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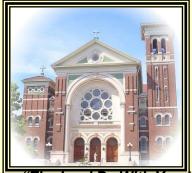
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:

(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

St. Charles: Sunday 11:30am

Nativity: Sunday 9:30am



"The Lord Be With You

November 21, 2021

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Christ the King

Today's Readings

Daniel 7:13-14 (Everlasting Kingship)

Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 (The Lord is King)

Revelation 1:5-8 (The Alpha and the Omega)

John 18:33B-37 (Christ's Kingdom)





Good morning and God bless you.

Last week, the Son of Man appeared in glory in the Book of Daniel. This week, the Son of Man, the King of the Universe, beaten and abused, appears before Pilate. Jesus Christ is King in every moment and He desires to be with us in all of our moments – if we invite Him in.

You are invited to the Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes commissioning Mass at 6 PM on Tuesday evening, November 30th at St. Elizabeth Parish. Bishop Hanchon will preside at Mass as we pledge to work together in the Kingdom of God.

I am very grateful to God for Rhonda Gilbert, who has been such a blessing in the parish. Rhonda is away this weekend. Let's keep her in our prayers.

As we continue to thank God for our Black Catholic History, we will have a First Black Families tour this Sunday afternoon. We will start at the social hall of St. Augustine/St. Monica at 2:30 PM. Please park in the lot off Seminole. If you will walk through the inner gate to the alley between the rectory and the garage, you'll come to the door which will lead to the social hall. Unfortunately, the elevator is not working at the moment, so it is not wheelchair accessible. Nativity will provide snacks and there will be a presentation on the families and places. St. Charles will contribute the use of the bus and some of us will fit in it, while others of us will carpool. We'll plan on being finished at 4 or 4:30.

To celebrate Thanksgiving, Mass will be offered on Wednesday in our church at 10:30 AM, followed by a light meal. On Tuesday, Mass will be offered at 6 PM at St. Augustine/St. Monica. Everyone is welcome. On Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be offered at 9 AM at Sacred Heart on Eliot.

Please continue to pray for those who have gone before us, the faithful departed. We are fortunate that the Catholic cemeteries in the Detroit area are beautifully maintained. You might try making a visit this month.

A blessed week, Father Dan

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes again in glory.

2021 CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

November is not only a time when the Catholic church remembers the faithful departed, but the church of the United States also recognizes the contributions that Black Catholics have made to the world and the church. Each Sunday of November, we will present information on a different Black Catholic.

Today's Black Catholic is Sister Thea Bowman. Read on for information about the life of Sister Thea. Sister Thea was an educator, Missionary Disciple, Advocate for Culturla Awareness, and Racial Harmony.



"We unite ourselves with Christ's redemptive work when we reconcile, when we make peace, when we share the good news that God is in our lives, when we reflect to our brothers and sisters God's healing, God's forgiveness, God's unconditional love."

Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., shared these words a few weeks before dying of cancer in her home in Canton, Mississippi as part of a reflection on Holy Week, entitled, "Let Us Resolve to Make This Week A Holy One" in the Diocese of Jackson's newspaper, Mississippi Today. These would be the final public words of a religious woman who dedicated her life to spreading the joy of the Gospel and promoting cultural awareness and racial reconciliation.

A self-proclaimed, "old folks' child," Thea 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. These religious communities nurtured her faith and greatly influenced her religious vocation.

Growing up, Thea listened and learned from the wisdom of the "old folks," the elders of her community. Ever precocious, she asked questions and gained insights on how her elders lived, thrived and survived. She learned from family members and those in her community coping mechanisms and survival skills. These skills proved essential as she navigated through the horrid experiences of blatant racism, segregation, inequality, and the struggle for Civil Rights in her native Mississippi. At an early age, Thea was exposed to the richness of her African-American culture and spirituality, most especially the history, stories, songs, prayers, customs and traditions. Moreover, she was cognizant that God loved and provided for the poor and the oppressed. Her community instructed her, "If you get, give—if you learn, teach." These life lessons instilled in her an abiding love for God and to be charitable to toward those most in need.

For Thea Bowman, her conversion to Catholicism was rooted in what she witnessed: she was attracted to the Catholic Church by the example of how Catholics seemed to love and care for one another, most especially the poor and needy. For Thea, she was impressed by how Catholics put their faith into action. At the age of fifteen she told her parents and friends she wanted to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and left the familiar Mississippi terrain to venture to the unfamiliar town of LaCrosse, Wisconsin where she would be the only African-American member of her religious community.

At her religious profession, she was given the name, "Sister Mary Thea" in honor of the Blessed Mother and her father, Theon. Her name in religious life, Thea, literally means "God." She was trained to become a teacher. She taught at all grade levels, eventually earning her doctorate and becoming a college professor of English and linguistics.

The turbulent 1960s was a period of transformation for a nation torn by racial strife and division. The United States was confronted by the quest for justice and racial equality for all Americans. The late 1960's was also a time of transformation

for Sister Thea Bowman: both a spiritual and cultural awakening. The liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council encouraged Sister Thea to rediscover her African-American religious heritage and spirituality and to enter her beloved Church "fully functioning." She emphasized that cultural awareness had, as a prerequisite, intentional mutuality. She was eager to learn from other cultures, but also wanted to share the abundance of her African-American culture and spirituality. Indeed, Sister Thea became a highly acclaimed evangelizer, teacher, writer, and singer sharing the joy of the Gospel and her rich cultural heritage throughout the nation.

Spurred by the need to return home to Canton to care for her aging parents, in 1978, Sister Thea, with the blessing, approval and permission of her superior and religious community, accepted an appointment by Bishop Joseph Bernard Brunini to direct the Office of Intercultural Affairs for the Diocese of Jackson. In this position Sister Thea continued to assail racial prejudice and promote cultural awareness and sensitivity. She was a founding faculty member of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. With the full support of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Sister Thea remained then and remains still a member in good standing in her religious community.

In 1984, Sister Thea faced devastating challenges: both her parents died, and she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her friends and students encouraged her to choose life. Sister Thea vowed to "live until I die" and continued her rigorous schedule of speaking engagements. Even when it became increasingly painful and difficult to travel as the cancer metastasized to her bones, she was undeterred from witnessing and sharing her boundless love for God and the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Donned in her customary African garb, Sister Thea would arrive in a wheel chair with no hair (due to the chemotherapy treatments) but always with her a joyful disposition and pleasant smile. She did not let her wheel chair, or the deterioration of her body keep her from one unprecedented event – an opportunity to address the U.S. Bishops at their annual June meeting held in 1989 at Seton Hall University in East Orange, NJ. Sister Thea spoke to the bishops as a sister having a "heart to heart" conversation with her brothers.

This well-crafted, yet at times, quite spontaneous message spoke of the Church as her "home," as her "family of families" and as her trying to find her way "home." She explained what it meant to be African-American and Catholic. She enlightened the bishops on African-American history and spirituality. Sister Thea urged the bishops to continue to evangelize the African-American community, to promote inclusivity and full participation of African-Americans within Church leadership, and to understand the necessity and value of Catholic schools in the African-American community. And when she was through she invited the bishops to move together, cross arms and sing with her, "We Shall Overcome." She seemingly touched the hearts of the bishops as evidenced by their thunderous applause and tears flowing from their eyes.

When asked by her dear friend and homilist for her funeral, Father John Ford, S.T. what to say at her funeral, Sister Thea responded: "Tell them what Sojourner Truth said about her eventual death, 'I'm not going to die. I'm going home like a shooting star." And so she did, peacefully at five o'clock in the morning of March 30, 1990 in the home where she was reared in Canton, MS. Sister Thea said that she wanted inscribed on her tombstone the simple, yet profound words: "She tried." "I want people to remember that I tried to love the Lord and that I tried to love them..." She was buried beside her parents and an uncle at the Elmwood cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sister Thea Bowman's life was always one of Gospel joy, enduring faith, and persevering prayer even in the midst of racial prejudice, cultural insensitivity, and debilitating illness. Her personal holiness witnessed to the faith and endurance of her ancestors, the hope expressed in the Spirituals, compassion for the poor and marginalized, her devotion to the Eucharist, and the radical love embodied by St. Francis of Assisi. Asked how she made sense of suffering, she answered, "I don't make sense of suffering. I try to make sense of life.... I try each day to see God's will..."

Her life epitomized the words of Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium: Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others. [10] Sister Thea's life is also a radiant example of Pope Francis' Gaudete Et Exsultate. The Holy Father writes, Holiness is boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave your mark in this world. [129] ... Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace.

During her short lifetime (52 years), 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 a "holy woman" in the hearts of those who knew and loved her and continue to seek her intercession for guidance and healing.

Today across the United States there are schools; an education foundation to assist needy students attend Catholic universities; housing units for the poor and elderly, and a health clinic for the marginalized that are named in her honor. Books, articles, catechetical resources, visual media productions, and a stage play have been written or 08-22-2021 documenting her exemplary life, spirituality, and ministry; prayer cards, works of art, statues, and stained-glass windows bear her image all attesting to Sister Thea's profound spiritual impact and example of holiness for the faithful.

Community

Pray for the Healing Presence

Clara Boltman
Mary Canaday
Frank Catania
Simone Eder
Vickie Figueroa
William (Bill) Leto
Waletha McCrary
John Pillette
Pat Sprankle
Anna Tyler
Father Clarence Williams

PLEASE NOTE:

A church committee is thinking of having a meal after the mass here on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 after the 10am Mass. If you plan to attend the mass and stay for the meal, today is your last day to sign up to participate in the meal. You should sign-up on the sheet on the back table today. The committee must know how much food to prepare. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 18-20TH WEEKEND IS THE ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT.

The theme for 2021-2022 is "Bouncing Back: Living in Hope"

These past months have been difficult and challenging: a roller coaster of emotions, feelings and experiences. We have been navigating through a worldwide pandemic. In his book *Dream*, Pope Francis says "the question is whether you're going to come through this crisis and if so, how? The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same."

This retreat experience will invite a re-connection -- to God's story and our faith story -- to better anchor us in our path to hope.

For more information about our retreat weekend @ St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center on the westside of Detroit, please contact Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

ITEMS OF INTEREST!

Did you know... that Archbishop Vigneron has a podcast? Well, he does. During the monthly podcasts, "Eye on Jesus", Archbishop Vigneron Archbishop Vigneron discusses the missionary transformation of the Church in southeast Michigan.

You can find out how to listen, read about upcoming topics, and listen to past podcasts by going to AOD.ORG and clicking on the "Unleash the Gospel" link. Scroll down and look on the right side of the page for the podcast link.

Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes Commissioning Mass

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Time: 6pm
Where: St. Elizabeth Parish
3138 E Canfield St.
Detroit, MI 48207
Celebrant: Bishop Hanchon

Nativity Church Christmas Program: After much consideration for the safety of all, it has been decided that we will be packing the gifts for the families in our Christmas program. As much as we would have loved to do the "Christmas Store," we feel it is just not possible given that Michigan Covid cases continue to rise and we continue to have low vaccination rates, especially in the city of Detroit. Volunteers will be needed the week of December 6th and 13th. We will keep the shifts at 3 hours, small groups of 4 at a time in the church basement so we can be socially distanced. There will be day and evening shifts. We ask that anyone volunteering be vaccinated. Please call the Nativity parish house at 313-922-0033 if you would like to help.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of Nativity Parish and all of the Food Pantry volunteers, we wish to thank you for your continued support of the emergency food pantry. Your weekly contributions help keep food on the shelves for us to share with those who come to us. As the need seems to continue to grow, it is nice to know that you are helping us feed our neighbors.

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On the Nativity website (nativitydetroit.org) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/NativityDetroit/) you will find our weekly bulletin. There is a detailed explanation of the tags available to take to purchase something for a family in our program and, once again, we are asking for gift cards for Amazon, Kohls, Target, or Visa Gift Cards. You can give gift cards to Rhonda at Mass, and we will get them from her.

Also, we have an option for signing up to shop for an entire family. Last year some St. Charles families chose this option, and we were overwhelmed with your generosity. Please call the Nativity parish house with any questions and we can match you with a family.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Anne Crowe, Food Pantry and Christmas Program Coordinator

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St. Charles Wooden Christmas Ornaments for Sale!

Local artist Stephen Burkett of Abs Wood Works has made Christmas ornaments that have the likeness of St. Charles on the front. If you are interested in purchasing, please go to stephenburkett.squarespace.com or email the artist at stephenburkett@yahoo.com. The cost is \$10/ornament. (Cash/check/ PayPal) Shipment is available.

All orders must be placed no later than December 1, 2021. Orders will be delivered to the church for pick-up on after mass on Sunday, December 12, 2021.



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Stewardship Minute:

Stewards Share

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world." (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. In **Stewardship**, generously share your blessings with others for the greater glory of God.

"Set Peace in your mind as your highest goal, and organize your life around it."

~ Brian Tracy

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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rep.)
Alonda Walker
Paco Williams

November / December Mass Intentions

November 21, 2021 Terry Martin Allaletta Polyzois

November 28, 2021 **Mary Cunningham**

December 05, 2021
Rosie Davis, Elaine O'Neil,
Patrick Buczak

December 12, 2021 Tony Gilbert, Roy King

December 19, 2021 Ida and Liz Cherry

December 26, 2021

Everyone who died from
Covid-19 in 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 22: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 23: Daniel 2:31-45; Psalm Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Luke 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 24: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Psalm: Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Luke 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 25: Daniel 6:12-28; Psalm: Daniel 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Luke 21:20-28

Fri., Nov. 26: Daniel 7:2-14; Psalm Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Luke 21:29-33

Sat., Nov. 27: Daniel 7:15-27; Psalm Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21:34-36

Sun., Nov. 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Our Family of Parishes Mass Schedule for the week of Thanksgiving, November 21 thru 27, 2021

Nativity Parish:

Sunday, November 21, 9:30am No Masses during the rest of the week, including Thanksgiving Day

St. Augustine St. Monica:

Sunday, November 21, 10am Tuesday, November 23, 6pm No Masses during the rest of the week, including Thanksgiving Day

St. Charles:

Sunday, November 21, 11:30am Wednesday, November 24, 10am No Masses during the rest of the week, including Thanksgiving Day

Sacred Heart Detroit:

Sunday, November 21, 8am and 10am

Tuesday, November 23, 5pm Thursday, November 25, 9am (THANKSGIVING DAY) Saturday, November 27, 5pm

St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, November 21, 12 Noon Thursday, November 25, 9am (THANKSGIVING DAY at SACRED HEART DETROIT) No Masses during the rest of the week

Weekly Collection 11/14/2021

Envelopes \$6,987.00 Loose \$ 239.03 Holy Days \$ 12.00 Christmas \$ 2.00 <u>Maintenance</u> \$ 46.00 **TOTAL** \$7,286.03

On-line Contributions (7/1/2021 - 11/14/21) \$34,815.00

DID YOU KNOW... that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred.

Individuals may also contact the Archdiocese of Detroit. We place no deadlines or time limits on those who wish to come forward for help; be it five, 15, or 50 years later, our diocese accepts and responds to all reports.

The Archdiocese of Detroit reports every complaint it receives, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded. This is done in accordance with voluntary agreements signed in the spring of 2002 by the archdiocese and prosecutors from all six counties within its boundaries. As a result of the agreements, the archdiocese shared case files of priests accused of sexual misconduct in previous years and committed to turning over all complaints in the future.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

Emergencies

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911

Law enforcement

Individuals who suspect clergy sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults are encouraged to contact the Michigan Attorney General's Office by calling its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by emailing aginvestigations@michigan.gov. Individuals also may contact their local police department.

Mandated reporting

Mandated reporters in Michigan must make an immediate verbal report to the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at (855) 444-3911, followed by a written report within 72 hours. Reports also can be <u>made online</u>. (See below for <u>more</u> information on mandated reporters.)

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Tony Latarski, can be reached at **(313) 237-6060** or toll-free at **(866) 343-8055**. Individuals also may email vac@aod.org. Mr. Latarski has an extensive background in law enforcement and works to receive and respond to all complaints. All calls and messages regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. Callers will be asked to provide their name and telephone number.

This contact information is shared as part of an effort by the archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. They are for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only.

More information about the reporting process from *Detroit Catholic*: For archdiocese's victim assistance coordinator, helping survivors is a ministry of compassion.

Please note that this article references Mr. Latarski's predecessor, who retired after serving for many years in the role of Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Reporting a bishop

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Reports of sexual misconduct by other Church personnel — priests, deacons, laypersons — should be reported-in using the means described in the above sections.



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