



# Albuquerque's African American Catholic Community



**“Another thing I want to suggest is that, really, life is short, this life on earth anyways, but there is eternal life if you can only just keep love and remind people you love that you love them because it is short and there is nothing better than telling people.”** Immaculée Ilibigiza (African Tutsi – “Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust”)

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## The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community Invites you to Mass

Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 12 p.m. Noon  
St Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church  
5901 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM.

Presider: **Rev. Benjamin Onwumelu, Pastor  
of Sacred Heart Church and Spiritual  
Director of the AACC**

Join us in person at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. At this time, the church is fully open with no restrictions. However, people who are not vaccinated are asked to wear a mask. Note: This may change if restrictions are changed by the State of New Mexico.

Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded: <https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507>.

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://www.archdiocesessantafegiving.org/AACC>.

For more information call the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life at 505-831-8167

Please prepare for this mass by reviewing the liturgy.



## LITURGY FOR AUGUST 28, 2022 TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading - Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**  
[**Humility**] Know your own limitations. Live within your own capabilities.

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 68 [Defender of the Poor]** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

**Second Reading - Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a [The Heavenly Jerusalem]** We are drawn to God because of his love and his gift of faith. We are not driven to him out of fear.

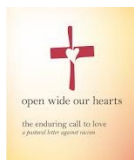
**Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14 [The reward of Humility]** Act in true humility. Do not be frustrated by trying to just create an “image” for yourself.

### The Mission Statement

In the context of our multicultural church, we want to support and reinforce the African American Catholic family and individuals. We invite, challenge and develop an appreciation of our African American culture through liturgy, social, spiritual and educational programs. We pray that our culture will enhance the universality of the Church and the cause of evangelization.

## Join Us for the Series on Racism: Open Wide Our Hearts

### "Racism: An Impediment to the Mission"



This is our ninth webinar in the series based on the Pastoral Letter Open Wide Our Hearts, exploring healing racism in our Church and Community.

**Monday, August 22, 2022**

**6pm – 8pm (MDT)**

**Presenter: Dr. Valerie D. Lewis-Mosley**

Healer, Scholar, Pastoral Theologian, Social Justice Advocate, Lay Associate Order of Preachers - Caldwell Dominicans and Advisory Board Member for Black Catholic ministries at Archdiocese of Newark



[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCsqjMrH9zGKN7U91n6eppeYl1QJe60](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCsqjMrH9zGKN7U91n6eppeYl1QJe60)

**Pre-registration is required; Use the link above or**

**Contact: Social Justice and Respect Life, ASF at 505-831-8205**



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**"...For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**

## Congratulations to Zane Horton

excerpts from ABQJournal, July 7, 2022



Three Central New Mexico (CNM) Community College students took home gold in the Welding Fabrication Team category at the Skills USA Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, in June 2022, according to a news release from CNM.

The event is the largest competition in the country of career technical education students, with more than 6,500 college students competing in 108 trades categories.

The CNM students - Zane Horton, Christopher Rodriguez and Walter Armijo - competed for six hours, facing off against trade students from other states who won gold in qualifying competitions in their respective states. During the competition, the students were told what to fabricate from scratch using raw materials, their tools and welding skills.

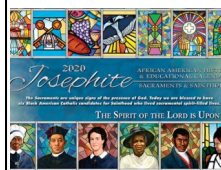
The project they fabricated was a mobile/modular post to hold a welding curtain, which is used to retain the sparks from a welding torch.

Zane is the son of Adrienne Lewis and Zar Horton and the grandson of Joe and Veronica Lewis (the AACC Publicity Chair).

Zane is employed by CACI International in Albuquerque.

## Josephite Calendar Fundraiser

The AACC will be selling 2023 Josephite Calendars at the **October 2022 mass**. This very important fund raiser supports the various ministries of the AACC including the Fr. Rollin Lambert Scholarship Fund. The Calendar is an evangelistic and educational tool as well as an excellent resource for important Afro-centric dates and events. Please support the AACC with this noble fund raiser.



St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, The Josephites, is a religious community of Catholic priests and brothers, committed to serving the African American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and our personal witness.

## School Supply Drive for the ASF Catholic Schools

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe (ASF), in conjunction with the AACC ministry is currently collecting school supplies. This year they need paper towels, Clorox wipes, Small scissors, Crayons, and Copy paper. Bring your supplies to **mass with you on August 28th** and celebrate with our Lambert Scholars. There will be a bin at the church. The benefits include Faith filled education, Fostering uniqueness and Preparing leaders. We have 13 Catholic schools that need your help this year! Our school supplies drive has benefited the teachers and students for **the past 10 years**.



## ARE YOU ALL IN FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS??

Other drop-off locations include Risen Savior Catholic Church (7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE) and Garson's Catholic Store (2415 San Pedro Dr. NE). Thank you for your generosity.

## Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarship Fundraiser September 1, 2022 - December 1, 2022

**Goal: \$25,000.00**

Contact: 505-831-8205

The AACC scholarship has affected **108 (one hundred eight)** students from families who demonstrate financial need and desire for their children to receive a faith-based education. Thanks to donations, gifts, and grants, **\$157,477.00 (one hundred fifty-seven thousand, four hundred seventy-seven dollars)** have been distributed since August 2010.

Would you open wide your heart and consider a donation for **\$50.00 or more** to help us step closer to the **\$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars)** goal and make a difference for African American families with elementary children, Catholic or Non-Catholic, dreams of a Catholic education come true.

Here are the ways you can donate:

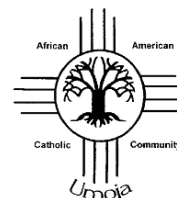
1. Donate online <https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/aacc>

2. Write a check: Payee **Archdiocese of Santa Fe; Memo line AACC Scholarship**; (no cash please) Mail in self addressed envelope (add stamp) to 4000 St. Joseph's Place NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

## Father Rollin Lambert's Annual Picnic

*The Archdiocese of Santa Fe  
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invites you to the  
AACC Annual Picnic*

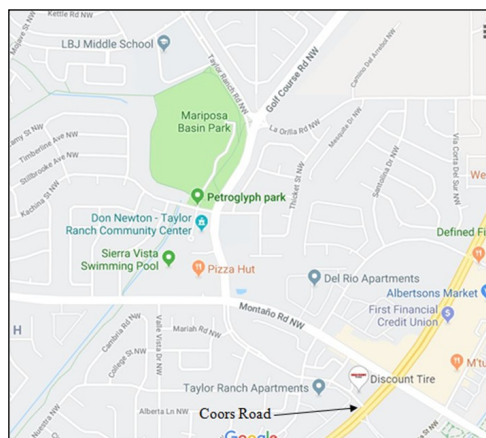


**Sunday, September 18, 2022  
4:30 PM – Dawn**

**Mariposa Park  
4900 Kachina St NW.  
Albuquerque, NM 87120**

Please RSVP to Darly Barkley @ 505-363-3435

Please bring your favorite dish to share and a chair. Meats, drinks and paper goods will be provided by the AACC.



## St. Peter Claver - Feast Day September 9th

**St. Peter Claver**, Spanish **San Pedro Claver**, (born 1581, Verdú, Spain—died September 4, 1654, Cartagena, Colombia; canonized 1888; feast day September 9), Jesuit missionary to South America who, in dedicating his life to the aid of enslaved Africans, earned the title of “apostle of the Negroes.”

Peter entered the Society of Jesus in 1602 and eight years later was sent to Cartagena, where he was ordained in 1616. The **miserable condition** of enslaved people aboard ships and in the pens of Cartagena, South America's chief slave market, caused Peter to declare himself “**the slave of the Negroes forever**”

## Michael E. Langley

*U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael E. Langley has been confirmed as a general, making history as the first Black four-star Marine general in 246 years.*



Congress confirmed Langley's promotion on Monday, August 6, 2022. He will become commander of U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, and will command all U.S. military forces in Africa, according to the Marines.

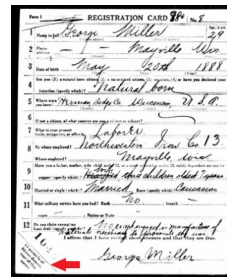
## If person of African descent, tear off this corner (Draft Registration Card of 1917)

Woodrow Wilson is best known as the World War I president who earned a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to found the League of Nations. A progressive reformer who fought against monopolies and child labor, he served two terms starting in 1913.

Before the election of President Woodrow Wilson, Black Americans worked at all levels of the **federal government**. But when Wilson assumed office in 1913, he mandated that the federal workforce be segregated by race. Though Black voters had histori-

cally supported the Republican Party, Wilson, a Democrat, gained the support of many Black voters—including W.E.B. Dubois, Booker T. Washington, and Monroe Trotter - due to his **campaign promise of equal treatment**. His racial segregation order “came swiftly and suddenly, taking Black Americans by surprise. Wilson imposed segregation in his Cabinet departments, and appointed Southern Democrats, who were likely in favor of segregationist policies, to lead them. This policy amplified the stigma of black men & women soldiers because of the War Department segregation mandate.

Though black soldiers had received the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War-era years, when the honor was first created, not a single one of the million-plus black servicemen who served in World War I or World War II received the medal until 1991. It was then, a whopping 73 years after he gave his life leading an all-black Infantry Regiment during World War I, that Corporal Freddie Stowers was posthumously given the medal by President George H.W. Bush.



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