



St. Josephine Bakhita
 Feast Day February 8
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St. Katharine Drexel
 Feast Day March 3
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ADVENT

Advent should be dear to the hearts of all Americans. Advent is a time of longing—of looking forward to better days ahead.

We refer to the weeks of the year prior to Christmas as “ADVENT” because they lead up to the celebration of Christ’s coming to bring joy to the world. For us, as Catholics, it is far more. It continues to bring hope that Christ Jesus will bring more freedom, more equality, more fullness of life to those who believe in Him and follow Him.

Amidst all the hype for Santa and material gifts which characterize our Advent weeks, we try to root and ground ourselves in Jesus—the giver of all good gifts. We pray earnestly that we will know the joy which the shepherds and the Magi had when they found Mary and Joseph and the infant Savior.

We will bring joy and hope to ourselves and those around us if we live as *Advent Christians* who radiate the light of Christ who came to bring us out of darkness into His light.

**Mary L. Leisring, Director
 Office of Black Catholic Ministry**

Director's Note**Mary L. Leisring**

Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M.Cap, Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R, Fr. Simon Kalonga and 105 participants honored Deacon Sir Clarence McDavid, KStGG at the Second Annual St. Josephine Bakhita—St. Katharine Drexel Award Dinner on October 22, 2010. He was selected for his outstanding service to the Black Catholic Community.

We are now accepting nominations for our 2011 recipient.

The nomination form is on our website:

<http://www.blackcatholicministry>

Deadline: August 1st

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LOCAL NEWS**Dr. Brandon Spence****New Music Director at Cathedral**

October 21, 2010

Dr. Spence comes to Denver from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a native of Norfolk, VA. He holds a certificate in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame.

(Full story—November 10, 2010—DCR)

NATIONAL NEWS**NABCA 2010-2013
Newly Elected**

Deacon Arthur Miller
President
Hartford, CN

Mr. Charles Prejean
Vice President
Atlanta, GA

Secretary
Ms. Pam Harris
Camden, New Jersey

Treasurer
Mr. Johnnie Dorsey
Austin, Texas

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you for your participation in our Second Annual St. Josephine Bakhita—St. Katharine Drexel Award Dinner honoring Deacon Sir Clarence McDavid who continues to excel in his service to the Black Catholic Community.

Your participation in this event was very much appreciated by The Office of Black Catholic Ministry, The Archdiocesan Black Catholic Advisory Council, The Planning Committee and Deacon Clarence, his wife Wanda and their family.

SUGGESTED READINGS



From Slave to Priest
A Biography of the Reverend Augustine Tolton (1854-1897). The First Black Priest of the United States
 ISBN: 978-1-58617-097-4;
 ISBN: 1-58617-097-X

Songs of Our Hearts & Meditations of Our Souls
 Moore, Cecilia, C., White, C. Vanessa and Marshall, Paul
 Cincinnati: Saint Anthony Messenger Press, 2006.

DVD
Maafa 21—Black Genocide in 21st Century America
 2nd Edition
 Life Dynamics Incorporated



The Journey to Chatham
Why Emmett Till's Murder Changed America, a personal story
 By Arthur L. Miller
 ISBN: 1-420807544-2(sc)
 ISBN: 1-4208-7545-0 (dj)

Be the Leader You Were Meant To Be
 Colorado Springs: Chariot Victor Publishing, 2002

“Telling The Story: Toward an African American Catholic Theology of Preaching.”
 Nutt, Maurice J. (CSsR)
 New Theology Review 21:4, (2008)



Leadership
Promises for Everyday-A Daily Devotional
 Maxwell, John C.
 ISBN:978-0-8499-9594-1 (HC)
 ISBN:978-1-4041-1324-4 (SC)

Slave Religion
The “Invisible Institution” in the Antebellum South
 Raboteau, Albert J.
 Oxford University Press
 ISBN:-13 978-0-19-517412

DVD
Almost Home
Living With the Suffering and Dying
 Sister Thea Bowman
 Liquori Publications

SAVE THE DATE

Living the Catholic Faith Conference
 March 11-12, 2011

Denver Convention Center

Annual Black Catholic Retreat
March 18-20, 2011

Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House
 Sedalia, CO

Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R.
 Director

Unity Explosion Music Institute
 June 15, 2011

General Conference
 June 16—19, 2011

Hilton Americas Houston
 1600 Lamar
 Houston, Texas

Congress XI
The National Black Catholic Congress
 July 19-22, 2012

JW Marriott Hotel
 Indianapolis, Indiana

Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary

National Convention
 July 27-August 2, 2012

A PRAYERFUL CHRISTMAS

The celebration of Christmas as a spiritual holiday is a challenge to each of us. Depending on our circumstances as a single person, or married, or a parent, we need to find time to be recollected and prayerful in the midst of all the preparations for the shopping, gift-giving and parties which fill the season.

Perhaps, as we go about our activities during the holidays we can keep repeating to ourselves:

“JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!”

This will help to ground us firmly in Jesus’ arms no matter how hectic our schedule might be.

If we are with others—whether spouse, friends or family—we can pause for a prayerful moment to say:

“THANK YOU”

To Jesus for coming to enrich our lives and our world. This can easily be done at meal time.

Let the Celebration of Christmas begin by reading the birth of our Lord:

St. Luke 2: 1-20

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Mary L. Leisring, Director
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KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional values of family, community responsibility, commerce , and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa, which means “first fruits of the harvest” in the African language Kiswahili, has gained tremendous acceptance. Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 15 million people worldwide, as reported by the New York Times. Celebrated from December 26 to January 1, it is based on Nguza Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance.

I. UMOJA (UNITY) (oo-MOE-JAH)

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

II. KUJICHAGULIA—(Self-Determination)

(koo-jee-cha-goo-LEE-ah)

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create ourselves and speak for ourselves.

III. UJIMA (COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY)

(oo-JEE-mah)

To build and maintain our community together to make our brothers’ and sisters’ problems our problems and to solve them together.

IV. UJAMAA (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS)

(oo-JAH-mah)

To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit together from them.

V. NIA (PURPOSE) (nee-AH)

To make as our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

VI. KUUMBA (CREATIVITY) (koo-OOM-bah)

To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

VII. IMANI (FAITH) (ee-MAH-nee)

To believe with all our hearts in our parents, our teachers, our leaders, our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

<http://melanet.com.kwanzaa/principles.html>

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BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES

This is a direct link to Xavier University

www.xula.edu/IBCS.html

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION OFFICE

www.blackandindiandmission.org

CATHOLIC BOOKS AND TAPES

<http://www.catholicbook.com>

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER

www.cath.info.center@ewtn.com

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

www.catholicnewsagency.com

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

<http://www.catholicnews.com>

CATHOLIC YOUTH ONLINE

<http://www.cyo.org>

ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK

<http://ewtn.com>

IN A WORD

www.inaword.org

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF PETER CLAVER

<http://www.kofpc.org>

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE FOR LIFE

www.blackcatholicsforlife.org

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

www.nbecongress.org

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