

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

“Our Family Home”

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

John 15:1-2 (NAB)



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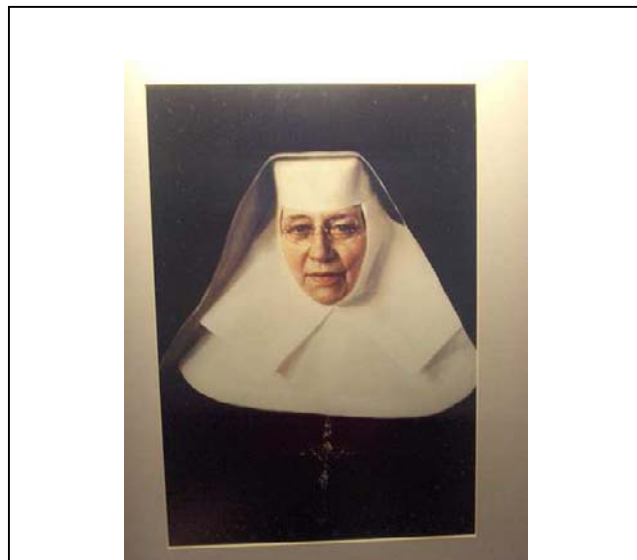
Mass Times:

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 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine...Remain in Me, as I remain in You" - these words of Our Lord inspired St. Katharine Drexel to choose as her Congregation's motto: "ABIDE IN THE VINE."

ST. K.D.

LECTORS

Sunday	8am:	Lorraine Valentine	Joe-Ann Fergus
05/17	10am:	Terri-Ann Olivacce-Marie	Patricia Smith
	1pm:	Okey Izuchi	Chinassa Obijiaku
Sunday	8am:	Felix Okonkwo	Njida Mbuyi
05/24	10am:	Moy Calder-Arneaud	Stacie Holmes



MIDWEEK REFRESHER

READ: John 15:1-8

REFLECT: At the beginning of the second discourse after the Last Supper, Jesus says, "I am the true vine!" When he makes such an unprecedented remark, does he have in mind that vine carved in stone on the temple pediment to symbolize Israel? The image fits well within the context of the Last Supper, where Jesus has just given his disciples the wine of the new covenant prefigured at Cana. In any case, it would evoke in the hearts of the disciples the whole history of the relationship between God and the chosen people. Sign of blessing, symbol of the fruitful wife, the vine is present throughout the life of this people who are attached to the land. God could rightly expect fine grapes from the luxuriant vine uprooted from Egypt and planted in Canaan. He had lavished so much care on it! But he received only sour grapes in return. In the words of the prophets, the vine came to signify the sinful and degenerate Israel, unfaithful to the covenant and about to be punished for its perversity. Later hope is re-born for a magnificent vine, a purified and faithful people for whom the Lord would be the guardian, day and night. "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine-grower." Jesus at last fulfills the divine expectation which has so long been frustrated. He is, in his person, the true Israel, and his blood has brought forth a new vine on Calvary. Henceforth none can bear fruit for God unless they are in Jesus, and Jesus in them, in a reciprocity of love which alone assures life its fruitfulness. "You in me...I in you": that is the refrain of this discourse, the marvelous promise which the Eucharist already begins to fulfill.

PRAY: Pray to be nourished by the true vine.

ACT: Treat our brothers and sisters in the Lord as also grafted onto the true vine.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday	8am:	Marion Peters	Robert Gittens
05/03	10am:	Pat Smith	Sr. Christine S.
	1pm:	Sr. Christiana O.	
Sunday	8am:	Marion Peters	Felix Okonkwo
05/10	10am:	Jacquie Townes	Maurice Tshitenge
	1pm:	Sr. Christiana O.	

Scripture for the week of May 3rd

3	SUN	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
4	Mon	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
5	Tue	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
6	Wed	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-824
7	Thu	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
8	Fri	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
9	Sat	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
10	SUN	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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

MAY 7TH

ISAIAH 58: 1-9a
DO THE WORK, BUT CHECK THE HEART!



APRIL 19TH

8am: \$572 10am: \$1,033 1pm: \$1,200.50

Please remember the Catholic Appeal for 2015!

Thank you for your generosity!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

MAY 3RD
1PM

For the One Year Death Anniversary of the repose of the soul of their husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather and also for God's continuous guidance and protection on the family.

Requested by:
The Family of Sir Peter & Lady Ogoo Onyemelukwe

Thanking God for His numerous blessings on the family.
Requested by The Family of Ita Madu

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

Praying for their special intentions.
Requested by:
The Family of 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

Cleophus G. Bynoe, Clarine Fenton
Alicia (Renee) Fullerton, Marilyn Hicks
Mary Ramos, Herb Stephens



Sr. Joanne McGovern
Mavis Walker

GBIO ASSEMBLY AT TRINITY CHURCH

GBIO Interfaith Organization will meet with the Governor:

When: Tuesday, May 12th
Place: Trinity Church in Copley Square

Our Vision for the Future Includes:

- Affordable Health Care
- Gun Safety
- Public Schools (Dearborn STEM Academy in particular)
- Criminal Justice
- Gentrification, Affordable Housing & Homelessness

St. Katharine Drexel is looking to turn out 50 people!

Let's fill the bus that will leave from St. KD Parking Lot on Blue Hill at **6:00PM**.

Come and join us as we **BUILD OUR FUTURE!**



As they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
ACTS 1:9

ASCENSION THURSDAY
SCHEDULE

MAY 14TH AT 9:00AM and 6:00PM
Ruggles Street

Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please try to attend one of the above Masses.



HOLY FATHER'S APRIL
PRAYER INTENTIONS

GENERAL: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

MISSION: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.



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"Every Christian community must be a welcoming home for those searching for God, for those searching for a brother or sister to listen to them"

Pope Francis



ASBS PRAYER MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 14th
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Place: St. K.D. Parish Center
Theme: "Honoring Our Blessed Mother"

New Members Always Welcome! Prayer sharing the spirit & Charism of our Patron, St. Katharine Drexel.

SENIOR CLUB

Date: Friday, May 15th
Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM
Place: St. K.D. Parish Center

"At Home" Movie: "Annie"

Refreshments, Fellowship & Entertainment

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY
www.nigeriancatholicboston.org

Chaplain:	Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo
Pastoral Associate:	Sr. Christiana Onyewuche, E.H.J
Vice Chairman:	Mrs. Chinwe Okoye
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Liturgy Master of Ceremony:	Mr. Edward Ngobidi
Coordinator of Altar Servers:	Master Alvan Osunkwo
Acting Director of Music:	Mr. Okey Izuchi
Nigerian Catholic Men's Organization:	Mr. Willy Okwerekwu President
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
 (175 RUGGLES STREET)**

**TUESDAY: 10AM-2PM
 THURSDAY: 10AM-2PM
 FRIDAY: 9:30AM-12PM**

**ALL OTHER TIMES, CALL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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**Beginning at 7:00PM every Friday,
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 Blessed Sacrament available
 for Adoration for ONE HOUR
 before Holy 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!

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.

**Fashion
Show**

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FASHION SHOW

**Fashion
Show**

OUR THEME

Embrace The Vision - Elevate and Illuminate Your Brand

I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! Psalms 139:14

Casting Call: The Social Justice Committee is calling all Women and girls from 12 to 50+, to appreciate your gifts, to see yourselves as made in God's image, and to value your contributions to community and society.

Come and participate in three uplifting 2 hour workshops and two rehearsals leading up to a fashion show on **JUNE 6TH**, where you will have the opportunity to bond with fellow parishioners and uplift yourselves spiritually, physically and mentally.

The three workshops will be held Saturdays starting April 25th through May 9th from 2:00PM-4:00PM and the rehearsals will be held May 23rd and May 30th from 2:00PM-4:00PM. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please see:

Donnetta Andrews, Violette Emile, Damaris Johnson, Felicia Okonkwo Tshitenge
Sr. Christiana Onyewuche, Jumaada Smith, Lorraine Valentine



SR. MARY HART SUMMER CAMP
SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

The camp has openings for counselors. We are looking for teenagers 15yrs and older who enjoy working with children, are responsible, energetic, creative and team players.

The counselors are required to attend a 2 day orientation/training the week of **JUNE 29TH**. The camp runs from **JULY 7TH-AUGUST 7TH**.

If you have any questions or you are interested in applying for the counselor position:

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St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center
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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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