

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

"Our Family Home"

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

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Sunday of Lent



Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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Website: www.saintkatharinedrexel.org

Mass Times:

8:00 am & 10:00 am

1:00 pm (Nigerian Community)

Daily Mass 9:00am Monday-Saturday
(Ruggles Street)



Rosary: Sundays 12:30 pm

St. Katharine Drexel Parish
is a Black Catholic Community
of believers,
celebrating and rejoicing
in the love of GOD



JN 12: 20-33

"Wish to be one who conscientiously takes part in the unfolding of God's plans and eventually have a glorious part in the unfolding of the panorama of time into the eternal glory of GOD'S KINGDOM IN HEAVEN."

ST. K.D.



(Twitter@Pontifex)
Pope Francis' Tweet

"Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments."

Pope Francis

LECTORS

Sunday 03/22	8am: Lorraine Valentine 10am: Jemma Joseph 1pm: John Okafor	Njida Mbuyi Mohana Bailey Obinna Uchendu
Sunday 03/29	8am: Robert Gittens 10am: Moy Calder-Arneaud 1pm: Nt Izuchi	Joe-Ann Fergus Stacie Holmes Francis Ibili

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday 03/22	8am: Marion Peters 10am: Jacquie Townes 1pm: Sr. Christiana O. Chinwe Kate Okoye	Robert Gittens Maurice Tshitenge Tina Kamalu
Sunday 03/22	8am: Marion Peters 10am: Agnes Tshitenge 1pm: Sr. Christiana O. Chinwe Kate Okoye	Felix Okonkwo Pat Smith Tina Kamalu

Scripture for the week of March 26th

22 SUN Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
 23 Mon Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
 24 Tue Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 25 Wed Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 26 Thu Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
 27 Fri Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 28 Sat Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 29 SUN Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



**EVERY THURSDAY 7PM-8PM
 PARISH CENTER, RUGGLES ST.**

MARCH 26TH

**MATTHEW 4: 1-11
 THE CHRISTIAN AND TEMPTATION**



MIDWEEK REFRESHER

READ: John 12: 20-33

REFLECT: "The whole world has run after him!" observe the Pharisees bitterly after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: On the eve of the last week of his life, the fourth gospel brings to a close the Book of Signs and opens the Book of Glory. Just as the arrival of the first disciples on the banks of the Jordan heralds the beginning of Jesus' signs, so the arrival of Greek disciples heralds the beginning of his glory. Far from being incidental extras, these foreigners signal the arrival of a significant moment. The "Hour" has come when Jesus, lifted up from the earth and glorified, will draw all people to himself. It is an hour of paradox, when all realities change meaning: to die is to live and to lose is to find. In order to bear fruit, the grain must decompose in the earth. From such a death will come the procession of nations foretold in Scripture for the last days: they will lift up their eyes to the tree of life. "We should like to see Jesus!" Who today will enable us to "see" Jesus and to discover, in his death, the first-fruits of glorification? Who are the disciples who will serve as our intermediaries so that we can recognize the Son of Man? Will the "Greeks" of our time--all those loyal people who seek a meaning for their lives - find around them friends of Jesus to take them into his presence?

PRAY: Pray that just as Jesus was lifted up on His cross for us all, we might embrace the cross given us and so overthrow the evil one in our life.

ACT: Help another bear his/her cross, especially the poor.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Dear Lord, we are happy for life here on earth! Heavenly Father, we are deeply concerned about peace in the world, especially in our communities. We know that true peace is not merely the absence of tension, it is the presence of justice. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend upon our communities to eradicate the injustices. We know that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and that what affects one directly affects all indirectly. Send down your rain so the children will be refreshingly bathed. Send your sunshine so they may bask in the rays. Spread your rainbow so the children will be delighted of its beauty. Let them drink of lemonade from the lemons of life. Our faith is strong in you Dear Lord. We thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit who you gave us as our Advocate. May you inspire us in our mission as St. Katharine Drexel Social Justice Committee to bring about the peace and love of Jesus Christ that will truly be an example of Social Justice both locally and globally. It is well with our soul that you will hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARCH 22ND

8AM

The Mass is being offered for Manuel Andrews as we remember his 42nd Anniversary of Death.
Requested by: Ruth Andrews and Family

For Sonia T. Pinnock's as we remember her 1st Anniversary of Death. Praying God to grant her eternal rest.
Requested by: Friends and Husband, H. Phillips

10AM

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1PM

Praying for the repose of the soul of Akunne Vincent Onochie. May his gentle soul rest in peace.
Requested by: The Family of Augustine Onochie

Thanksgiving to God for journey mercies to and from Nigeria and praying for good health of mind and body and for His faithfulness.
Requested by: Mama Caroline Ude

Praying for God's mercy and healing on their son, Jr. Ojimba.
Requested by: Chief & Lolo Ambrose Ojimba

Thanking God for His goodness and mercies upon him.
Requested by: Ralph Ilona

Thanking God for His faithfulness, for all favors received and for special intentions for the year 2015 and forgiveness of sins.
Requested by: Anonymous



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Barros, Cleophus G. Bynoe
Clarine Fenton, Alicia (Renee) Fullerton
Marilyn Hicks, Sr. Joanne McGovern
Mary Ramos, Herb Stephens, Mavis Walker



IN MEMORY OF

Jeffery & Alice Anyaoku, Paul & Henrietta Ibili
Friar Joseph Itabor, W. C. Okwerekwu
Boniface Onyewuche, Caroline Onyewuche

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
FASHION SHOW

The SJC is excited to announce that we will be hosting a FASHION SHOW, featuring the Ladies of Saint Katharine Drexel here at the Church on:

JUNE 6TH

The theme is "EMBRACE THE VISION-ELEVATE AND ILLUMINATE YOUR BRAND." If you think about it, everyone here has his or her own brand.

We are looking for women of all ages who are interested in participating.

If you are thinking, "I can't model," you may not know it, but we have resident experts in our own Parish who will teach you.

Also, anyone interested will participate in 7 uplifting workshops, leading up to the fashion show, where you will have the opportunity to bond with fellow parishioners and uplift yourselves spiritually, physically and mentally.

For those gentlemen that feel left out, we are also looking for volunteers to escort our lovely models down the runway.

If you are interested or know of anyone who would be, please contact:

Damaris Johnson
Felicia Okonkwo
Donnetta Andrews
Jumaada Smith
Violette Emille
Loraine Valentine



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH
SENIOR CITIZEN CYBER CAFÉ PROGRAM
TIMOTHY SMITH FOUNDATION
SECOND SEMESTER 2015

Day: Fridays (Bi-Weekly) Time: 10:00am-Noon
Place: Computer Room, 2nd Floor, 175 Ruggles St.

Dates: April 10th; April 24th

Instructors are Sister Karen Hokanson, SND, Ed.D. and students from Emmanuel College. Lessons are one-to-one tutoring and include assistance with the Internet, Email, and Microsoft Office.

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY
www.nigeriancatholicboston.org

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Nigerian Catholic Women's Women's Organization:	Mrs. Uche Uchendu President
Nigerian Catholic Youth Organization:	Miss Gloria Iheuwa President

PRAYER FOR NIGERIA

All powerful and merciful Father, You are the God of Justice, Love and Peace. You rule over all the nations of the earth. Power and might are in Your hands and no one can withstand You. We present our country, Nigeria, before You. We praise and thank You for You are the source of all we have and are. We are sorry for all the sins we have committed and for good deeds we have failed to do. In Your loving forgiveness keep us safe from the punishment we deserve. Lord, we are weighed down not only by uncertainties, but also by moral, economic and political problems. Listen to the cries of Your people who confidently turn to You. God of infinite goodness, our strength in adversity, health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to us your people. Spare this nation, Nigeria, from chaos, anarchy and doom. Bless us with Your kingdom of justice, love and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFICE HOURS AT THE PARISH CENTER
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**Beginning at 7 p.m. every Friday during Lent
 St. Katharine Drexel Parish
 Is pleased to hold the Stations of the Cross
 Before Holy Mass**



The RCIA program is open to all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. At this time, we are beginning a group of participants preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Archdiocese of Boston will be scheduling Adult Confirmation for this year. Now may be the time for you, a friend or family member to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please contact Sr. Christine Smith at 617-442-0980 or see Sister or our Pastor before or after Sunday Mass.



**REMEMBER OUR FOOD BARREL
 IN THE CHURCH VESIBULE**

Try to drop something in once a month.
 It will be well used.

PLEASE: NOTHING OUTDATED

Thank You!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

GENERAL: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

MISSION: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Fast from judging others;
Fast from emphasis on differences;

Fast from apparent darkness;
Fast from thoughts of illness;

Fast from words that pollute;
Fast from discontent;

Fast from anger;
Fast from pessimism;

Fast from worry;
Fast from complaining;

Fast from negatives;
Fast from unrelenting pressures;

Fast from hostility;
Fast from bitterness;

Fast from self-concern;
Fast from personal anxiety;

Fast from discouragement;
Fast from facts that depress;

Fast from lethargy;
Fast from suspicion;

Fast from thoughts that weaken;
Fast from shadows of sorrow;

Fast on idle gossip;
Fast from problems that overwhelm;

Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Feast on the unity of all life.

Feast on the reality of all light.
Feast on the healing power of God.

Feast on phrases that purify.
Feast on gratitude.

Feast on patience.
Feast on optimism.

Feast on God's providence
Feast on appreciation.

Feast on affirmatives.
Feast on unceasing prayer.

Feast on non-resistance.
Feast on forgiveness.

Feast on compassion for others.
Feast on eternal truth.

Feast on hope.
Feast on verities that uplift.

Feast on enthusiasm.
Feast on truth.

Feast on promises that inspire.
Feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Feast on purposeful silence.
Feast on prayer that sustains.



CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

SPANISH MASS

Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Spend St. Patrick's Day with CatholicTV while we host Mass, This is The Day & Divine Mercy Chaplet from Ireland!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

CATHOLICTV WEBATHON

March 8-16

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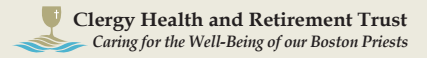
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