



Albuquerque's African American Catholic Community



“The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill three men were crucified. We must never forget that all three were crucified for the same crime---the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thus fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from a Birmingham Jail

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General Information

**The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American
Catholic Community
Cordially Invites All to Our Annual
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass And
Celebration
Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Presider: Most Rev. John C. Wester,
Archbishop of Santa Fe**

Join us in person at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, located at 5901 Saint Joseph's Dr NW (1 block west of Coors and St. Joseph). At this time, the church is fully open. All are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.

Note: This may change if restrictions are changed by the state of New Mexico.

Or join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded:

<https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande112836890430507>

Donations can be mailed to the AACC at 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW ABQ, NM 87120 with AACC on memo line or made securely online at:

<https://archdiocesesantafegiving.org/AACC>

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LITURGY FOR JANUARY 16, 2022 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 [God's Love for His People]

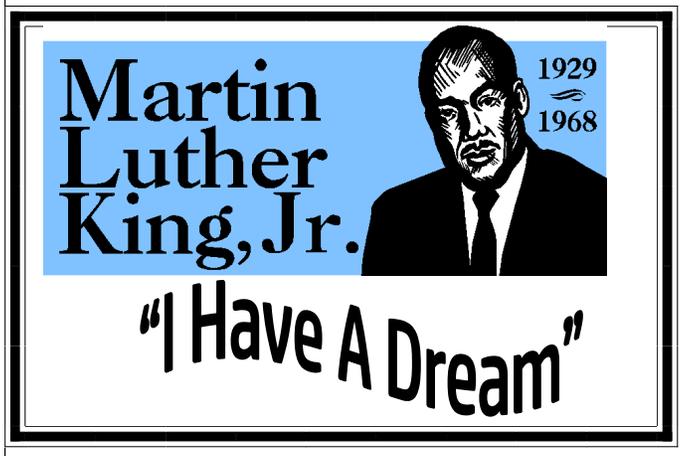
“Zion,” “Jerusalem,” is the people of God and God describes his love and concern for us in terms of the joy of a bridegroom.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 [Gifts of the Holy Spirit]

The gifts of God come from the same Spirit. The gifts are diverse but the Spirit is one; and the gifts are given to unite not separate us.

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11 [Jesus Reveals His Glory]

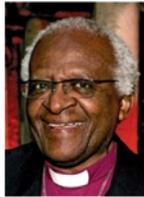
Christ the Lord reveals his glory, and the kingdom of God is at hand.





Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu, South Africa's Nobel Peace Prize-winning icon, an uncompromising foe of apartheid and a modern-day activist for racial justice and LGBT rights, died Sunday at 90, December 26, 2021. South Africans, world leaders and people around the globe mourned the death of the man viewed as the country's moral conscience.



He was Bishop of Johannesburg from 1985 to 1986 and then Archbishop of Cape Town from 1986 to 1996, in both cases being the first black African to hold the position. Theologically, he sought to fuse ideas from black theology with African theology.

Tutu worked passionately, tirelessly and non-violently to tear down apartheid — South Africa's brutal, decades-long regime of oppression against its Black majority that only ended in 1994.

He was popular among South Africa's black majority and was internationally praised for his work involving anti-apartheid activism, for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize and other international awards.

Tutu authored or coauthored numerous publications, including *The Divine Intention* (1982), a collection of his lectures; *Hope and Suffering* (1983), a collection of his sermons; *No Future Without Forgiveness* (1999), a memoir from his time as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time* (2004), a collection of personal reflections; and *Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference* (2010), reflections on his beliefs about human nature. In addition to the Nobel Prize, Tutu received numerous honors, including the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom (2009), an award from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation that recognized his lifelong commitment to "speaking truth to power" (2012), and the Templeton Prize (2013).

AACC Special Intentions

Olivia Marie Price

Olivia M Price, a resident of Albuquerque, NM has gone to be with our Lord at the age of 70 with her forever faithful husband by her side on Saturday, November 27, 2021.



Olivia was a woman of deep devotion and faith. She dedicated her life to serving others, her husband, her children and her Church, Immaculate Conception. She loved music and singing and was a proud member of the choir. Christmas Eve mass was very special to her, and she always invited her whole family to attend and hear her sing in the choir. She loved flowers, plants and gardening and was very well known for her "green thumb".

Olivia was also a member of the AACC (almost from its inception in 1992). She was also a member of the AACC choir for many years. Please pray for Olivia and her family. She will be dearly missed.

Clementine Germain

Please keep Clementine Germain in your prayers. She is the mother of Darly Barkley, AACC member and Fr. Rollins Lambert picnic coordinator.

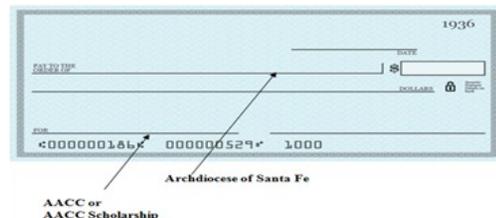
National Black Catholic Congress

Please hold these dates for the next Congress, July 20-23, 2023, Baltimore, MD. Visit <https://nbccongress.org/> for more information.



Financial Support Needed

Mail to: African American Catholic Community, Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 4000 St. Joseph's Pl NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 Or bring to next Mass.



Martin Luther King, Jr. - American Civil-Rights Leader 1929 - 1968 AD.



Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. King was an eloquent Baptist minister and leader of the civil-rights movement in America from the Mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. King pro-

promoted non-violent means to achieve civil-rights reform and was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

Both King's father and grandfather were Baptist preachers. He earned his own Bachelor of Divinity in 1951. While at seminary King became acquainted with Mohandas Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolent social protest. While on a trip to India in 1959 King met with followers of Gandhi. During these discussions he became more convinced than ever that nonviolent resistance was the most potent weapon available to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom.

In the years from 1960 to 1965 King's influence as a civil-rights leader had reached its zenith. The tactics of active nonviolence (sit-ins, protest marches) had put civil-rights squarely on the national agenda. However, by 1966 impatience among young Black activists was eroding some of King's support. His strategy had proved inadequate to solve some of the more complex racial problems of America.

King was only 39 at the time of his death. He had never wavered in his insistence that nonviolence must remain the central tactic of the civil-rights movement, nor in his faith that everyone in America would some day attain equal justice.

As a side, one of my favorite documents that MLK wrote was a letter to local clergy from the Birmingham Jail explaining his actions. He was essentially being reprimanded for demonstrating, agitating and accused of extremism.

Just think, we hear the same rhetoric today for BLM. <https://letterfromjail.com/>

Nigerian bishop who criticized government over Christian persecution called in for questioning: report

Catholic News Agency, Denver Newsroom, Jan 8, 2022 by

A prominent Nigerian bishop has reportedly been ordered in for questioning by a state security agency, after the prelate criticized Nigeria's government for complicity in the face of kidnappings and other persecution of the country's Christians.



Bishop Matthew Kukah, who leads the Sokoto diocese in Nigeria's northwestern corner, released a Christmas message in which he said the government, led by president Muhammadu Buhari, seems to have left the fate of Nigerians in the hands of "evil men."

Kukah decried the fact that over 100 girls abducted by the Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram have yet to be found, as well as "hundreds of other children whose captures were less dramatic," ACI Africa, CNA's news partner, reported Dec. 28.

"Now, we are fully in the grip of evil. Today, a feeling of vindication only saddens me as I have watched the north break into a cacophony of quarrelsome blame games over our tragic situation," Bishop Kukah wrote.

In Nigeria as a whole, at least 60,000 Christians have been killed in the past two decades. An estimated 3,462 Christians were killed in Nigeria in the first 200 days of 2021, or 17 per day, according to a new study.

Nigeria is Africa's most populous nation and the demographics overall are almost evenly split between Christians and Muslims. Nigeria's Christians, especially in the northern part of the country, have for the past several decades been subjected to brutal property destruction, killings, and kidnappings, often at the hands of Islamic extremist groups. Part of the problem, Nigerian Christians have told CNA, is that the Muslim-controlled government has largely responded slowly, inadequately, or not at all to the problem of Christian persecution.

A Few Noteworthy Blacks that Passed Away in 2021

	<p>Bell Hooks, 12/15/21, Pen name for Gloria Watkins, was an American author, professor, feminist, and social activist. Her articles and documentary films addressed race, gender, art, history, sexuality, mass media, and feminism</p>		<p>Cicely Tyson, 1/29/21, was an American actress. Her work spanned more than seven decades. Many of her acting roles portrayed a strong African American woman despite the racial barriers.</p>
	<p>Bishop Desmond Tutu, 12/26/21, A South African Anglican bishop and theologian was a spiritual voice for anti-apartheid and human rights activist. He was the first black African to hold the position of Bishop of Johannesburg and Archbishop of Cape Town</p>		<p>Mary Wilson, 2/8/21, Member of the Motown singing group called "The Supremes". One of the best female acts of the 1960s and best-selling female groups of all-time.</p>
	<p>Vernon Jordan, 3/1/21, Business Executive, civil rights activist and civil rights advisor to President Bill Clinton. His team of lawyers are credited with desegregating the University of Georgia.</p>		<p>Hank Aaron, 1/22/21, Nicknamed "Hammerin Hank", was an American professional baseball player for 23 seasons. On April 8, 1974 he broke Babe Ruth's home run record (714) that stood for 33 years. He finished with 755 home runs upon his retirement.</p>
	<p>Colin Powell, 10/18/21, American military hero who served at the highest military position of the US (chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff). He politically served four Presidents and became the Secretary of State under president George W. Bush</p>		<p>Elgin Baylor, 3/22/21, played fourteen seasons in the NBA all with the Minneapolis/Los Angeles Lakers. Elected as one of the 50 Greatest Players in the NBA. Before there was Dr. J, Michael Jordan, or Pistol Pete there was Elgin Baylor</p>
	<p>Irv Cross, 2/28/21, Professional football player with two NFL teams. After retirement he became the first Black full-time sports analysis for a major network. This would be synonymous of seeing a black quarterback the 1960s (un-heard of).</p>		<p>Clarence Williams III, 6/4/21, American actor most noted for the TV series the "Mod Squad". The Mod Squad series was famous during the Vietnam, Civil Rights, and Women Rights era. He played in many other movies and TV series throughout his career.</p>
	<p>Melvin Van Peebles, 9/21/21, was an American actor, filmmaker, composer and playwright. As a black trailblazer (known as the Godfather of modern black cinema) he ushered in the "blaxploitation" genre. These film types were based on the black Point-Of-View of social, economical and religious life styles .</p>		<p>Biz Markie (Marcel Hall), 7/16/21, Hip-Hop Rapper, DJ and record producer. His 1989 single hit "Just a Friend" became the top 100th hip-hop singles of all time (VHI's One Hit Wonders).</p>

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