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Fresh off of MLK Day celebrations in dioceses around the country, Black History Month is now upon us, bringing even more celebrations. We have compiled here a list of such events throughout the nation in the coming days and weeks.

(This list may not be exhaustive. Please contact your local diocese, [Black Catholic office](#), or [a Black parish in your area](#) for more info. We will also be updating this page and [the BCM calendar](#) as more events are announced.)

National

- Feb. 1: Birthday of [Langston Hughes](#), preeminent Black poet and longtime Mass-goer.
- Feb. 2: [National Day of Prayer for the African-American and African Family](#)
- Feb. 3: Feast of Venerable [Mary Lange](#), founder of the nation's first order of Black women religious (the [Oblate Sisters of Providence](#)).
- Feb. 8: Feast of St [Josephine Bakhita](#), the first Black woman canonized in the modern era.
- Feb. 11: Birthday of Mother [Mary Theodore Williams](#), FHM, founder of the [Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary](#).
- Feb. 12: [Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament](#) founder's day, honoring St. [Katharine Drexel](#)'s first vows in the order.
- Feb. 13: Anniversary of the death of [Samuel "St. Peter's Sam" Henderson](#), formerly enslaved man who served the sick in Memphis during the devastating Yellow Fever epidemic of 1878.
- Feb. 27: Birthday of Fr [Patrick Healy](#), SJ, one of the earliest Black priests in America and the "second founder" of Georgetown University.

Albany

- Feb. 11: "[The Struggle Makes You Stronger: Lessons Dr. King Taught Me](#)" keynote at Siena College in Loudonville with Nancy Giles at 7pm ET.

Atlanta

- Feb. 14-16: "[The Hip Hop Mass](#)" premiere at the Lyke House Catholic Center with Dr. Kevin P. Johnson.

Austin

- Feb. 2, 9, 16: [BHM presentations](#) on "The Church and Labor" following the 10am CT Masses at Holy Cross Catholic Church.
- Feb. 23: [Motherland Sunday Mass](#) at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 10am CT.

Baltimore:

- Feb. 8: [Venerable Mary Lange death anniversary Mass](#) at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent with Fr Albert Anuszewski, OSsT at 11am ET.
- Feb. 26: [Sacred Jazz concert](#) at the Baltimore Basilica with the Greg Hatza ORGANization and the Office of Black Catholic Ministries Choir at 7pm ET.

Boston

- Feb. 1-25: [BHM events](#) at Boston College.

Brooklyn

- Feb. 9: [BHM Mass](#) at St. Laurence Catholic Church at 9am ET.
- Feb. 15-16: [BHM gala and Unity Mass](#) at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church in Queens.
- Feb. 16: [BHM Mass](#) at St. Clare Catholic Church in Queens with Archbishop Kenneth Richards of Kingston at 11am ET.
- Feb. 16: [BHM Mass](#) at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church with Archbishop Kenneth Richards of Kingston at 4pm ET.
- March 1: [BHM Committee fundraiser](#) at St. Pascal Baylon Church Hall in Queens at 2pm ET.

Chicago

- Feb. 2-7: [African-American speaking series](#) on Sundays at St. Sabina Catholic Church.
- Feb. 21: African American Heritage Prayer Service at Holy Name Cathedral at 9:30am CT.
- Feb. 23: [BHM Family Day jazz Mass and brunch](#) at St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church with Fr Carl Gales, SVD at 9am CT.
- Feb. 23: [Annual Archbishop James P. Lyke African American Male Image Awards](#) at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park at 2pm CT.

Cincinnati

- Feb. 12: [Annual Findley Lecture](#) at the Athenaeum of Ohio's Bartlett Center with Archbishop Shelton Fabre of Louisville at 7:30pm ET.

Cleveland

- Feb. 8: [Presentation on the legacy of Fr Clarence Williams, CPPS](#) at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe with Dr. Regennia Williams at 9:30am ET.

Denver

- Feb. 15: [Regional Black Catholic Congress](#) at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Aurora with keynote speaker Sr Gail Trippett, CSJ and liturgist M. Roger Holland II at 10am MT.

Detroit

- Feb. 2-28: [Black History Month events](#) at the University of Detroit Mercy.
- Feb. 22: [Songs of Freedom: Celebrating the Sacred Music of African American Composers](#) at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church at 7pm ET.

Fall River

- Feb. 2: [BHM Mass](#) at Stonehill College's Chapel of Mary in Easton at 7pm ET.

Harrisburg

- Feb. 9: [BHM Mass](#) at Saint Patrick Cathedral with Bishop Timothy Senior at 12:15pm ET.

Honolulu

- Feb. 7: [Gospel heritage concert](#) at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Kailua-Kona with the Kona Choral Society at 7pm HT.
- Feb. 16: [Gospel heritage concert](#) at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Kailua with the Windward Choral Society at 4pm HST.

Indianapolis

- Feb. 27-28: "[Sacred Music and Race in the American Church](#)" workshop at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology with Dr. Karen Shadle, Archbishop Shelton Fabre of Louisville, and the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Lafayette

- Feb. 23: [Annual African Tea fundraiser](#) at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Breaux Bridge with the Drexel Society at 2pm CT.

Los Angeles

- Feb. 1-March 29: "[Ghosts of Segregation](#)" photography exhibition and conversation at Loyola Marymount University by Rich Frishman.
- Feb. 5: "[Journeys of Black Mathematicians: Creating Pathways](#)" film screening and panel at Loyola Marymount University with Dr. Robin Wilson at 6pm PT.
- Feb. 8: [Rosary against Human Trafficking](#) for the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church in Redondo Beach at 7pm PT.
- Feb. 15: [BHM Mass and Keeper of the Flame awards ceremony](#) at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels with Archbishop José H. Gómez at 5pm PT.
- Feb. 16: "[Singing the Spirituals](#)" event at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach with Dr. Kim Harris at 10am PT.

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Louisville

- Feb. 25: [Annual Thomas Merton Lecture](#) at Bellarmine University with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. of Lexington at 7pm ET.

Memphis

- Feb. 1-27: [BHM events](#) at Christian Brothers University.

Milwaukee

- Feb. 1-28: [BHM events](#) at Marquette University.

Mobile

- Feb. 2: [BHM program](#) at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Robert Holmes at 3pm CT.

Newark

- Feb. 2: [BHM presentation](#) at Christ the King Catholic Church with Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley at 10am ET.
- Feb. 4-27: [BHM events](#) at Seton Hall University in South Orange.
- Feb. 16: [BHM Jubilee Mass](#) at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart with Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington and Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR at 2:30pm ET.

New York

- Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23: "[A Pilgrimage of Courageous Hope](#)" BHM Masses at various parishes.
- Feb. 11: [BHM lecture](#) at Fordham University's Lowenstein Building with Christina Swarns at 4:30pm ET.

Oakland

- Feb. 2, 9, 23: [African American Celebration Series](#) during Sunday Masses at St. Columba Catholic Church.
- Feb. 2, 9, 23: [BHM events](#) at St. Benedict Catholic Church.
- Feb. 20-23: [Gospel music workshop and Mass](#) with M. Roger Holland II at St. Columba Catholic Church.

Paterson

- Feb. 16: BHM ecumenical services at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 10:30am and 4pm ET.

Philadelphia

- Feb. 3: [Sister Bea Jeffries, SBS, Black Catholic Formation Program.](#)

Phoenix

- Feb. 2: [National Day of Prayer for the African-American and African Family](#) at the 11am MT Sunday Mass for St. Josephine Bakhita Mission.

- Feb. 9: [BHM Mass](#) at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral with Bishop John P. Dolan at 9am MT.

Pittsburgh

- Feb. 19: "[America's Real Sister Act: Black Catholic Nuns in United States History](#)" [lecture](#) at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School in Coraopolis with Dr. Shannen Dee Williams at 7pm ET.

Richmond

- Feb. 1: [BHM presentation](#) at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception with Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Joseph N. Perry of Chicago at 10am ET.

Rockville Centre

- Feb. 23: [BHM Mass](#) at St. Martha Catholic Church in Uniondale with Auxiliary Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski at 12:30pm ET.

San Jose

- Feb. 23: [BHM Mass](#) at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church with Bishop Oscar Cantú at 3pm PT. Reception to follow.

Scranton

- Feb. 3-26: [BHM events](#) at the University of Scranton.

Seattle

- Feb. 7-8: "[Six Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood](#)" [presentation](#) at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in Bellevue with ValLimar Jansen.

Spokane

- Feb. 1-10: [BHM events](#) at Gonzaga University.

Springfield in Illinois

- Feb. 22: [BHM Mass and soul food diner](#) at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Fr Frederick Mbiere at 4pm CT.

St. Augustine

- Feb. 1: [Militia Muster](#) reenactment at Fort Mose Historic State Park at approximately 9:30am ET.
- Feb. 6-16: [Fort Mose Jazz and Blues Series](#) at Fort Mose Historic State Park.
- Feb. 9: [Spirituals concert](#) at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Jacksonville with M. Roger Holland II and the Cathedral Choir.
- Feb. 20-22: [Flight to Freedom](#) reenactment at Fort Mose Historic State Park at 9am ET.

Toledo

- Feb. 23: ["All God's Children" concert](#) at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church with Dr. Antoine T. Clark, the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, and the Bowling Green State University Gospel Choir at 5pm ET.

Toronto

- Feb. 22: [BHM/African Heritage Mass](#) at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 5pm ET.

Washington

- Feb. 5: [BHM lecture](#) at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Dr. Maurice Jackson and student musicians from the Duke Ellington School for the Arts at 6:30pm ET
- Feb. 22: [BHM Mass](#) at the Church of the Incarnation with Auxiliary Bishop Roy E. Campbell Jr. at 10am ET. Praise and worship begins at 9:30am. Fellowship to follow Mass.
- Feb. 27: [Building Bridges Dinner](#) at the Catholic University of America's Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center with Will Jawando at 6pm ET.

Wichita

- Feb. 4: [MLK Distinguished Service Awards ceremony](#) at Newman University's Dugan Gorges Conference Center at 4pm CT.