

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind.” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

“Goodness conquers evil by sowing seeds of compassion, love, and understanding.”
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“I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experiences, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching, and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the Church.” (Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., Ph D – USCCB speak 1989)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

(Prayer composed by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM, who in 1989 founded the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family)

“God of mercy and love, we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who have paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives, and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior, and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.”

Join us for our Parish Black History Month Celebration with Fr. Marcel Amadi on Saturday, February 24th at 11:00 A.M. in the Original Church and on Sunday, February 25th at the 11:30 A.M. Mass in the Parish Center. “We’ve come this far by Faith.”