

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 February 2021

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## **CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*“Still Transforming By God’s Grace.”*

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this time of uncertainty, consternation, and simultaneously joy. Using the terms of “consternation” and “joy” would seem like an oxymoron, but for those who know a little about Salvation History, it makes perfect sense. We come together on this Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time cycle (b) living another oxymoron. Why? Our God does extraordinary things in ordinary time. It is also Black History Month.

Carter G. Woodson back in 1926 started this celebration as Negro History Week to combat the continued dehumanization of the Black race. The second week of February was chosen because it coincided with the birth of Fredrick Douglas (2/20) and Abraham Lincoln. (2/12). Black Educators from Kent State in 1969 proposed that the celebration be extended to its eventual month that we celebrate now. In this month we include now the birth of Rosa Parks (2/4) and the feast day of Saint Josephine Bahkita (2/8).

We who are Catholics of African descent are by many standards considered an oxymoron. Our Catholic faith calls for us to be “universal”. Created by the same God which makes all one. Unfortunately, our institutional Church has been besieged for centuries by the Sin of Racism. Praise God, the Church triumphant gives a model to actively work towards! This oneness does not call for us to an exact sameness or a similarity that stifles who we are. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says that we are many parts of one Body! Many will say that, we do not need to celebrate Black History Month, because we are all one! I say the devil is a liar. We celebrate Black History Month not to hate but to appreciate the fact that God has blessed us to go beyond human oppression to do great things for ourselves and the society at large.

We celebrate this month the past, present, future that we did, are, and will make to share the gift of being Church. This means Black History is not only for Black folk, it for all people. We see people like Saint Katherine Drexel of Philadelphia and Saint Peter Claver white people who made Black History and became saints, because of it! On February 6, 2021 Mr. Avery Daniel became a Transitional Deacon on his way (God willing) to priestly ordination for the Archdiocese of Atlanta making present and future history. Our theme for this month is “Still Transforming By God’s Grace.” We will celebrate not just African-Americans, but those who worked with us to make not only Black or American history, but most importantly Salvation History!

May God bless the work of our hands as we here at “Transfig” so that we will show it is not an oxymoron for us to celebrate even now with all that is occurring. It is right and just to witness others that we are *“Still Transforming By God’s Grace”* as make Black, American, and Salvation History.

Shalom,

*Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ Pastor*

## Transfiguration School Corner

Dear Parishioners of the Church of the Transfiguration,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued generosity and support of Transfiguration School. Your support has made it possible for us to continue to provide a quality Catholic education to many families during these challenging times. We miss seeing all of you at First Sunday Mass and we are looking forward to the day when we are able to gather again together as a family.

Blessings in Christ,

*Mrs. Evelyn Rickenbacker, M.A.*  
Principal of Transfiguration School

### Registration for 2021-2022

We are currently accepting applications for new students for preschool through seventh grade for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in enrolling or receiving more information about our school, please contact the main office: 323.292.3011 or email: [info@transfigurationla.org](mailto:info@transfigurationla.org)

### HAPPY VALENTINE DAY!

#### Honor Jesus

Honor Jesus with all your heart;  
Never from our Lord depart.  
Then you'll know the virtuous way  
To a happy Christian Valentine's Day.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## February 17th Ash Wednesday Mass Distribution of Ashes 6:30 PM only.



Follow the guidelines for Sunday masses.

### Lent Theme:

***"Working to be Transformed!"***

### **Thursday Morning Mass**

During the Season of Lent, beginning February 18<sup>th</sup> you are invited to attend **Mass every Thursday** at 8AM. Please follow the Sunday mass guidelines for these services. This mass will be live streamed.

### Stewardship Thought

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

### Weekly Offering for February 7, 2021

\$8,035.00 Tithe and Offering

### 2020 Tax Statement!

Tax letters have been mailed. If you have not received a statement, please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory at 323.291.1136. This is a good time to register, or update your mailing address, phone number and email address.

## Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vydred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, and Alice Williams.