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## Black Catholic History Month 2020 On the Road to Sainthood: The Faithful of African Descent

The legacy of blacks in the history of the Catholic Church is a journey of difficult struggles, challenges, uplifting spirit and enduring faith. November has been designated as Black Catholic History Month and our parish will be providing the spiritual journeys of African-American Catholics who are traveling the path toward sainthood. Following is a brief bio on four of the faithful who are being considered for canonization.



**DID YOU KNOW...** **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**, born a slave in Haiti, was a philanthropist and founder of many Catholic charitable works? Some credit Toussaint with inspiring the creation of Catholic Charities, one of the largest charitable organizations in the United States. As a slave, Pierre Toussaint was brought from Haiti to New York and apprenticed 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 was very successful 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. After being freed from slavery, he financially supported his former slave master's widow through his work as a hairdresser for the rich and famous in New York City, including the family of Alexander Hamilton. Through Toussaint's connections, he helped create several organizations serving the destitute of the city without regard to race. He and his wife sheltered orphans, refugees and other street people in their home. He founded one of New York's first orphanages and raised money for the city's first cathedral. Even 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."* More information at [www.obmny.org/pierre-toussaint-cause-guild](http://www.obmny.org/pierre-toussaint-cause-guild).



**DID YOU KNOW...** **Mother Mary Lange** was the foundress and first Superior General of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** (1829-1832)? Born Elizabeth Lange, a native of the Caribbean, believed to be Cuban born of Haitian descent. By 1813 providence directed her to Baltimore where a large community of French speaking Catholics from Haiti was established. Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree which enabled her to persevere against all odds, in close union with Jesus. On July 2, 1829, when Maryland was still a slave state, Haitian immigrant and educator Mother Mary Lange, and three companions, professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore, Maryland, the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church. Under great risk, these religious women dedicated themselves to serving orphans and educating black children. This congregation would educate and evangelize African Americans, educate youth, and provided a home for orphans. Slaves who had been freed were educated and at times admitted into the congregation. They nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly, and even served as domestics at St. Mary's Seminary. Also around that time, Mother Lange founded Baltimore's historic St. Francis Academy which continues to thrive today as a co-ed high school that educates mainly inner city African American and Hispanic youth. She lived through disappointment and opposition until God called her home in 1882 at the St. Frances Convent in Baltimore. Oblate Sisters also served at Saint Cyprian School here in DC. More information at [www.motherlange.org](http://www.motherlange.org).



**DID YOU KNOW...** **Servant of God Julia Greeley** (1833 and 1848-1918) was born into slavery, at 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 that the parish had to offer. 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 and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918. More information at [www.juliagreeley.org](http://www.juliagreeley.org).



**DID YOU KNOW...** **Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman** (1937-1989) as a child born and reared in Canton, Mississippi, was converted to Catholicism? Her conversion occurred through the inspiration of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA), her teachers at the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, and the pastors at Holy Child Jesus Church and School. During her short lifetime (52 years), many people considered her undeniably close to God and who lovingly invited others to encounter the presence of God in their lives. She is acclaimed a "holy woman" in the hearts of those who knew and loved her and continue to seek her intercession for guidance and healing. More information at [www.sistertheabowman.com](http://www.sistertheabowman.com)

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**  
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30  
**Readings Next Weekend:**  
 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46



The Gospel today teaches us to increase our altitude with an attitude of gratitude. Three men are given resources to use. Two succeed, one fails. Why the difference? Ultimately, it would seem to be the difference between fear and resentment vs. confidence and gratitude. Consider the plan of the first two men who succeed. They: **1. Receive riches; 2. Risk reinvestment; 3. Render a report; and 4. Rise in the ranks.** At some level they see the owner of the riches as a man they can deal with. They have a healthy respect for him but not an unhealthy fear. They receive the funds gladly with gratitude and go to work with them. But the man who fails follows a different plan, a plan which is **fruitless** (for he buries the treasure), he is **furious** (for he considers the owner unjust and a "hard man"), and he thus **forfeits** (for the owner realizes he cannot trust this man with resources, and gives them to another). The failed man gives way to anger, resentment and indulges his fears that the owner is out to get him and the deck is stacked against him. He is not grateful for the opportunity afforded him by the owner. The lesson is what we feed will grow. Will we feed our gratitude for opportunities and gifts, or will we give way to fear and feed the anger and resentment that follows? What are you and I feeding right now?

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, November 15**  
 4:30pm (Sat) Dorothy T. Walker † (15<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
 8:00am For the intentions of Brenda Worthly  
 11:00am For the intentions of Bishop-elect William Byrne  
 7:00pm Sr. Marie Teresa Tellier (birthday—Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>)  
**Monday, November 16** *St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude*  
 7:00am Pray for All Souls  
**Tuesday, November 17** *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
 7:00am Prayer for all shut-ins  
**Wed., November 18** *Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles*  
 7:00am Pray for All Souls  
**Thursday, November 19**  
 7:00am Bessie B. Walker † (birthday—Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>)  
**Friday, November 20**  
 7:00am Pray for All Souls  
**Saturday, November 21** *Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 8:00am For the intentions of Beverly L. Reese  
 4:30pm Ann Bailey †

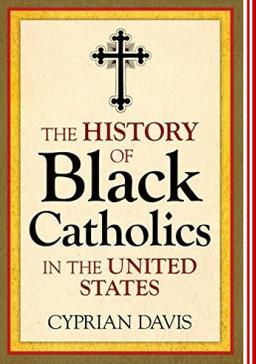
**MASS INTENTIONS:** It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a **Mass Intention** in honor or memory of a friend or family, contact the rectory (202-546-1885 or jwalker@hscchurch.org). The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Monday</b>	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5	Luke 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22	Luke 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31	Matthew 14:22-33
<b>Thursday</b>	Revelation 5:1-10	Luke 19:41-44
<b>Friday</b>	Revelation 10:8-11	Luke 19:45-48
<b>Saturday</b>	Revelation 11:4-12	Luke 20:27-40

**HCSC CELEBRATES BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH:**

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but to also recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora. It is indeed a rich and faithful legacy that is a significant part of the foundation of our own parish community. Throughout this month, we will host online events and provide other information on this spiritual heritage. Visit our website and subscribe to Flocknotes for details on upcoming events and links.



**KEEP IN TOUCH** with HCSC through our website ([hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org)); social media links (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & Youtube**) and **MyParishApp** (download to your mobile device). Also, subscribe to **Flocknote** at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) (or text HCSC to 84576) to receive email notices and information. It's **FREE** and easy to stay in touch with us!

**Mass Attendance — Nov. 8, 2020**

4:30pm	26
8:00am	42 (+5-Latin mass)
11:00am	81
7:00pm	59
<b>Total:</b>	<b>213</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday (11/16)** 8:00pm YAM Bible Study (Zoom)  
**Friday (11/13)** 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour  
**Wednesday (11/18)** 6:15pm Confessions  
 7:15pm Bible Study (Zoom)

**ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL:** Thanks to all who have pledged and are making payments on the annual Archdiocesan Appeal. As a parish we have exceeded 103% of our goal (\$53,700) by pledging \$55,219. Please recall that these monies help the Archdiocese meet its obligations to the poor and needy throughout the region. The Lord will bless those who bless the poor!

**ELECTRONIC TITHING WITH FAITH DIRECT:** Join with others at Holy Comforter—Saint Cyprian in setting up recurring eGiving (tithing) through **Faith Direct**. Your weekly offertory will be automatically deducted. It's easy and **FREE!** Visit [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) or pick up brochure in rear of church. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 with questions.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**  
*A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.*

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE



**BLESSINGS** to **LAWRENCE "Lonnie" HOLLAND** who will celebrate his **90<sup>th</sup> birthday** on **Sat., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**. May the Lord continue to bless and keep him in His love and care.



**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** The Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council is partnering with the *Central Union Mission* to host a Thanksgiving food drive to feed those in need. Monetary donations are also accepted. See flyer for preferred food items and final drop-off dates for food donations on Nov. 21-22.



**FREE COATS FOR KIDS:** DC Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **FREE** coat distribution for children, toddlers-to-teens, on **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** and **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you know of someone in need, please spread the word. For more details, see flyer in rear of church.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & HOLY HOUR** is **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Confessions heard during the holy hour. Spend some time with Christ!



Under the Archdiocese of Washington and local health officials' guidelines we are celebrating Mass in the sanctuary. **Our church sanctuary is open for all daily from 8AM—8PM for private prayer and meditation.**

Restrictions allow up to 100 people in attendance at any of our **public Masses**. Our regular Mass schedule is: **Saturday-8:00AM and 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday-8AM, 11AM & 7PM and daily Mass (Monday-Friday) at 7AM in the sanctuary.**

Please note there are a number of restrictions and protocols that we follow at each Mass:

- ◆ To enter the sanctuary, only the middle front doors and the handicap ramp will be open.
- ◆ To allow for social distancing some pews have been blocked off and our ushers will escort you to a seat.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a facial mask or covering. Hand sanitizer is available.
- ◆ Attendance at Mass will be on a first-come, first-serve basis until the 100 attendee count is reached.
- ◆ Instructions will be given at Mass for safe reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Ushers will dismiss by pew at the end of Mass. Please refrain from congregating out on the plaza.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you are able to serve as an usher at a weekend Mass, contact us with your name, email/phone number at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

We are being prudent and cautious because we care for you and your family's safety and well-being. We continue to ask for your patience and prayers during these challenging times. God bless you all.

### HCSC TAPED SUNDAY MASS:

Msgr. Pope is currently providing a taped Mass each Sunday via our Youtube channel ([hscchurch](https://www.youtube.com/hscchurch)). The Mass is normally posted by 3:30pm on Saturdays and will also be available via our website and our social media links. You can subscribe to our Youtube channel so that you receive notification of when it is posted. We pray this effort will allow us to provide the Sunday Mass to those who are unable to attend due to the pandemic.



### PRAY FOR THEM

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. November is the Church's traditional

month to pray for our deceased friends and family. Mass will be celebrated throughout the month of November for the *Poor Souls*. **To include your relatives/friends**, list names on the All Souls envelope (included with tithing envelopes or pick one up in the rear of church) and drop in the collection basket or the rectory office. If you tithe by Faith Direct, send names of your deceased to [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org). A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated. Questions? Contact us: 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

### HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 8PM in the church sanctuary AND via ZOOM.**

Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. To receive the Zoom link, subscribe to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](https://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Please wear your face mask/covering and there is plenty of room to social distance for those who attend in person.



**Seminarman Seth Seaman** hosts the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** online via Zoom. To receive the link, subscribe to

Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](https://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Study begins at **7:15PM**. We are currently studying **First Peter**.

**TV SUNDAY MASS:** If you are unable to attend Mass in person or do not have access to a computer to watch a live-streamed Mass: the **Sunday Archdiocese of Washington TV Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine is televised** every Sunday at 10:30AM on WDCW-50. A recording of the Mass is also available to be viewed at any time at [adw.org/tvmass](http://adw.org/tvmass).

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory staff at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

**Mass Hours:** Saturday: 8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); Sunday: 8AM, 11AM and 7PM; Weekdays: Mon—Fri 7AM (8AM on holidays)

**Rectory Office Hours (during pandemic):**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10AM—4PM; Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—Closed

# Thanksgiving Food Drive

The **Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council** is partnering with the *Central Union Mission* to feed the hungry this Thanksgiving. We request that you drop-off your food donations when you come to Mass on the weekends of **November 14-15** and **November 21-22** (either prior to Mass or after).

The Knights will take care of delivering your food donations to the mission. A suggested list of items is below. Monetary donations are also welcomed by dropping off checks at the rectory (*made payable to "Central Union Missions"*) or **directly** at the Central Union Mission donation page ([www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org)). If you have questions, contact James Mazol ([james.mazol@gmail.com](mailto:james.mazol@gmail.com)/ 610.715.1657). Thank you.

Boxed Stuffing Mix (like Stovetop)  
 Instant Mashed Potatoes in boxes or packets  
 Jars of Turkey Gravy or Dried Gravy Mix  
 Packets  
 Canned Yams  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Cornbread Mix  
 Canned Pumpkin or Fruit Pie Filling  
 Kool-Aid, sweet tea or lemonade mix  
 Packaged dessert, pudding, Jello or cake mix  
 Packaged bread mix  
 Pie Crust Mix  
 Sugar  
 Flour  
 Salt and Pepper  
 Fixings for Green Bean Casserole – Cream of  
 Mushroom Soup, Canned Green Beans,  
 French Fried Onions  
 Oatmeal  
 Cereal  
 Grits  
 Rice  
 Dried Beans

Spaghetti sauce  
 Macaroni and cheese  
 Canned chicken or tuna  
 Canned or packaged soup  
 mix  
 Jar of Peanut Butter  
 Jar of Jam  
 Jar of Mayo  
 Box of Crackers with Can of  
 Spray Cheese  
 Box of Graham Crackers  
 Foil Baking Pans  
 Paper Plates  
 Napkins  
 Plastic Utensils  
 Paper Towels  
 Can of Instant Coffee (Some  
 families may not be able to  
 afford coffee makers)  
 Can of Dried Coffee Creamer  
 Box of Tea Bags

***Canned or fresh  
vegetables including  
but not limited to:***  
 corn  
 carrots  
 beans  
 beets  
 green beans  
 potatoes  
 sweet potatoes  
 collard greens  
 peaches  
 apples  
 applesauce  
 pineapple  
 fruitcocktail





# Coats

# for Kids

Pick up a **FREE** Coat for a child in need.

Drive-thru and walk-up available. No registration required. Please wear a mask.

Coats available for toddlers - teenagers. While supplies last.

**Friday November 27, 12:00pm - 2:00pm**

**3900 Harewood Rd NE | Saint John Paul II National Shrine**

**15 minute walk from Brookland - CUA Metro**

**Saturday December 5, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

**1600 Morris Rd SE | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church**

**near Stanton Road and Pomeroy Road CH-US stop**

More Information: [DCKnights.org/coats](https://dcknights.org/coats) or [info@dcknights.org](mailto:info@dcknights.org)