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February is Black History Month



Black History Month celebrates the contributions of African Americans to the United States.

It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

Black History Month is also a time to consider how we can create more justice in our daily lives, how we can help educational institutions become places in which all the students they serve, especially African American students, thrive and how we can make sure that all families, particularly those from African American backgrounds, feel welcome in all aspects of life. During Black History Month, let us pause and reflect on our own biases, stereotypes, gaps in knowledge, and relationships across racial differences so that we can be leaders in creating a system in which equity, inclusion, and social justice are at the forefront.

I Dream a World



I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes



Black History Month Events

Events taken from The National Black Catholic Congress website. Please check the website for updates and changes.
<https://www.nbccongress.org/>

FEBRUARY 5 | 7PM EST

Black History Month Forum "The Church and Racial Justice "discussion with Fr. Joseph Brown, SJ, Fr. Joseph Parks, SJ, and Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN
<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/black-history-month-2021-events/the-church-and-racial-justice-a-conversation-in-truth-and-hope/>

FEBRUARY 7 | 1PM EST

Black History Month Mass & Celebration of the African American Family Day of Prayer
 (St. Patrick's Cathedral)
<https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

FEBRUARY 13 | 6:30 PM EST

Visioning for Lent and Life (Supplies needed for this spiritual vision board exercise includes old magazines to cut, scissors, glue stick, and a large piece of paper or a poster board).
 Space is limited; Please RSVP before February 11th by emailing Angele White (angelecw32@aol.com)
 Zoom link provided after RSVP Registration is received.

FEBRUARY 20 | 6:30 PM EST

B&W Black History Family Night
 (Recommended for children ages 8 to 12 with Parental/Guardian participation encouraged)
 Please RSVP before Feb. 16 by sending an email to Angele White (angelecw32@aol.com)
 Zoom link provided after RSVP Registration is received.

FEBRUARY 21 | 7 PM EST

"THE BLACK CHURCH: This is our Story, This is our Song" Film Screening on PBS
 register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DS6P6ovsT_m_utl_xrHXpQ

FEBRUARY 21 | 3-5 PM EST

For Young Adults Ages 18-39 years old
 Journeying Together African American Catholic Young Adult Gathering
 hosted by the African American family, sponsored by the USCCB.
 Register at <https://forms.gle/stN3W2pWYujgS2fJ9>

FEBRUARY 24 | 8 PM EST

"What Can the Church Do about Racism" presented by Gloria Purvis
www.sulc.edu/racialhealin

FEBRUARY 28 | 3:45 PM EST

St. Martin's DC Celebrates Black History Month
 B&W Guest Speakers and Performers (TBD-Awaiting Confirmations)
 Zoom link will be made available two (2) days prior to the event

FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 4:00 PM EST

Every Saturday in February "Sharing our Story: An Enduring Faith"
www.eventbrite.com/e/134671105903

Black History Month Events Cont...

Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston Office of Ethnic Ministries
A virtual celebration for the family

**CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH**



Speaker: Mayor Brendon Barber, First Black Mayor of
Georgetown, SC. A St. Cyprian Catholic School and Church Legacy

**Saturday, February 20th, 2021
10am-12noon via ZOOM**



Alvoy Bryan, Jr. D.M.A. Taylor Doggett Kathleen Merritt Deacon Leonard Chambliss

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AkKsDZYTQMyyYvqfJ3Zz9Q

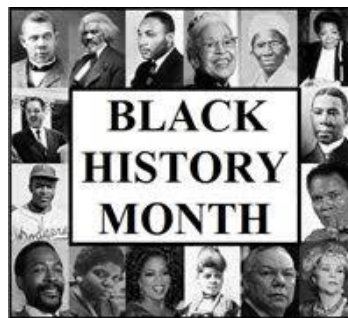
To participate by phone contact Rebecca McNamara

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Black History Milestones: Timeline

From the arrival of the first enslaved African to the Vice Presidential inauguration of the first Black Woman of African American and Asian descent, major moments and movements have shaped African American history.

- ◆ Slavery Comes to North America , 1619
- ◆ Rise of the Cotton Industry, 1793
- ◆ Nat Turner's Revolt, August 1831
- ◆ Abolitionism and the Underground Railroad, 1831
- ◆ Dred Scott Case, March 6, 1857
- ◆ John Brown's Raid, October 16, 1859
- ◆ Civil War and Emancipation, 1861
- ◆ The Post-Slavery South, 1865
- ◆ 'Separate But Equal,' 1896
- ◆ Washington, Carver & Du Bois, 1900
- ◆ NAACP Founded, 1909
- ◆ Marcus Garvey and the UNIA, 1916
- ◆ Harlem Renaissance, 1920
- ◆ African Americans in WWII, 1941
- ◆ Jackie Robinson, 1947
- ◆ Brown v. Board Of Education, May 17, 1954
- ◆ Emmett Till, August 1955
- ◆ Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, December 1955
- ◆ Central High School integrated, September 1957
- ◆ Sit-in Movement and Founding of SNCC, 1960
- ◆ CORE and Freedom Rides, May 1961
- ◆ Integration of Ole Miss, September 1962
- ◆ Birmingham Church Bombed, 1963
- ◆ 'I Have a Dream,' 1963
- ◆ Civil Rights Act of 1964, July 1964
- ◆ Freedom Summer and the 'Mississippi Burning' Murders, June 1964
- ◆ Selma to Montgomery March, March 1965
- ◆ Malcolm X Shot to Death, February 1965
- ◆ Voting Rights Act of 1965, August 1965
- ◆ Rise of Black Power
- ◆ Fair Housing Act, April 1968
- ◆ MLK Assassinated, April 4, 1968
- ◆ Shirley Chisholm Runs for President, 1972
- ◆ The Bakke Decision and Affirmative Action, 1978
- ◆ Jesse Jackson Galvanizes Black Voters, 1984
- ◆ Oprah Winfrey Launches Syndicated Talk Show, 1986
- ◆ Los Angeles Riots, 1992
- ◆ Million Man March, 1995
- ◆ Colin Powell Becomes Secretary of State, 2001
- ◆ Barack Obama Becomes 44th US President, 2008
- ◆ The Black Lives Matter Movement
- ◆ George Floyd Protests
- ◆ Kamala Harris Becomes the First Woman and First Black US Vice President, 2021



Information reproduced from National Black Catholic Congress and The History Channel online.
See full milestone descriptions here
<https://www.nbccongress.org/> and
<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-milestones>

Take a virtual tour to celebrate Black History Month

Even though, the pandemic has forced many museums to shutter its doors or drastically reduce capacity, there are many you can visit virtually. As we celebrate Black History Month, take some time to explore and learn about African American history online through an array of virtual tours.


Virtual tours offered through partnerships with the museums and Google Arts & Culture.

- ♦ Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (Washington, DC) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/national-museum-of-african-american-history-and-culture?hl=en>
- ♦ Archives of African American Music & Culture (Bloomington, Indiana) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/archives-of-african-american-music-and-culture?hl=en>
- ♦ The Museum of African American Art (Los Angeles, California) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-museum-of-african-american-art?hl=en>
- ♦ The Gordon Parks Foundation (Pleasantville, New York) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-gordon-parks-foundation?hl=en>
- ♦ Dance Theater of Harlem (New York, New York) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/dance-theatre-of-harlem>
- ♦ Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (Kansas City, Missouri) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/negro-leagues-baseball-museum?hl=en>
- ♦ Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (Washington, DC) - https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/frederick-douglass/JAJS3_QleTI7IQ?hl=en
- ♦ The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) – University Libraries [Online Exhibit: African Americans at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1892-1971] (Greensboro, NC) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-university-of-north-carolina-greensboro?hl=en>
- ♦ The Black Archives of Mid-America (Kansas City, Missouri) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-black-archives-of-mid-america?hl=en>
- ♦ The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center) (Atlanta, Georgia) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-king-center?hl=en>
- ♦ DuSable Museum of African American History (Chicago, Illinois) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/freedom-resistance-and-the-journey-toward-equality/XAIyXmo-4K54KQ?hl=en>
- ♦ Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field (Tuskegee, Alabama) - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/tuskegee-airmen-national-historic-site?hl=en>

LENT 2021 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>©2019 Nancy Wiebe</p>			February 17 Ash Wednesday— Lent Begins Ashes are sprinkled on our heads so that the fire of love can be kindled in our hearts. We are citizens of heaven, and our love for God and neighbor is our passport to heaven. <i>(Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, 2020)</i>	February 18 Begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season?	February 19 Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. Do you have questions about fasting? We've got answers!	February 20 Begin your day with the Bible. Read or listen to the daily readings.
February 21 First Sunday of Lent "This is the time of fulfillment. / The kingdom of God is at hand. / Repent, and believe in the gospel." <i>(Mk 1:15, Lectionary)</i>	February 22 Today is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter! This feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps. Say a prayer for Pope Francis, successor of St. Peter.	February 23 "If you forgive men their transgressions, / your heavenly Father will forgive you. / But if you do not forgive men, / neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." <i>(Mt 6: 14-15)</i>	February 24 Catechumens who have been preparing for baptism will soon be initiated into the Church. Say a prayer for all the elect, whose journeys of spiritual growth have led them to becoming our brothers and sisters in Christ.	February 25 "Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up? This is today's challenge and we should not be afraid to face it." <i>(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 70)</i>	February 26 Be patient with yourself this Lent. This past year has been difficult in many ways. Take your journey one day at a time.	February 27 Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner. <i>(USCCA, 536)</i>
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February 28 Second Sunday of Lent As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." <i>(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462)</i> Consider making a recurring gift to your parish.	March 1 Jesus said to his disciples: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." <i>(Lk 6:36-37, Lectionary)</i>	March 2 "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." <i>(1 Pt 4:10)</i> How can you use your time and talents to help others today?	March 3 On the memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, who gave up her wealth to be a missionary, we are reminded, "As a Church, we are called to be missionary disciples who know and live the faith and confidently share the Gospel." <i>(Living as Missionary Disciples, USCCB)</i>	March 4 Rededicate yourself to prayer. Set aside time every day, even for just a few moments, to sit with Jesus.	March 5 "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren." <i>(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1397)</i> Learn more about the roots of Catholic Social Teaching .	March 6 "Only by identifying with the least [will we] come at last to be the brothers of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us." <i>(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 287)</i>
March 7 Third Sunday of Lent In today's first reading, we are reminded of the Ten Commandments. Which commandment do you struggle with the most? Aim for one small improvement this week.	March 8 "The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ." <i>(Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, no. 9)</i>	March 9 Today is the memorial of St. Frances of Rome, who organized a women's religious order—the Oblates of Mary—and was known for her great charity. In her honor today, let us pray for those in consecrated life.	March 10 Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, have mercy on us. <i>(Litany of the Sacred Heart)</i>	March 11 During Lent we often pray the seven penitential psalms, like this one, "Out of the depths I call to you, LORD; / Lord, hear my cry! / May your ears be attentive / to my cry for mercy." <i>(Ps 130:1-2, NABRE)</i>	March 12 "When we begin to separate people in our thoughts for unjust reasons, when we start to see some people as 'them' and others as 'us,' we fail to love." <i>(Open Wide Our Hearts, USCCB)</i>	March 13 In Lent, we are called to renew our baptismal commitment. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.
March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.	March 15 "In every act we do, in every step we take, let our hand trace the Lord's cross." <i>(St. Jerome, Letters, 22:37)</i>	March 16 "A clean heart create for me, O God / and a steadfast spirit renew within me." <i>(Ps 51:12, Lectionary)</i>	March 17 Today is the memorial of St. Patrick, the "apostle to Ireland"! He wrote, "Our way to repay God is to exalt him and confess his wonders before every nation under heaven." <i>(St. Patrick, Confession, 3)</i>	March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem honored today was known for his "Catechetical Instructions." Give thanks for the catechists in your community and all they do to educate children and adults alike.	March 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.	March 20 Today is the first day of spring! "Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us." <i>(Pope Francis, Laudato Si', no. 160)</i>

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March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent As we journey with Jesus towards Holy Week, remember all those in our world today who carry heavy crosses of poverty, homelessness, and hunger.	March 22 Why is the Lenten season forty days long? In the Bible , forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal.	March 23 Today, we mark the memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, a Spanish-born evangelizer who was sent as a missionary to Peru and opened the first seminary in the New World. In his honor, pray for vocations.	March 24 "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again." (Pope Francis, <i>Christus Vivit</i> , no. 123)	March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Today is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, celebrating the incarnation of Christ in Mary's womb. Take time to pray the Hail Mary, taken in part from the angel's words to Mary.	March 26 "Forgiveness first sets free the person who had the courage to grant it." (Pope Benedict XVI, Address, May 6, 2006)	March 27 "My dwelling shall be with them; / I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Ex 37:27, <i>Lectio</i>)
March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.	March 29 Holy Week is here. How have you grown throughout your Lenten journey?	March 30 Take time this week to go to confession. Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, prepare yourself with an examination of conscience , which involves reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins.	March 31 Lent officially ends tomorrow as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. Contact your parish to learn more about how you can participate in the moving liturgies of the Triduum.	April 1 Holy Thursday "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, / you ought to wash one another's feet." (Jn 13: 14, <i>Lectio</i>)	April 2 Good Friday As we mark the day on which Jesus was crucified, pray the Stations of the Cross to reflect on Christ's Passion.	April 3 Holy Saturday As you prepare for Easter, reflect on your Lenten journey and think about how you can continue to grow throughout the Easter season.
April 4 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Ps 118:24, <i>Lectio</i>)	"I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14)." —Pope Francis, <i>Message for Lent, 2020</i> This calendar may be printed and distributed without charge in its original format only for personal and institutional use. No other use of the copyrighted content is permitted. <i>Lectio</i> for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States, second typical edition, copyright © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. All rights reserved. Neither this work nor any part of it may be reproduced, distributed, performed or displayed in any medium, including electronic or digital, without permission in writing from the copyright owner. Scripture excerpts used in this work are taken from the <i>New American Bible</i> , Revised Edition, copyright © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Quotes from Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, copyright © 2006, 2008, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.					



Online Events



Register: https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OolUB6KGSr2S29gcZDfmHQ



A National Catholic Intercultural Encounter for ministries with Youth and Young Adults

More information can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/cultural-diversity-church/journeying-together>

National/International Events

February 2021

February 6 - [Change the Narrative: Young Adults on Anti-racism](#) - 9:30am- 12:30pm ET

February 6-9 - [Catholic Social Ministry Gathering](#)

February 24 - [Virtual Lenten Reflection Series](#) - 6:00pm- 7:00pm

March 2021

March 2,9,16 - [Virtual Lenten Reflection Series](#) - 6:00pm- 7:00pm

April 2021

April 22-23 - Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conference (IAACEC)

June 2021

June 25 - July 16 - [Institute for Black Catholic Studies: Master of Theology Degree Program](#)

June 27- July 16 - [Institute for Black Catholic Studies: Summer Session](#)

June 28- July 16 - [Institute for Black Catholic Studies: Continuing Education and Enrichment \(C&E\)](#)

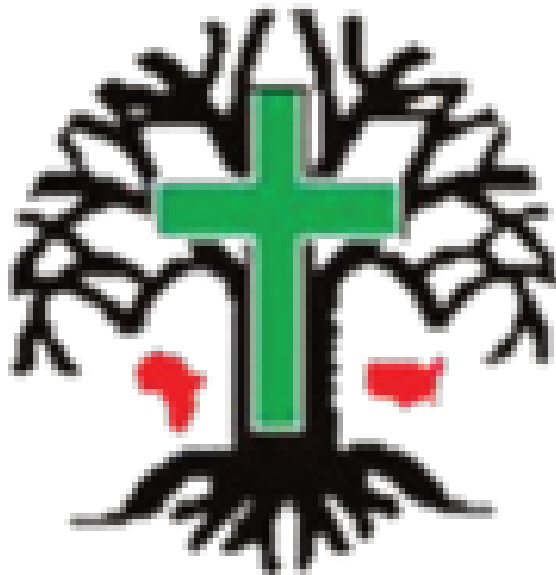
August 2023 – World Youth Day Lisbon Portugal

Online Resources

- ◆ Podcasts - <https://catholiccurrent.org/communications/podcasts/>
- ◆ Catholic Apps - <https://www.nbccongress.org/catholic-apps.html>
- ◆ Online Masses
 - ⇒ <https://www.watchthemass.com/>
 - ⇒ <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>
 - ⇒ <https://www.catholictv.org/notre-dame-mass.html>
- ◆ Live Perpetual Adoration - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4A6RIOwC2E&feature=youtu.be>
- ◆ National Black Catholic Congress online events - <https://www.nbccongress.org/calendar-of-upcoming-events.html>

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