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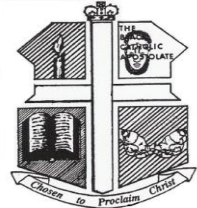
Black Apostolate Mass - Sunday, 10:15am

St. Joan of Arc Masses: Saturday, 4:00pm, Sunday, 9:00am

Daily Mass, Monday-Friday, 8:00am

THE BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE

website



106.3 FM

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15, 2026

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

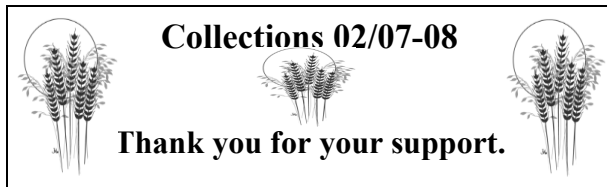
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we celebrate Black History Month, you may find this interesting!

Black Catholics in Colonial America

1634: Catholic Maryland the first colony in the New World where religious toleration was established. Maryland's first Bishop, John Carroll, reported to the Vatican in 1785 that the African slaves were one of the main components of the church. 20 out of every 100 Catholics in Maryland were Black.

Early 1700s: Spain promised freedom to slaves in the Carolinas and other English colonies, they escaped to Florida and converted to Catholicism.

1724: Mobile and New Orleans along the Gulf Coast were settled by the French who declared the *Code Noir*, a set of laws governing the rights and lives of the slave population, including a requirement that all slaves be "instructed and baptized in the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Religion...."

1781: 11 families migrated from northern Mexico to establish the town of Los Angeles, all were Catholics; over half of the adults were Black, two were Spanish and the rest were Indians.

Source: History of Black Catholics in the US by Cyprian Davis

SJOA/BCA MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ TIME FOR CONFESSION?

Just a reminder: the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 3:30pm - 4pm in the office next to the small chapel in the back of the church. No appointment is needed.

- Confession at St. Pius X on March 24, 2026, at 7PM

☞ TODAY IS BCA SACRIFICIAL GIVING.

☞ NEXT WEEKEND February 21/22, 2026

SECOND COLLECTION Combined Collection for the Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. We ask for your continued support in the Diocesan Collection.



☞ WE NEED YOUR PALMS!

Please bring your old palms to church any Sunday before **Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026)** and put them on the floor by the Bulletin holder and missals/hymn books. Thank you.

☞ LENT RETREAT PROGRAM

-FEBRUARY 14TH ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT 10AM TO 2PM

-FEBRUARY 28TH RETREAT (TOPIC TO BE NAMED) 10AM TO 2PM

-MARCH 28TH HOLY WEEK RETREAT 10AM TO 2PM

☞ [BCA BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION](#)

February 22, 2026, at 10:15 at St. Joan of Arc Church. Sponsored by the Men's group.





Saturday, February 14

4:00pm: - Olga Barron+ req. Solini Family

Sunday, February 15

9:00am:

10:15am: - Gabriel Regal+ Cheryl Regal
- Bruno Yomoah+ req. Catherine Yomoah

Monday, February 16

8:00am:

Tuesday, February 17

8:00am:

Wednesday, February 18

8:00am: - Chris Grosse
- Chris Kippins

Thursday, February 19

8:00am: - Yvonne Nelson, Beverly Gray and Family

Friday, February 20

8:00am:

Saturday, February 21

4:00pm:

Sunday, February 22

9:00am:

10:15am: - Bruno Yomoah+ req. Catherine Yomoah
- Gabriel Regal + req. Cheryl Regal

+ deceased

*The Lord places confidence
in those who have
received good things and
expects much from them.*



Faith Formation



Faith Formation/Religious Education classes are held every other Saturday from 9:30am-11:00am for children in grades 1-12.

Next class is on February 21, 2026

BCA Faith Formation is always looking for volunteers to assist in our program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dawn Hewitt for additional information.

Call 518-463-0378 or sjoabcashfaith@gmail.com

IS SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER?



Light a candle for that special person you promised to pray for. Candles are \$5.00 each and are in the small Chapel behind the main Sanctuary. Please put your payment in the marked box by the church entrance.

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MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00am

10:15am (Black Apostolate)

DAILY MASS: 8:00am (Monday-Friday)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30pm

BAPTISM: Every first Saturday of the month.
Please call for an appointment.

MATRIMONY: ARRANGEMENTS should be made 6-8 months in advance and prior to scheduling a reception.

FUNERAL MASSES: Will be scheduled at 9:00am.

In the event of the death of a parishioner, please call the Funeral Home. The funeral director will notify the parish office and arrangements will be made for a funeral Mass and burial.

STAFF

Fr. Kofi Ntsiful Amissah, Pastor

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