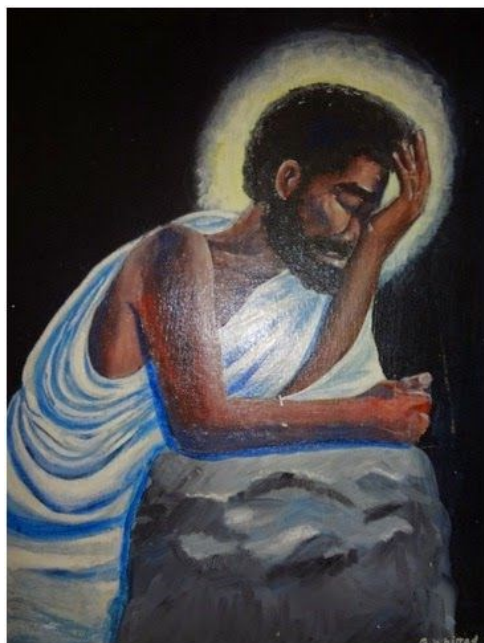




Embracing the Press

by Julie Welborn



From dust, you have come, and to dust, you will return.

We may not have certainty about most things, but these 2 things we do – we have come from dust and we will return to dust. Kind of sobering. But so true. So appropriate. Come on Julie, this is supposed to be an article that uplifts our spirits; we want to read words that inspire us, not to be reminded of our humanity, our immortality. May I suggest both can happen; that by discussing, investigating, by looking harder at our lives, we just might be surprised, and find some inspiration. Inspiration is simply being moved to want to do something, or to feel something. Don't you want to be moved to do and feel something?

We are in the season of Lent. A time we when are reminded that we are finite beings – and while we don't have a lot of control of our start and end date, we can have some say about how we spend the time in between. The reality is that we will leave this earth one day. In that same reality exist the truth that we have some things to do –we have some people, places, and things that we are to steward. We have a responsibility to not only live our lives, but

to live these precious lives with purpose.

And the season of Lent creates a block a time where we give ourselves permission to hold the mirror up and to look at ourselves – not just glance to see if things are in place – not just to present the me we want others to see, but to hold the mirror up and gaze into ourselves. Lent is the time when we contemplate sacrifice. Sacrifice involves surrender – giving up one thing for something else that has more value. Why should we consider sacrificing – whether it is a behavior or an activity or a habit? Sacrifice serves as a reminder of what Jesus endured for us when he went to the cross.

But let's not move to the cross too soon – without revisiting his journey to the cross. I recently re-watched the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. It was incredibly difficult to watch – but so necessary. It starts with Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane – a place surrounded by olive trees; a place where the olives were pressed to extract its oil; in Aramaic – translates to gat semane – meaning the place of the olive press.

Gethsemane – located on the site of the Mount of Olives – sometimes referred to as the Mount of Anointing.

Gethsemane – the place where the humanity and divinity of Jesus collide.

Gethsemane – the place where Jesus's purpose – his true destiny unfolds.

Gethsemane – the place where the rubber meets the road – when everything that Jesus has prepared for reaches its climax.

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Gethsemane – the place where Jesus reflected and prayed – anguished over his identity and his assignment. It was here where, like the olives – he too was being pressed. Pressed to have a conversation with his Father about his ultimate destiny; Pressed to surrender to say Yes to the will of his Father; Pressed to drink from the cup inscribed with his name only; Pressed with a decision that would have ramifications for you and for me; Pressed to decrease and allow the presence and the power of God to increase in him; Pressed to say goodbye to his friends and his family for a cause that would have ripple effects throughout the world and eternity.

Gethsemane – a place of pressure; a place of decision. It was here where he brought his ministry team – it was here where he wrestled not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities; it was here where he brought those

with whom he poured into and entrusted his mantle; it was here where he made the request of his colleagues to sit with him; to wait with him, and pray while he came to terms with the biggest decision ever presented to him

Gethsemane - a place of great mental and spiritual suffering. Jesus knew He needed to suffer for the sins of all people. He did not want to suffer. He chose to suffer.

Gethsemane – a place of contradiction – both a place of great beauty, yet a place of agony. It was here where he saw your face and mine and considered our lives and our futures.

As you and I consider the place called Gethsemane and all it symbolizes in Scripture and all the events that took place there – it is a good reminder that you and I need sacred places in our lives. We need places where we remember how God has fulfilled His promises to us, special places where we go regularly to pray and meet with God, places of hope where we are reminded to trust God with our futures, places of redemption where we remember how God has redeemed the evil in our lives and turned it for good and places of victory where we remember, Christ is victorious! He has overcome the evil one and He will reign eternally.

Gethsemane – the place where Jesus was pressed; and because he was pressed then, we can press today – we can press to apprehend everything he apprehended for us. We can press and run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

As African Americans, we especially can identify with suffering, loss, pain, marginalization, and injustice. But in that same vain, we especially have and show the capacity to endure, to forgive, to fight, and to press to live lives worthy of the high calling given to us. We especially choose to embrace the cross that Jesus carried for us recognizing that on his journey to Golgotha, he saw our faces and our lives and made a decision that we were worth it. Because he lives, so can we.

We are a chosen people. Please, do not cower, do not shrink back. Let your light shine. Be the salt on the earth. Live on purpose. Live with purpose. To do anything less is to rob the earth, the world, of the gift you are!



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Living My Life as an Easter Person

by Beverly Ann Stewart



As a young girl growing up Catholic on the Southside of Chicago, my family was rich in catholic traditions. I was what they called a cradle catholic. Baptized at two weeks old at the old Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on the Westside of Chicago. In 1961 at the age of six, my family moved to the far South Side of Chicago. I attended the now-shuttered St. Jude Thaddeus Church. Among the various celebrated Catholic Christian holidays and seasons, i.e.: Christmas, Advent, Lent, Palm Sunday and the Triduum, Easter (Resurrection Sunday) stands out the most.

That was an exciting time. I was not an only child, so my brothers and sister were just as excited. This was when we got our second pair of shoes for the school year. Mother got us our Easter coats (more likely trench coats) and dresses. As young girls, my sister and I got Easter hats, purses, and gloves. We could not wait for Easter Sunday to don the attire. This went on till I graduated from high school.

When I got married and began my family, I mimicked the raising of my family with how I was raised. So, my holiday traditions were quite a familiar scene. Reflecting on those my childhood years. It was not until I became an adult middle-aged practicing catholic that I viewed those Old Catholic traditions of yesteryear, with a different lens. Just “keep” the faith was all I could hear. I began to live the church’s liturgical seasons in a more spiritual aspect. So, Lent, Palm Sunday, and Triduum held a sacred well space within my soul.

I learned about why I am called an Easter People. “Easter People,” what is that? Yes, that is who I am as a Catholic Christian. I am proud to be a part of this elite spiritual gathering of Christian folk. I believe in the Life, Death, and the Resurrection of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is simply wonderful to know that someone gave their life for me. That my brother Jesus hung on the cross, rolled away the stone, walked the earth again, ascended into Heaven and now is seated at the right hand of the Father. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Who does that? Only the Lord Jesus. Yes, I believe that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. To spend eternity with God and His family in His Heavenly Kingdom.

Scripture proclaims: ***But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, we are healed.***- Isaiah 53:5

Jesus suffered for us so that we may have life and have it more abundantly. I can personally recall the dark days, weeks, and even years of my life when I thought I would not make it through. Yes, those were rough times for me. But I cast all my cares, fears, doubts, and even disbeliefs into my stronger faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I made it believing in the knowledge that if Jesus could conquer the agony in the garden, the scourging at the pillar, the crowning with thorns, the carrying of his cross, and the Crucifixion, surely, I could have survived grave and emotionally dark days.

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”-John 19:29-30 With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Jesus gave up his Ghost, and so will you and I whilst you believe? If you are an Easter People, we will shake off those ole grave clothes, and arrive in the Lord’s presence anew. Among other things, a new walk, a new talk, and a new body we will be given.

There will be no sickness, death, pain, or suffering in Heaven (Revelation 21:4). We will be reunited with believers who have gone before us (1 Thessalonians 4:17). All of the questions that we have stored up will fall away in the midst of the glory that will surround us when we finally arrive home. Furthermore, Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection. I am life. Everyone who believes in me will have a life, even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never really die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

Yes, I Believe. Be it ever Thankful and Grateful that the Lord Jesus Christ has All Power and Authority. The Lord Jesus Christ does it His Way, not our way; In His timing, not our timing. For that, I pray: “Lord allow me to be worthy of the Love you give to me and for your promises of Favor that you grant me. Certainly, Lord, I am grateful for your daily gifts of new Mercies.”

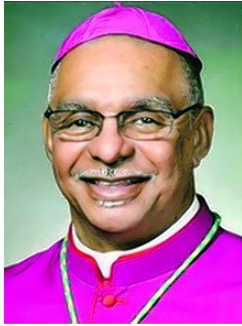
I Believe I Am an Easter People. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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In Memoriam
Bishop Fernand Joseph Cheri III, OFM
January 28, 1952 – March 21, 2023



“My grace is enough for you, for in weakness power reaches perfection” (2 Cor 12:9).

When God called home one of his most humble and gracious servants last week, the Catholic community collectively celebrated his life while mourning the loss of this worker in the vineyard. Bishop Fernand Joseph Cheri III was known as a personable man whose love for God and God’s church was as infectious as his welcoming smile.

This native son of New Orleans taught us humility, pride, steadfastness, and great joy for the Lord. His light was a guide for all of us to serve one another with compassion and empathy. Through his work with the homeless and imprisoned, Bishop Cheri reminded us that by sharing our light and gifts of listening with those whom society has discarded, we give them hope and the strength to share their light with others.

Fernand Cheri was born in 1952 and answered the call to serve God as a priest in 1978. By 1996, he joined the Franciscans, and in 2015 became a bishop. His work started in New Orleans and continued in Illinois and Tennessee before returning to his beloved crescent city.

For those who had the honor of meeting him, working, or worshipping with him, the song in his heart spilled out from his lips and uplifted many. For Gardis Watts, the first time that he met Bishop Cheri, the bishop talked with him as if he has known him for years. While I have never had the pleasure of having a conversation with Bishop Cheri, I always felt welcomed in his presence whether it was at a meeting or at a mass that he officiated. I felt that I belonged, that I was family.

When the light of Christ flows so effortlessly through another’s spirit, a sense of ease, peace, and calm permeates from their body and touches others. In Bishop Fernand Joseph Cheri III, he was that person who was the light of Christ for many. May the life that Bishop Cheri lived and the legacy that he leaves behind continue to be that guiding light for us as we continue to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

-Tina L Carter



Born and raised on Chicago’s Westside, Deacon Alfred Coleman did not grow up Catholic. In fact, he hardly attended church his youth. Deacon Coleman encountered the Catholic faith when he was 20-years old as a student at Southern Illinois University in the R.O.T.C. program. He started attending Masses on the campus at the Newman Catholic Center. After attending several Masses, he decided to become Catholic.

After completing his service in the U.S. Army, Deacon Coleman came back to Chicago and became a parishioner at St Basil on the Boulevard, which is now called St Basil Visitation. He served in various roles in the church including being an usher and lecturer. One of his fondest memories at St Basil was when the church needed to be rebuilt, Masses were held in the local school gym and cafeteria. Deacon Coleman appreciated how the parishioners rallied together to continue worship despite the building not being available.

St Basil is where he met his wife, Avis. They are the parents of three children, two daughters and one son. They are also proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Deacon Coleman’s most important ministry came when he was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in 2003. He continued to serve at St Basil until he went to his current parish of St James on Wabash where he has been for the last seven years.

While the diaconate is his most important ministry, the ministry that is most sacred to him is Zacchaeus House, a transition home on the Southside of Chicago for men who need shelter and spiritual guidance. He currently serves as the director and has been its director since 2007 when its first director, Deacon Abrom Salley, passed away. He notes that majority of the people who are serviced in the house are black men. He also states that the house provides a place of “Mercy and Grace.”

His experiences with racism in the church are like many Black Catholics. During his time in the military, he was turned away when he attempted to attend a Catholic Church in a small city in Illinois and was told that the Baptist Church was down the street. While attending Mass with white people, Deacon Coleman experienced a non-welcoming vibe from some of the white people in the congregation during the handshake of peace.

While he still is grounded in the faith, Deacon Coleman is still hopeful for Black Catholics. However, he is concerned that while several churches have been consolidated through the Renew My Church initiative, he is worried about those neighborhoods that no longer have a Catholic Church. Deacon Coleman also feels there is a need for outreach to those parishioners who were left behind during that process. But if we are to stay alive, Deacon Coleman feels we need to stay unified and support each other as Black Catholics. In closing, deacon left me with the quote, “Always pray for the poor”, a testament to how the Gospel message lives through him.

-Gardis Watts

A New Moment



Change seems to be one of those inevitable, unavoidable experiences in life. In the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have experienced significant changes in our local Church. This is even more true in the Black Catholic community. Together, we are learning new parish names, trying to keep track of where our friends now worship, and beginning to look to the future with renewed hope for how we can be church.

The changes ushered in through Renew My Church may not have been what we wanted, but to trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding this time of renewal can be our source of hope.

As we live in this present moment ushered in by so many changes, the Black Catholic Initiative (BCI) is looking at all that has changed with renewed confidence for what God is doing. The mission of the BCI is to be the instrument of connection that gathers and strengthens the Black Catholic community. There are three strategic initiatives that will help focus and animate the work of the BCI: evangelization, building community, and leadership development. The BCI seeks to help our ministry leaders imagine what parish life will look like as we embark upon this journey of spiritual renewal.

In July 2020, the Congregation for the Clergy, one of the Vatican dicasteries, released an instruction entitled "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church." This instruction explores the role of the parish in our contemporary context. For many in the Black Catholic community of Chicago, a relearning of what it means to belong to a parish must be undertaken. The structural changes so many of us have experienced might cause us to rethink what it means to belong to a parish community; maybe even rethink whether we want to belong to a parish.

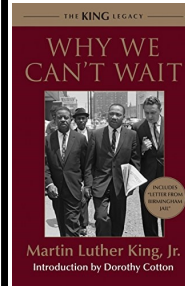
We read in the instruction: "Over and above places and reasons for membership, the Parish community is the human context wherein the evangelizing work of the Church is carried out, where Sacraments are celebrated and where charity is exercised, all with missionary zeal, which, apart from being an intrinsic part of pastoral action, is a litmus test of its authenticity." We are in a new missionary moment. Our parishes are being challenged to be communities with a missionary zeal that animates all pastoral activity. Parish names have changed; the buildings we worship in may have changed; even the pew we sit in might be different. Our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ remains constant!

The BCI is here to support the nine parishes and one mission that serve the Black Catholics of Chicago. The BCI looks forward to continuing to work with parish leaders from across the Archdiocese to find creative ways to dream, to plan, and to build. Together, we can embrace the changes that come by forming stronger parish communities that are mission focused!

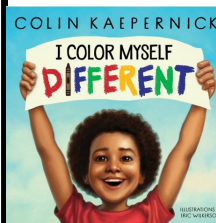


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Literary Corner



Sometimes it is important to revisit books to evaluate where we were and where we are at in the present day. *Why We Can't Wait* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of those books that is worth revisiting. It was written to expand upon the themes and concerns that were first talked about in *Letters from a Birmingham Jail*. The "Negro Revolution" began in 1963, because of the slow implantation of the desegregation of schools after the Brown v Board of Education ruling, the lack of job opportunities for Blacks, and the lack of political support from the administration at the time. In spite of being in one of the wealthiest countries in the world, the American Negro in 1963 was still treated as a second-class citizen and these discrepancies were being noticed by new countries emerging from colonialism in Africa and Asia. Dr. King also wanted to highlight that the revolution was a non-violent one and that it was one hundred years since the Emancipation Proclamation. In this book, Dr. King calls for multiracial unity, recognizing that Blacks were not the only one feeling the harsh gaze of racism in this country for complacency can only lead us backwards. We must assert our true freedom and equality. Over 50 years have passed since this book was first published and the question is are we still waiting and what can we do to finally "banish the ugly blemish of racism scarring the image of America"? -Tina L Carter



For this month's book review, my son and I had the pleasure of reading *I Color Myself Different* by NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick. I found this book to be very impressive, as this children's book tackles the experience of being adopted and black, in a white household. In the book, Colin shares his drawing of his adoptive family with his classmates at school, which prompts several questions from the children about why Colin looks different. Despite the questions, Colin keeps his head up high, and responds to the children by proudly proclaiming his love for his brown skin; which I considered to be absolutely beautiful. I enjoyed how the book teaches children to not only stand up for themselves, but to embrace who they are. As a single parent, I also appreciated how the book shows children there is no such thing as a "right or wrong family", and every family is different. My son was also captivated by the beautiful illustrations, and the vibrant colors within the book. I would definitely recommend this children's book for all families!

-Shannon Ambrose

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Evenings with Venerable Augustus Tolton



A five-part series featuring Bishop Perry

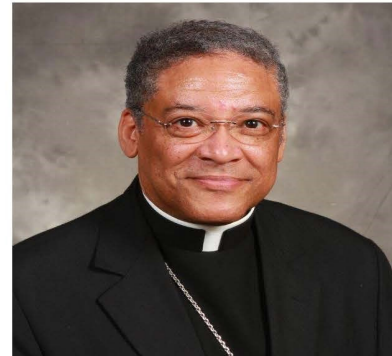
Join Bishop Joseph Perry at the Tolton Heritage Center in Chicago to learn about Venerable Augustus Tolton, the first recognized African American Roman Catholic priest. He is on the road to canonization. These events will include a short video, a presentation by Bishop Perry and plenty of time for conversation.

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March 8 The Man, Not Myth

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March 29 Tolton Spirituality

Fr. Augustus Tolton led an extraordinary and exemplary life. What tenets guided this former slave turned engaging Catholic priest? Is it possible to lead a holy life as Tolton did?

April 12 Spreading the Word

Venerable Augustus Tolton: The pioneer, spiritual leader, and social justice advocate. Discover how Tolton's legacy extends beyond Catholics, and why everyone should know about his impact.

May 3 Embodying Forgiveness

Today, there are deep divisions in this country. What does Fr. Tolton's life teach us about forgiveness and understanding that would move us toward healing?

May 10 All Things Tolton

You've probably heard a lot about Tolton or perhaps nuggets about several organizations bearing his name. Learn about the various groups and how they work together to advance Tolton's legacy.

Sponsored by the **Tolton Spirituality Center**. Register at www.toltonspirituality.org under Events.

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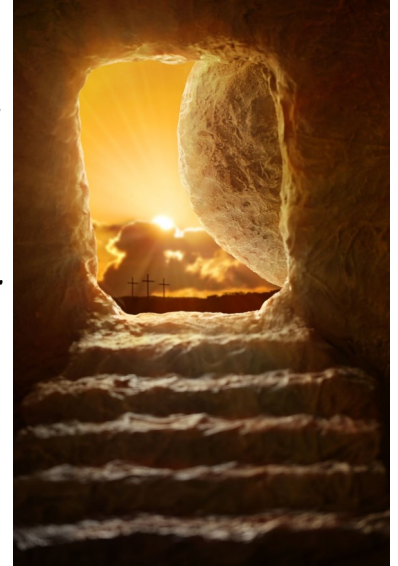
You stand before the tomb and call us to be free, free from worry, free from sin and free to come to you and be fresh, new and cleansed. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds and lives for the days ahead. We thank you for refreshing us and being our defense and keeping the way clear.

We celebrate the resurrection of your son Jesus, and we ask that you grant us a deeper understanding of the significance of this event in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to see how HIS resurrection gives us new hope and new life. Help us to live each day with renewed sense of hope and purpose, knowing that through Jesus we are made new.

In Jesus name,

Amen

-Tanya Bolen



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