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BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS
NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.



Sunday, November 7 – Multicultural Mass:

- Encourage Parishioners attending Mass to wear clothing that reflects their cultural heritage.
- Brief presentation on Black Catholic History after Communion and invitation to Coffee Hour after Mass.
- Continued discussion on Black Catholic History during Coffee Hour.

Sunday, November 14 – Our Youth, the future of Black Catholicism:

Work with the Directory of Religious Education and the Teen Ministry leaders to feature a presentation of their choosing that focuses on some aspect of Black Catholic History (i.e., Black Saints)

- Youth readers, and Ushers at Mass this week.
- Presentation during Mass.

Sunday, November 21 – Nourish the Spirit, Nourish the Body

Recognizing that food is a key component to our cultural expression and diversity, this week will highlight the unique ways that Black Catholics worship (i.e., Clapping hands, saying “Amen” or other verbal expressions, standing and other physical expressions of worship) as well as explore some of the foods that our various communities associate with celebration.

- Invitation to sample ethnic dishes in Jubilee Hall after Mass.
- Each community will be asked to present some of their dishes to be sampled.
- If there are dishes that are commonly used to celebrate a specific church occasion, those will be provided with an explanation of the significance of the dish.
- Recipes for the dishes will be available.
- Discussion about the forms of “Joyful Worship” experienced among Black Catholics.

Sunday, November 28 – Racism in the Catholic Church:

- Host panel discussion on racism after Mass or at some point during the week.
- Provide reading materials on the topic.
- Engage in community prayer to heal the Nation of the sin of racism perhaps in a special service during the week.