



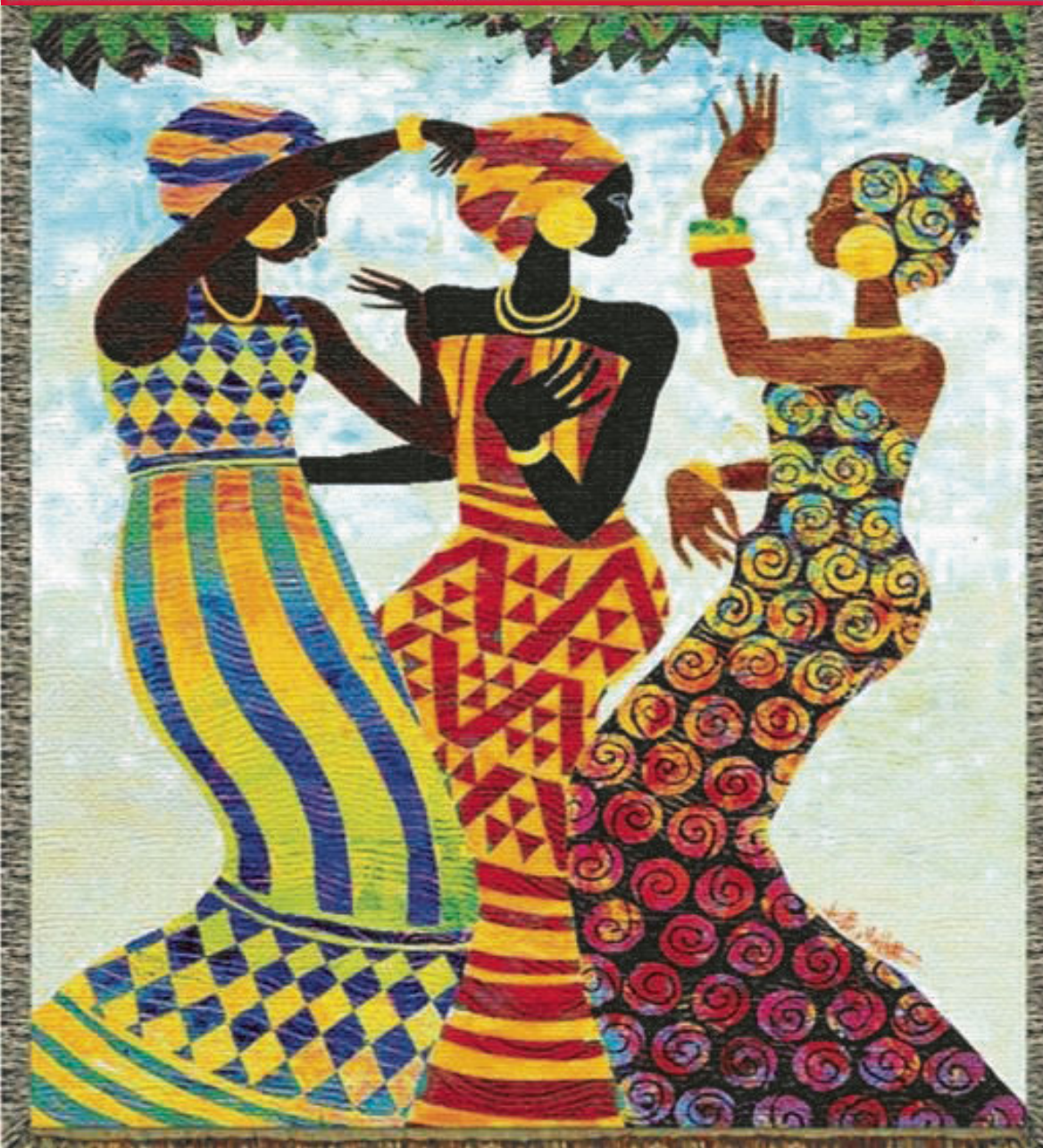
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9:30 a.m.

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7:30 a.m.

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

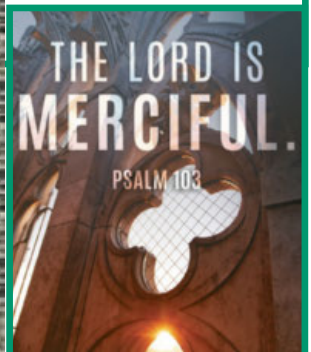
Every Saturday

And Confessions

@ Missionary Servant House

3347 S. Michigan

3:30 to 5:00 pm



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Welcome all to our celebration as St. James remembers its African-American heritage. Below find an excerpt of an article from The Pulse, the newsletter of the Chicago Black Catholic Alliance written by Gardis Watts.

Last year marked the 40th anniversary of the pastoral letter called "What We Have Seen and Heard." It was a document created by the African American Bishops of that time. Much of this letter dealt with evangelization, which came in two parts. The first part dealt with the gifts Black people had to offer the Church. Our African heritage in the American experience is vital to understanding our faith. The second part dealt with evangelization, its difficulties, and how the Black Catholic faithful overcame it.

In 1984, when the letter was published, Black Catholic Chicago was still thriving. You had over 50 Black Catholic Parishes in Chicago, with several others in the south and west suburbs. The majority of these parishes had schools attached to them. Estimates varied on the number of Black Catholics in Chicago during that time. Some totals ranged from eighty thousand to one hundred thousand. Several Black priests in the diocese served not just Black parishes but parishes around the city and suburbs. Most priests serving in the Black churches were in their 30s and 40s. Even the first auxiliary bishop of Chicago, Bishop Wilton Gregory, was only 37 years old. Along with having a fully staffed "Office of Black Catholics," Black Catholic Chicago was still riding the wave of the work done in the 1960s and 1970s. However, since that time, Black Catholic Chicago, along with several other Black Catholic Communities across the country, started to diminish. There are currently nine Black Catholic Parishes in Chicago. There are approximately six thousand active Black Catholics in the city. And the number of Black priests dwindled during these forty years. How did the Black Catholic Community, especially in Chicago, fall this far down?

When the Black bishops in the letter commented on the importance of the Black experience in shaping our spirituality and Catholic identity, Black Catholics responded well to this call. In the letter, they state, "To be Catholic is to be universal. To be universal is not to be uniform. It does mean, however, that the gifts of individuals and of particular groups become the common heritage shared by all. Just as we lay claim to the gifts of Blackness, we share these gifts within the Black Community at large and within the Church. This will be our part in the building up of the whole Church. This will also be a way of enriching ourselves." (pg.4) In her last public address in 1989 before the U.S. Catholic Bishops, Sister Thea Bowman reminded those bishops and the rest of the world of the correlation between Blackness and Catholicism.

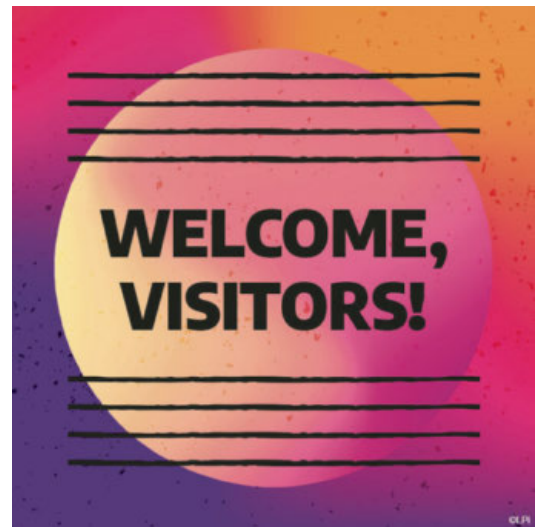
What I have seen and heard on the state of Black Catholic Chicago in the last forty years is a congregation that is in decline. Most of the population are elderly. Many of our parishes are closing. We do not have many Black priests or deacons. Our youth is falling away from the Church. These are just a few observations. But after re-reading the letter again, it was a prophetic warning to us now.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T



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Sun 2/23	African American Heritage Celebration 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † Van Bensett by Saira Bensett
Mon 2/24	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Bible Study (On-line)
Tue 2/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 02/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 02/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 02/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 03/02	8th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



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MARCH 5TH

7:30AM

St. James Rectory/Zoom
2942 S. Wabash

12:50PM

Carr Chapel/The God Box

6:30PM

St. James Church/Zoom
21 East 29th St.

See Mass Times on our website for links to attend on Zoom



**Ministry for
LGBTQIA+ persons,
family & friends**

**Next meeting
March 23rd
11:00AM**

**St. James Rectory
2942 S. Wabash**

Join us for a Lenten evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

Taize Prayer



Take heart, the world is troubled but I am with you.

St. James on Wabash
21 East 29th Street
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Wednesday, March 19
7pm
Free and open to all



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

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Juanita James
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:
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Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss
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