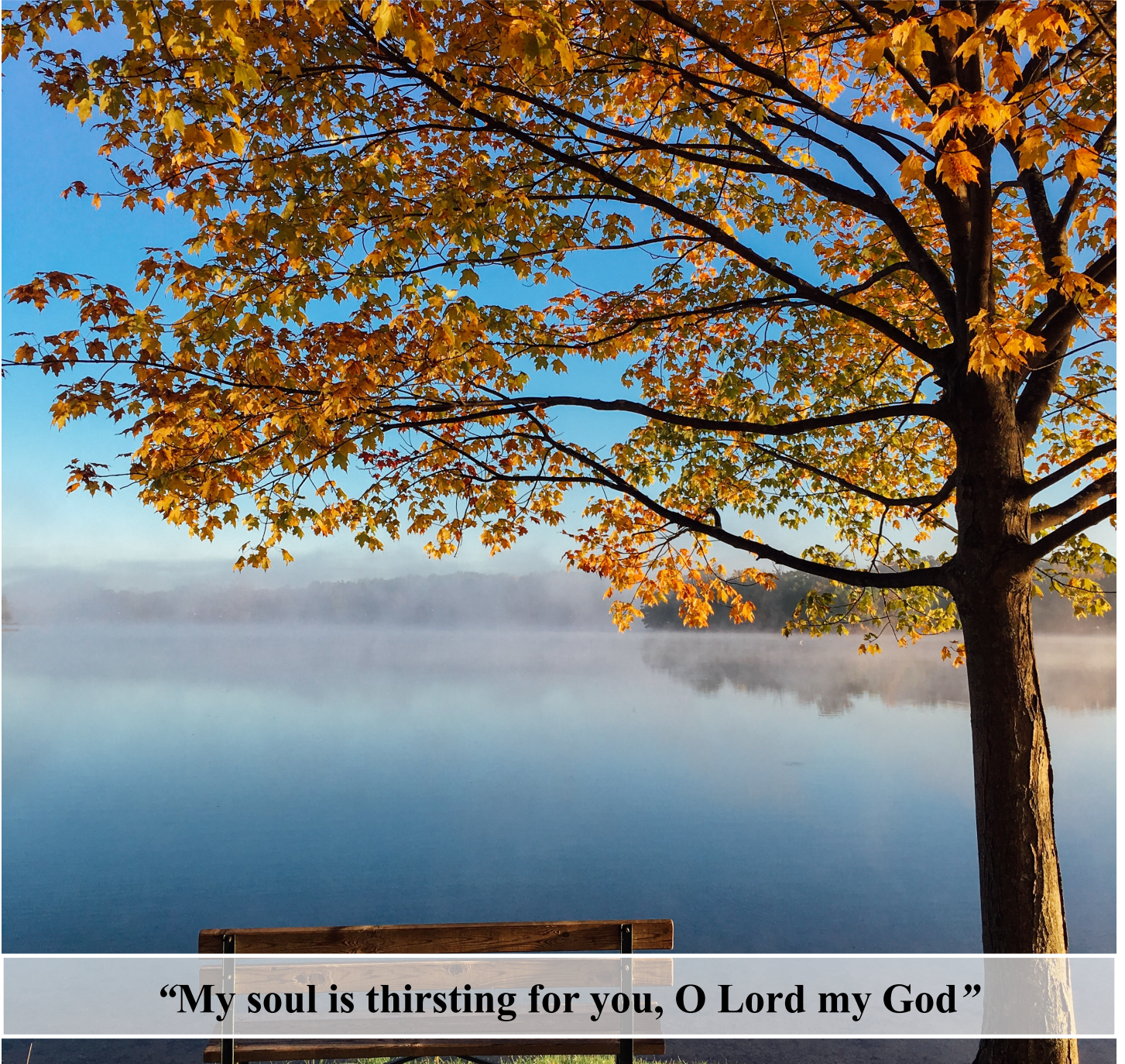


St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God”

November 12, 2023

GOD’S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY

www.stapostleparish.org

Welcome!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. If you have any questions about our parish, please call or email our parish office.



FROM THE

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

As I shared with you last week at Mass, we're putting together an emergency coat/winter giveaway on Saturday, November 18, 2023. This weekend, you'll be given flyers to hand around to the community if you see someone in need who can benefit from our services.

I want to thank you for your generous support and contribution to this important effort.

This event is for everyone in Hyde Park who needs assistance, from our long term residents to our new migrant neighbors. If you need a coat for winter, we're here and ready to help as best we can.

This is a small step and certainly does not solve the larger complex political issue, but we're doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail



If you need a winter coat or winter gear, come to
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School
5467 S Woodlawn
Chicago, IL 60615

Saturday, November 18, 2023
9:00 AM - Noon



Si necesitas un abrigo y/o accesorios para el invierno, la
escuela católica
Santo Tomás el Apóstol en Hyde Park estará repartiendo
donaciones.

Sábado 18 de noviembre del 2023. Comenzando a las
9:00am hasta las 12:00pm.

La dirección es:
5467 S Woodlawn
Chicago, IL 60615

ABRIGO DE COLECTA





Worship

TODAY'S READINGS: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:12-16 ♦ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b) ♦ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 ♦ Matthew 25:1-13

✠ Matthew Ntamere, ✠ Matha Vertreace-Doody

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit www.usccb.org).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a) ♦ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ♦ Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Readings: Wis 1:1-7 | Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 | Lk 17:1-6

✠ Wilson Rodriquez

Diane Clarke (Speedy Recovery)

TUESDAY, November 14

Readings: Wis 2:2-3:9 | Ps 33:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 | Lk 17:7-10

✠ Paul Thompson

✠ Francis Joseph Lodato

WEDNESDAY, November 15

Saint Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church

Readings: Wis 6:1-11 | Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 | Lk 17:11-19

Monica Horvath (Speedy Recovery)

THURSDAY, November 16

Saint Gertrude, virgin & Saint Margaret of Scotland

Readings: Wis 7:22b-8:1 | Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 | Lk 17:20-25

✠ Julia Warran

✠ Dr. Herman Neal

FRIDAY, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Readings: Wis 13:1-9 | 9s 19:2-3-, 4-5ab | Lk 17:26-37

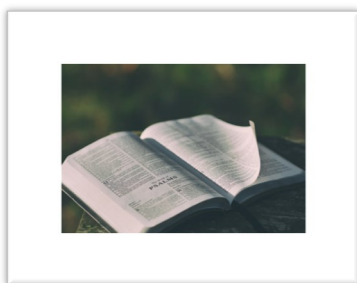
✠ Jenny & Jennifer Ancento

SATURDAY, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Rome, apostles

Readings: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 | Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 | Lk 18:1-8

✠ Marshall Saffae



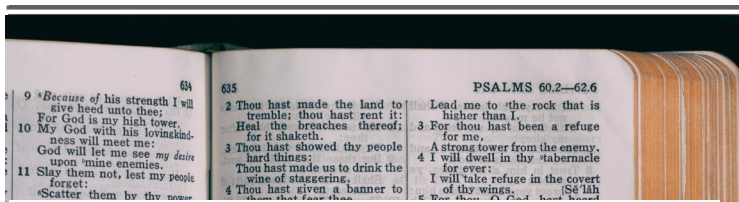
REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, , Romulo Barreno, , Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Coccaro, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczky, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Manowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Sheree Tilford, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.

For All Who Died in War in
Israel, Middle East & Ukraine





Faith FORMATION

❖ Book of the Names of the Dead

SOME PARISHES display a *Book of the Names of the Dead*. The book keeps an informal record of members who have died and can be put on public view to help the living remember the dead.

The Catholic Church requires every parish to maintain a register of deaths. After each funeral, the name of the deceased is to be inscribed in this parish register. A secretary usually enters the data, but the pastor is ultimately responsible. This register is usually kept in the parish office, where it serves as a reference book. Every parish is obliged to keep one.

But some parishes display a second book of the dead. There is no requirement for it, but some use one.

A book of the dead usually contains numerous blank pages bound by an ornate cover, decorated with Christian art, and displayed on a handsome table or desk.

In some parishes, a member of the family is invited to inscribe the name of the deceased in the book. Other pertinent information may be kept—for example, the date of death, the date of the funeral, and/or the name of the cemetery where the remains can be found.

The book may be displayed near the door of the church or in a side chapel. Some parishes leave the book on permanent display. Others bring it out for occasions like a wake, a funeral, All Souls Day, or throughout the month of November.

Carefully maintained and properly displayed, a book of the dead reminds the living of the people they loved and lost. It records names of the body of Christ and inspires prayer for their eternal rest.

Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: The Order of Christian Funerals
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Actions and Consequences

*Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living;
for to him all of them are alive.*
(Luke 20: 37-38)

Wisdom 6:12-16

The availability of wisdom to those who seek

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Resurrection of the Dead

Matthew 25:1-13

Parable of the ten virgins



ADULTS: We meet Christ sometimes when we least expect it. How can you be ready to see him in all the ways he is present?

CHILDREN: What are some surprising ways in which you meet Christ in your daily life?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME MAKING MORAL DECISIONS

In considering the morality of an action, one must recognize three factors that are involved. The objective factor is the inherent good or evil of the act itself. The subjective factor is the intention of the individual engaging in the act. Finally, the circumstances surrounding the completion of the act. In order for an act to be morally good, all three factors must be good.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

MINISTRY WITH YOUNG FAMILIES

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

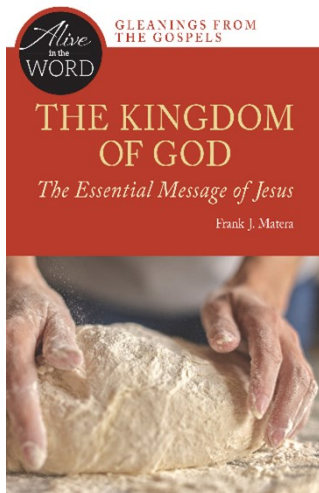
Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, December 3 and 17, 2023 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

For more information, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



ADVENT: THE KINGDOM OF GOD: THE ESSENTIAL MESSAGE OF JESUS

The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' preaching. Through stories and images, Jesus teaches that God's presence among us-his powerful reign-is both mighty and quiet, both welcoming and demanding. As small as a seed and as grand as a great dinner party, the kingdom of God grows among us and transforms everyone who embraces it. In this volume of Alive in the Word, New Testament scholar Frank Matera explores three gospel passages that will orient you to this essential, transforming message of Jesus.

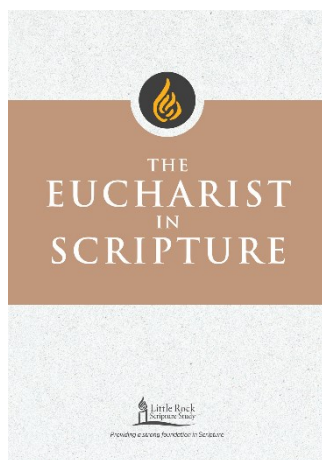
Tuesdays December 5, 12, and 19

Group One: 11:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

Group Two: 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

Suggested Donation \$15.00

This donation helps cover the costs of materials.



WINTER ORDINARY TIME: THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

The Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical theme of meals shared in faithful fellowship and in covenant relationship with God. Old Testament meals and promises provide a foundation for gospel meals with Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper as it is understood throughout the New Testament. Jesus' bread of life discourse and the early church's practice of "breaking bread" are also explored.

Tuesdays January 9, 16, 23 and 30 and February 6

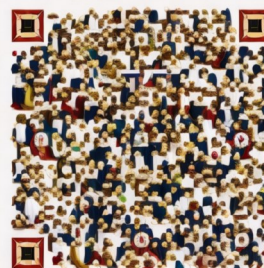
Group One: 11:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

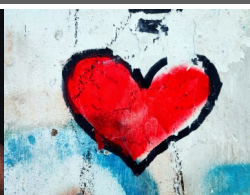
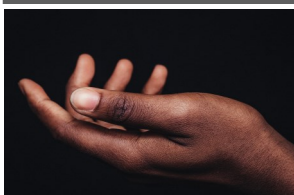
Group Two: 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

Suggested Donation \$25.00

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Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

November 4 & November 5

Offertory	\$9,288.86
Give Central	\$5,850.00
Funeral	\$500.00
Building Fund	\$145.00
Mass Offering	\$105.00
Candles Offering	\$134.00
All Souls	\$355.00
Hospitality	\$211.00
Flowers	\$80.00
School Support	\$50.00
Faith Formation	\$40.00

Total \$16,758.86

Thank you!

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Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives
- and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as

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THE HYDE PARK KENWOOD Food Pantry

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For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to our parish, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to St. Thomas the Apostle please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 17129

The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas the Apostle invite you to discern joining the fraternal organization founded by Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882.



Please contact Allen Hawkins, 630-945-4133 for more details.



Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



VOLUNTEER for the **St. Thomas The Apostle** **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Saturday, Nov. 11th - 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12th - 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

5467 S. Woodlawn, in the School Gym

- * Holiday Decor * Handmade Delights * Books * Toys *
- * Vintage Treasures * Kid's Activity Corner * Raffle *

Come help us make the magic!

All proceeds benefit the historic parish buildings and parish ministries.



Watch for the Light

AN ADVENT RETREAT

WITH BRO. SILAS HENDERSON, SDS



DECEMBER 9, 2023

9:00 A.M. TO NOON

PARISH HALL

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

This morning of reflection offers participants an opportunity to enter into the sights and sounds of Advent and Christmas. Using art, music, and the prayers and liturgies of the Season of Advent, Bro. Silas will help participants to focus our attention as we await the Coming of the One who is the Light of the World.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

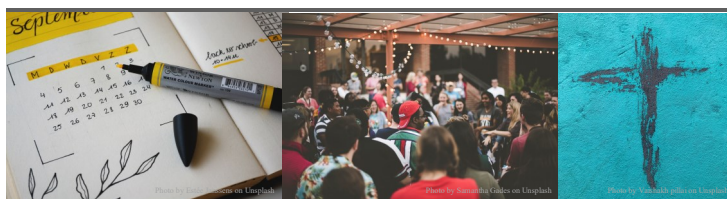
Parishioners are invited to purchase a poinsettia as a memorial for a loved one or as a way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion. The poinsettias will be used to festively decorate our worship space for the Christmas Season. All memorials will be listed in the bulletin. Place your order by filling out the information below and submitting it to the parish office by Friday, December 1st with a check payable to "St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church."

Purchaser Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number: _____ @ \$30.00 ea. = \$ _____



Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



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The Fire This Time: An Evening of Prayer and Reflection Honoring Black Catholic History Month

sponsored by the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program

November 15 @ 5pm CT | Online & In-Person



M. Roger Holland, II is Teaching Associate Professor in Music and Religion and Director of The Spirituals Project at the Lamont School of Music, University of Denver. A graduate of Union Theological Seminary where he received an MDiv degree, Roger also served as Artist-in-Residence and director of the Union Gospel Choir for over 13 years. In 2015, Union awarded him the Trailblazers Distinguished Alumni Award. Roger toured with The Boys Choir of Harlem, served as Minister of Music for Our Lady of Charity Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY for 12 years and is Liturgical Music Consultant for the New York Archdiocese Office of Black Ministry. He has played for the Broadway productions of Oprah Winfrey's *The Color Purple* and the Tony award winning show, *Memphis*. In 2016, Cardinal Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York presented Roger with the Pierre Toussaint Medallion for service.



Kim R. Harris is Assistant Professor of African American Religious Thought and Practice in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University. She is a liturgist, composer and recording artist, presenting lectures on the music of the Black Catholic experience, the historic Negro Spirituals, and the freedom song of modern Civil Rights Movement. Harris is a member of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium and the North American Academy of Liturgy. She is an academic member of the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, as well as a liturgical consultant for the Archdiocese of New York Office of Black Ministry. Harris earned a PhD in worship and the arts from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.

Come celebrate the release of GIA's new book *The Fire This Time* and honor the contributions of Black Catholics to the art of liturgy with an evening of song, scripture, and Q&A with contributors to the volume.



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If you are looking for an organization where you SEE the results of your efforts, please consider joining StVdP.

We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays after the 10am Mass.

We are looking for members to help with home visits and/or interviews at the parish to see how best we can help those in need who reach out to us.

If you are interested, please send me an email: Rita SPRUDZS, rsprudz@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER IS
National Black Catholic History Month

The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted on Tuesday July 24, 1990 to designate November as Black Catholic History Month.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA

December 29, 1937–March 30, 1990

Blessed with extraordinary talent, Thea Bowman was a singer, poet, dynamic preacher, master teacher, evangelist, and an African American catalyst. Thea Bowman was born in 1937, the daughter of a doctor and a teacher. She was raised in Canton, Mississippi. At age nine, she asked her parents if she could become a Catholic. The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, who taught her, nurtured her faith.

Growing up, Thea listened and learned from the wit and wisdom of family members and those in the community. Ever precocious, she would ask questions and seek new insights on how her elders lived, thrived and survived. She was exposed to the richness of the African-American culture: its history and stories, music and songs, customs and rituals, prayers and symbols.

After 16 years of teaching, the bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, invited her to become the consultant for intercultural awareness. In this role, spoke at lively gatherings around the country that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer, and storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races.

In 1984, Sr. Thea was diagnosed with breast cancer. She prayed "to live until I die." Her prayer was answered, and Thea continued her gatherings seated in a wheelchair. In 1989, she spoke the US Bishops and at the end of the meeting, at Thea's invitation, the bishops stood and sang "We Shall Overcome" with gusto. Thea lived a full life. She fought evil, especially prejudice, suspicion, hatred, and things that drive people apart. She fought for God and God's people until her death in 1990.

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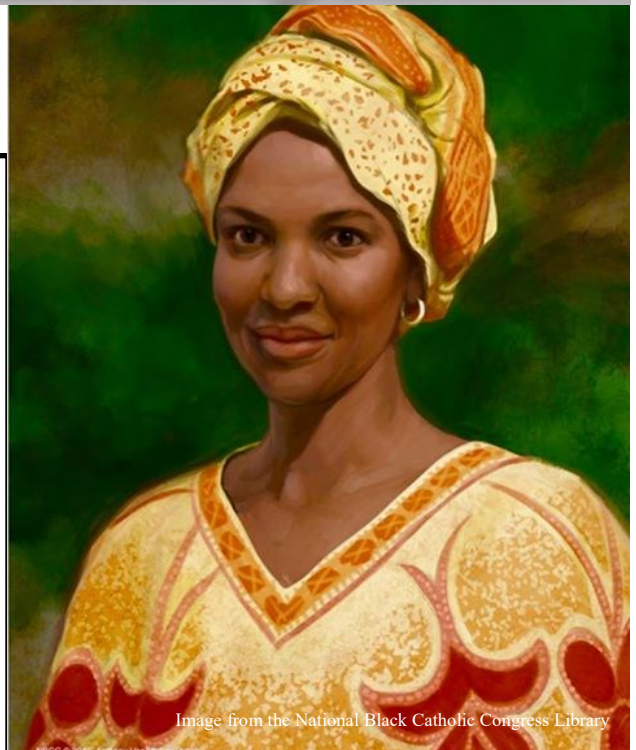


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The local bishop opens a cause for the person's

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The report is reviewed and if it is determined the candidate did lead a life of virtue, the candidate is given the title "Venerable".

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The investigation into their life and works continues.

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April 1, 1854--July 9, 1897

Augustus was born in Missouri to two slaves, Peter Paul and Martha Jane Tolton, on April 1, 1854. His father served in the Union Army and was one of the 180,000 blacks who were killed in the war. His widow decided that she would see her husband's quest for freedom realized in his children. Crossing the Mississippi River, she settled in the small town of Quincy, IL. When her children attempted to attend Catholic school to be educated by the Sisters of Notre Dame, parents of the other school children were not happy. So the Sisters of Notre Dame decided to tutor the Tolton children privately. He eventually graduated from St. Peter's School in 1872 at the age of 18.

As Augustus grew older, he began to display an interest in the priesthood. His parish priests, Frs. McGuirr and Richardt, encouraged the young man in this aspiration and tried to enroll in several diocesan seminaries, but without success. They then decided to begin Augustus' education in theology themselves. Finally in 1878, St. Francis College in Quincy accepted Augustus, and two years later he was enrolled at the Collegium Urbanum de Propaganda Fide in Rome.

After completing his courses, Tolton was ordained on April 24, 1886. His first assignment was Saint Joseph parish in Quincy, where he served for two years and gained enormous respect from many of the German and Irish parishioners. In 1889, he was given a mission on the south side of Chicago, Saint Augustine, which later grew into Saint Monica's parish. This would be Fr. Tolton's parish for life, and the center from which he ministered to all the Black Catholics of Chicago. He addressed the First Colored Catholic Congress in Washington, DC in 1889.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Tolton "died at Mercy Hospital at 8:30 p.m., a victim of the intense heat."

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	4:00 PM VIGIL
Holy Days:	8:00 AM
Confession:	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL: Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER? Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC? Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School? Email marketing@stapostleschool.com

IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE? St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help. Call the parish office at 773-324-2626 and dial ext. 108. Please leave your name, phone number, and state your need and someone will return your call.