

# National Black Catholic History Month

## November

National Black Catholic History Month was established on July 24, 1990 to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Black Catholics trace their faith history back to first century Christianity. Christianity in Africa is highlighted in Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40. This is scriptural evidence of Black Catholics in the early Church. Historically, there were three Black Popes in the early church. Saints Victor I, Melchiades and Gelasius. Black Catholics acknowledge saints like Saint Moses the Black, Athanasius, Augustine of Hippo and Monica, his mother, Perpetua, Felicitas, St. Josephine Bakhita, Anthony of Egypt and many more. Currently, there are six American Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood: Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman of Mississippi, Venerable Henriette Delille of New Orleans, Venerable Julia Greeley of Denver, Servant of God, Mother Mary Lange of Baltimore, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton of Illinois, and Venerable Pierre Toussaint of New York.

### Celebrate National Black Catholic History Month By Remembering a Saint a Day!

**November 1:** St. Speratus and Companions of Carthage(North Africa), 1st Martyrs in Africa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century

**November 2:** St. Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 200-258 A.D.

**November 3:** St. Martin de Porres of Lima, Peru, Dominican Lay Brother, 1579-1639(Feast Day)\*

**November 4:** Saints Timothy and Maura of Egypt, Married Martyrs, 298 A.D.

**November 5:** St. Cassian of Tangier(North Africa), Court Clerk and Martyr, 298 A.D.

**November 6:** Saints Perpetua and Felicitas of Carthage( Africa), Noblewoman and Slave, died 203 A.D.

**November 7:** St. Moses the Black of Egypt, Villain and Holy Monk, 330-405 A.D.

**November 8:** St. Maurice and the Theban Legion of Aganaum, Soldiers/Martyrs, died 287 A.D.

**November 9:** St. Julia of Carthage, Martyr, died 439 A.D.

**November 10:** St. Anthony of Egypt, Founder of Christian Monasticism, 251-356 A.D.

**November 11:** Alexandrian Plague Martyrs, Comforters of the Sick and Dying, 257 A.D.

**November 12:** Saint Monica of Hippo, Wife and Mother, 331-387 A.D.

**November 13:** Saint Augustine of Hippo, Doctor of the Church, 354-430 A.D.

- November 14:** St. Benedict the Moor of Italy, Slave and Monk, 1526-1589
- November 15:** Blessed Isidore Bakanja of the Congo, Scapular Martyr, 1880-1909
- November 16:** Blessed Victoria Rasomanarivo of Madagascar, Married Church Leader 1848-1894
- November 17:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions of Uganda, Youth Leaders and Martyrs, 1865-1886
- November 18:** Pope Saint Victor I, the 15<sup>th</sup> Pope, a Warrior for the Faith, reigned as Pope 189-198 A.D.
- November 19:** Pope Saint Miltiades(Melchiades) 32<sup>nd</sup> Pope, Pope of Peace, reigned as Pope 311-314 A.D.
- November 20:** Pope Saint Gelasius, the 49<sup>th</sup> Pope, reigned as Pope 492-496 A.D.
- November 21:** Blessed Daudi Okelo and Jildo Irwa of Uganda, Catechists/Youth Martyrs, Died 1918
- November 22:** Blessed Marie Anuarite Nengapeta of the Congo, Religious Sister/Martyr, 1941-1964
- November 23:** Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi of Nigeria, Priest and Monk, 1903-1964
- November 24:** St. Josephine Bakhita of the Sudan, Slave and Religious Sister, 1869-1947
- November 25:** Servant of God, Julia Greeley of Denver, Laywoman Angel of Charity, 1833-1918
- November 26:** Venerable Mother Henriette Delille of New Orleans, Religious Sister, 1812-1862
- November 27:** Venerable Pierre Toussaint of New York City, Slave, Hairdresser, Philanthropist, 1766-1853
- November 28:** Venerable Father Augustus Tolton of Chicago, Illinois, Priest, 1854-1897
- November 29:** Servant of God, Mother Mary Lange of Baltimore, Maryland, Religious Sister, 1794-1882
- November 30:** Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman of Yazoo City, Mississippi, Religious Sister, 1937-1990

