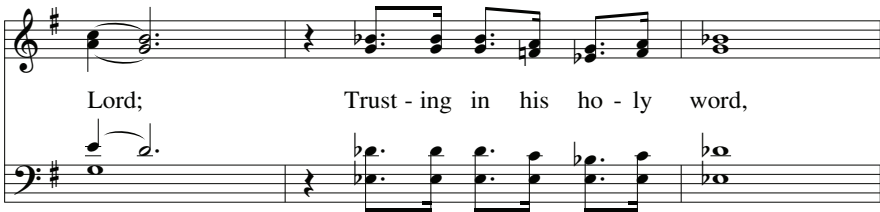
Gathering Hymn

We've Come This Far By Faith

Refrain 



We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the



Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly word,



He's nev-er failed me yet. Oh,



can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

Verse 1

1. Don't be dis - cour-aged when trou-ble's in your

life, He'll bear your bur - dens and

That's why we've ³ D.S.
move all mis - er - y and strife.

2. Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way,
And he's never failed me yet.
That's why we've...

Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Bishop:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Assembly:

For we have sinned against you.

Bishop:

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Assembly:

And grant us your salvation.

Bishop:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly:

Amen.

Kyrie

Music by Kenneth Louis

Gloria

“The Preachers Mass” by Kevin Johnson

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Daniel 7:13–14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

R./Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5

R./The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, in splendor robed;
robed is the Lord and girt about with strength (R)

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.
Your throne stands firm from of old;
from everlasting you are, O Lord. (R)

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for length of days. (R)

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5–8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

The Word of the Lord.

R./Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Mark 11–9, 10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the Kingdom of Our Father David that is to come.”

Music by Jalonda Robertson

Gospel

John 18:33b–37

Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.
What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world,
my attendants would be fighting
to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not here."
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R./Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell

Universal Prayer

R./Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop:

With our eyes fixed on the Lord and relying on his mercy and generosity, let us now entrust into his hands our needs.

For Pope Francis, Cardinal Gregory, Bishop Dorsonville, Bishop Campbell, all bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful, who are called to work in God's vineyard, may they continue to be steadfast, holy, faithful and loving in their ministry and work of evangelization, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

For leaders of all nations, especially here in the United States, that God may fill them with his Holy Spirit to guide all their decisions, that they may work with integrity, and uphold God's teachings to protect the dignity of all human life in all stages, especially the unborn, the poor, and the marginalized, and may they always promote justice, reconciliation, and healing in our land, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

For the Black Catholic community, that we may strive to follow the examples of the communion of saints and those who have gone before us, that we may strive for holiness and to serve God faithfully in all that we do, as our ancestors taught us, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

For an end to all forms of racism, injustice, discrimination, inequality, and violence in our communities, for our brothers and sisters who are burdened by poverty, hardship, oppression, persecution and fear, that God will rescue them and lift them up, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated religious life, especially in the Black Community; for the vocation of marriage, and those in the single life, that we may respond in generosity as a people to God's call to serve Him and His Church, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

For those who are suffering in mind and body, for those who are terminally ill, for those who are in hospice care, for those who suffer from mental illness, for those who live in despair, may God heal them physically, spiritually and emotionally, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

For all the faithful departed, for our family members who have died, and for all the holy souls in purgatory, that through the mercy of God, they may rest in the peace of God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

R./Lord, hear our prayer

Bishop:

Loving Father, when we call, you answer us. You build up strength within us through your mercy. Help us now in our need. Keep us steadfast in our faith. Through Christ our Lord.

R./Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Offerings

Speak To My Heart

Music by J. Eric Brown

Preface Dialogue

Bishop:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Preface Acclamation

Music by Kenneth Lewis

The Mystery of Faith

Music by Rawn Harbor

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Great Amen

Music by Jalonda Robertson

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Music from Mass of the Sacred Heart by Keir Ward

Bishop:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians: We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

Psalm 34:9a

M. Roger Holland II



Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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Song of Thanksgiving

Total Praise

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Gospel Mass Choir

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

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Pontifical Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop:	The Lord be with you.	Assembly:	And with your spirit.
Bishop:	Blessed be the name of the Lord.	Assembly:	Now and forever.
Bishop:	Our help is in the name of the Lord.	Assembly:	Who made heaven and earth.
Bishop:	May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	Assembly:	Amen.
Deacon:	Go in peace.	Assembly:	Thanks be to God.

Sending Forth

Walk Together

Refrain:

Walk together children
bringing light for the world each day.
Spreading peace, redemption, uprightness.
Jesus showed us the way.
Mothers and fathers have taught us
that the way of the Lord is pure.
Jesus is the light, the light of the world;
the brightest path for sure.

Bridge:

Walk together children,
don't you get weary.
Walk together children,
don't you get weary.
Walk together children,
don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

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Text and Tune for Bridge African-American Spiritual

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On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent - Biographies

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On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent

Six African American men and women who ministered in the U.S. are on the road to sainthood. We want to share the brief biographies of each of these Black Catholics; three of them have taken the first step toward sainthood by being declared a "servant of God", which means the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has found enough evidence to open a case. The three others have reached the second step by being declared "venerable", which means the pope has decided that the person has lived a life of "heroic virtue."

The remaining steps, beatification and canonization, require proof of a miracle at each stage. Prayers to each of these candidates may be found on their websites, listed after their biographies.



Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

Venerable Augustus Tolton was the first U.S. Roman Catholic priest publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton formally studied in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Fr. Tolton led the development and construction of St. Monica's Catholic Church as a black "National Parish Church", which was completed in 1893. Tolton's success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. "Good Father Gus," as many called him, was

known for his eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice, and his talent for playing the accordion. He is the subject of the 1973 biography from *Slave to Priest* by Sister Caroline Hemesath.

For more information on Fr. Tolton, check out the resource list at usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/upload/Tolton-resource-sheet.pdf or visit the website for his cause at toltoncanonization.org.



Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862)

Venerable Henriette Delille was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she would live her entire life. For the love of Jesus and responding to the Gospel's mandate, she was determined to help those in need. Henriette was also a person who suffered as she made her way through life, and she bore many crosses. She taught those around her that sanctity can be attained in following the path of Jesus. It was in this manner that she dealt with her troubles and major obstacles to achieve her goals. Some of the troubles Henriette met were the resistance of the ruling population to the idea of a black religious congregation; the lack of finances to do the work; the taunts and disbelief of people in her mission; the

lack of support from both the Church and civil authority; and poor health.

However, Henriette practiced heroic virtue. She had faith, lived in hope, and practiced love. She was compassionate, forgiving, and merciful. She believed in justice and was not afraid to do what was right in the eyes of God. God blessed her efforts and, in 1842, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family. Henriette died 20 years later on November 17, 1862. Her funeral was held at St. Augustine Church. Her obituary stated, “. . . Miss Henriette Delille had for long years consecrated herself totally to God without reservation to the instruction of the ignorant and principally to the slave.”

For more information on Henriette Delille, visit the website for her cause at sistersoftheholysfamily.com.



Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853)

Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a philanthropist and founder of many Catholic charitable works, was born a slave in Haiti and brought from Haiti to New York as an apprentice under a popular hairstylist in the city. He eventually became the most sought-after hairdresser of high society women. Upon the death of his master, he gained his freedom and quickly succeeded as one of the country's first black entrepreneurs. He became quite wealthy, but instead of spending lavishly on himself, he supported the Church and the poor. He and his wife sheltered orphans, refugees, and others out on the streets in their home.

He founded one of New York's first orphanages and raised money for the city's first cathedral. During yellow fever epidemics, Toussaint would risk his life to help others by nursing the sick and praying with the dying. "I have never felt I am a slave to any man or woman but I am a servant of Almighty God who made us all. When one of his children is in need, I am glad to be His slave."

For more information on Pierre Toussaint, visit the website for his cause at obmny.org.



Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange (1784-1882)

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange was born Elizabeth Lange, a native of the Caribbean, and believed to be Cuban born of Haitian descent. She was the foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (1829-1832), the first religious congregation of African American women in the history of the Catholic Church. On July 2, 1829, Elizabeth and three other women professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence with the goal of educating and evangelizing African Americans. They educated youth and provided a home for orphans. Freed slaves were educated and at times admitted into the congregation. They nursed the terminally ill during the

cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly, and served as domestics at St. Mary's Seminary. Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree. It was her deep faith – in close union with Jesus – which enabled her to persevere against all odds. She lived through disappointment and opposition until God called her home in 1882 at the St. Frances Convent in Baltimore, Maryland.

For more information on Mother Lang, visit the website for her cause at motherlange.org.



Julia Greeley (1833 and 1848-1918)

Servant of God Julia Greeley was born into slavery in Hannibal, Missouri sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880 and was an outstanding supporter of all the parish. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire

station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia's mortal remains were transferred to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017.

For more information on Julia Greeley, please visit the website for her cause at juliagreeley.org.



Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990)

Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA was a self-proclaimed, “old folks’ child.” Bowman was the only child born to middle-aged parents, Dr. Theon Bowman, a physician, and Mary Esther Bowman, a teacher. At birth, she was given the name Bertha Elizabeth Bowman. She was born in 1937 and reared in Canton, Mississippi. As a child, she converted to Catholicism through the inspiration of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity who were her teachers and pastors at Holy Child Jesus Church and School in Canton. During her short lifetime, many people

considered her a religious sister undeniably close to God and who lovingly invited others to encounter the presence of God in their lives. She is acclaimed as a “holy woman” in the hearts of those who knew and loved her and continue to seek her intercession for guidance and healing.

For more information on Sr. Bowman, visit the website for her cause at sistertheabowman.com.

*Images from The National Black Catholic Congress
Biographies by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Read more about the information on the Canonization process at uscgb.org/offices/public-affairs/saints.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk with Mary

Annual archdiocesan celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 11 2021

Procession from Shrine of the Sacred Heart to Basilica of the National Shrine

Procession 11:30 a.m. | Rosary 1:30 p.m. | Mass 2:30 p.m.

adw.org/event/walk-with-mary

Mass in celebration of the Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Saturday, November 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

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