






June

BLACK VOICES IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p>  <p>Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA Religious Sister, teacher, Evangelist and scholar. "Remember who you are and whose you are"</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Cyprian Davis, O.S.B. A Benedictine monk, professor, founding member of the National Black Clergy Caucus. He wrote: The History of Black Catholics In The United States.</p>	<p>3.</p>  <p>The National Black Sisters' Conference (NBSC) Established in 1968 to educate, support, and communicate to African American women religious and associates.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>"From Slave to Priest." Father Augustine Tolton: Under racists in the church withstanding insurmountable odds became the first African American Catholic priest. His cause for canonization has been opened.</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Mother Henriette Delille: "Servant of God." Founded the Sisters of The Holy Family in 1836. There is an open cause for her canonization.</p>

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Three African Popes who served in Rome:
St. Victor I
(ca.186-ca.197)
St. Miltiades (311-14)
St. Gelasius I (492-96)

All three overlooked by the church, they made contributions to: Mass, introducing Latin, prayers and text.



Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P.

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Founder of the first religious order in the United States
The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore, Maryland

Who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first African-American religious congregation?



Pierre Toussaint

- Born a slave
- Lay Catholic
- 1766-1853
- Known for his "saintly generosity to people and the Catholic Church."



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- From the Book of Jeremiah
 - Ebed-Melech saves the Prophet Jeremiah
 - A Cushite, Ethiopian



Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, 1909

- International Black Catholic fraternal service order.
- Oldest Black Lay organization.



Mathilda Taylor Beasley (November 14, 1832 - December 20, 1903)

- Mother Beasley establishes an order of black Franciscan sisters in Georgia



Jean Baptiste Point du Sable

- A Catholic
- Founder of Chicago

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Our First African American Cardinal :
Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, D.C.

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- Saint Mother Drexel founder
- In 1915
- America's only historically Black Catholic University

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"Brothers and Sisters to Us"

- US Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Race 1977

"What We Have Seen and Heard"

- A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization from Black Bishops in the United States,

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Servant of God Julia Greeley

Denver's Angel of Charity, was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848.

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- Felicity, a slave martyred because she was a Christian.
- Died in Carthage, Rome
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Bishop James Augustine Healey

First Black Bishop in the United States
Passed for white
Became a bishop in 1875

Healey Brothers:

- Father Patrick Frances Healey a Jesuit who became the Dean and then President of Georgetown University.

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Bishop Harold Perry

- First African American Bishop in the 20th century
- S.V.D Religious Order
- Appointed on September 29, 1965
- First Black provincial superior in the United States

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Saint Monica
Early African Christian Saint
 North African Saint

- Mother of St. Augustine

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Martha Jane Chisley

- A slave from the John Manning Plantation
- The mother of Father Augustine Tolton
- Rescued her three children out of slavery

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1889

First Lay Black Congress held in Washington, D.C

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The " Ethiopian" Eunuch's story;
Acts 8:26-40

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Saint Moses The Black

- the spiritual leader of hermits in the desert of Scete.
- Martyred in 410

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"We Are Here, We Have Been Here!"

Currently : Three Million Black Catholics in the United States



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Black Theologians:

Sr. Addie Walker
 M. Shawn Copeland
 Diana L. Hayes
 Shannen Dee Williams
 Sr. Jamie Phelps
 Father Bryan Massingale
 Sr. Anita Baird

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Saint Augustine of Hippo
Early African Christian Saint.

- Theologian
- North African Bishop

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S.V.D.
Society of the Divine Word

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The Acacia Tree is native to Africa, mentioned in the Bible: the Book of Exodus and in The Book of Isaiah.
African American Catholics come to the church as sturdy as the wood from the tree. Black Catholics have been deeply rooted, surviving through racism's drought, racism's dryness and we stand.

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The African American Catholic Hymnal. 1987
. The spirituality, the vitality, the strength of African Americans have made the Catholic Church richer, universal.