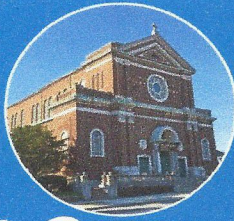
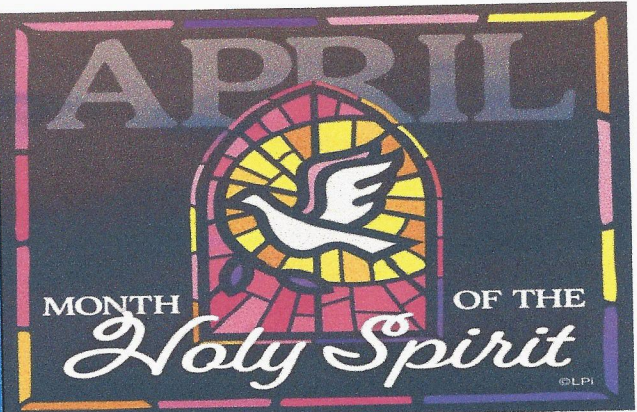


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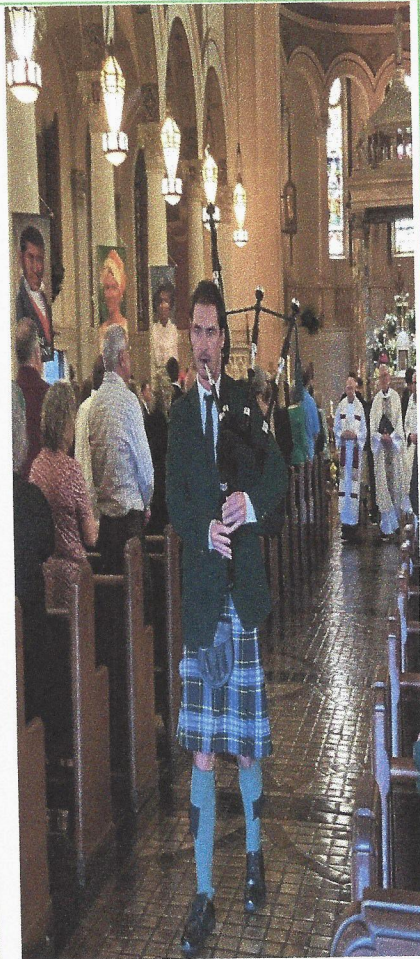
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Project HopeAndrea Wasdovich-Duffner
 Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish
 Embracing its African American culture,
 Empowering its members
 And sharing its love of Christ
 Through service to the community.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sr. Mary Jean's Column

FROM THE BLACK CATHOLIC
MESSENGER

*'THE GOLDEN RULE IS NOT
OPTIONAL: A BLACK CATHOLIC
CALL TO BELONGING*

BY GUEST WRITER

There are moments in the life of the Catholic Church when we are called to return—not to something new, but to something essential. This is one of those moments.

In a world marked by division, polarization, and deep wounds, the Church must ask herself a fundamental question: Are we living what we profess? Not just in doctrine, but in practice. Not just in words, but in witness.

At the heart of this examination lies a teaching so familiar that it risks being overlooked, yet so profound that it holds the power to transform the Church from the inside out. It is what we know as the Golden Rule:

“Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)

Spoken by Jesus, this is not a suggestion. It is not a spiritual ideal reserved for the exceptionally holy. It is a mandate. A command. A way of life.

And yet, we must be honest: the Church has not always lived it.

As a Black Catholic woman who was baptized into the Church as an infant and has remained by conviction, I have experienced both the beauty and the tension of Catholic life.

I have known the Church as a place of sacramental grace, sacred tradition, and deep spiritual nourishment. But I have also known it as a place where belonging has not always been equally extended. Where culture is sometimes tolerated rather than embraced. Where the fullness of one's identity can feel like a complication rather than a gift.

This tension is not unique to me. It is the lived reality of many Black Catholics who love the Church deeply, yet often find themselves navigating spaces where they must adjust to belong.

The question, then, is not whether we know the Golden Rule. It is whether we are willing to live it fully. To live the Golden Rule is to do more than avoid harm. It is to actively create spaces of dignity, welcome, and love.

The Golden Rule is deeply embedded within the Catholic social teaching, which calls us to uphold the dignity of every human person as created in the image and likeness of God. It reminds us that our faith is not only something we profess. It is something we practice in relationship with others.

To live this teaching is to refuse indifference. It is to reject neutrality in the face of injustice. It is to recognize that if one member of the Body of Christ suffers exclusion, the entire Body is wounded.

Within the Black Catholic tradition, this call is not abstract—it is embodied. It is heard in the rhythm of communal prayer. It is felt in the movement of worship. It is lived in a spirituality that refuses to separate joy from struggle, or praise from perseverance.

We are reminded through the witness of Servant of God Thea Bowman that we are called to bring our whole selves—our culture, our story, our voice—into the life of the Church. To deny this is to deny the fullness of what it means to be Catholic.

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MINISTERS - April 26, 2026

LECTORS	
Paul Martin	Debra Paul
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Annie Easterling
Deidre Whitted	Sr Mary Jean Raymond
FOURTH SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Marguerite Strickland	Noel Egensberger
Molodian Price	

MINISTERS - May 3, 2026

LECTORS	
Mary McCombs	Trewery Ford
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Walter Morris
Dana Baker	David Woody
FIRST SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Marguerite Strickland	Noel Egensperger
Molodian Price	

APRIL 26, 2026

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	Apr 26	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	Apr 27	
Tuesday	Apr 28	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution
Wednesday	Apr 29	11:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Thursday	Apr 30	
Friday	May 1	
Saturday	May 2	
Sunday	May 3	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	May 4	
Tuesday	May 5	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution 5:30 p.m. - Scripture Study - Guild Room

COLLECTION SUMMARY 4/19/26

\$802.00 - Offertory
 \$12.00 - Renovations
 \$87.00 - Special Collections
 \$85.00 - Online
 \$83,200.00 - Collection Annual Target (till 6/30/26)
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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - Acts 2:14a, 36-41
"Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins".

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 2:20b-25
"The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want".

Gospel - John 10:1-10
"I am the gate for the sheep; whoever enters through me will be saved".

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Apr 27 - Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
 Tue Apr 28 - Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
 Wed Apr 29 - Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
 Thu Apr 30 - Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
 Fri May 1 - Genesis 1:26-2; or
 Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58
 Sat May 2 - 1 John 5:1-5; Matthew 10:22-25

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sharon Alexander, Eben Anderson, Jr., Denise Brewster, Henrietta Broadus, Lois Bunker, Angela Comedy, Jerri Evans, Joe Fears, Miles Frierson, Irene Gantt, Victoria Harden, Jamar Harland, Kellen Harland, Jermaine Harland, Keli Harland, Madelyn Harland, Deborah Howard, Eugene Jones, Marlene Jones, Paulette Jones, Rosetta Mackey, Mary McCombs, Deborah McIntyre, Yvonne Nettles, Toni E. Payne, Trudy Payne, Jaxon Peck, Jordyn Peck, Chloe Rachells, Clarice, Barbara Williams, Ann White, Vermonte Wright

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Marilyn Anthony, Margaret Atwell, Barbara Bridges, Evelyn Davis, Vyrdy Hopes, Paulette Jones, Everette Matlock, Sr., Mary Ann Melton, Jackie Reese, Etta Reynolds, Vivian Watkins, Lavonia Williams

MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 12-19, 2026

Apr 26	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
May 3	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 29

Weekly prayer services begin again at 11:30 a.m.

Save the Date

**Operation Good News
 Spring 2026 Renewal Weekend**

Friday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. -
 Sunday, May 31 at 3:30 p.m.

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"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you."

The Golden Rule demands more of us than comfort. It calls us into accountability. It asks whether our parishes are places of true belonging or simply places of attendance. It challenges us to examine whether our communities reflect the diversity of the Body of Christ. It invites us to move beyond intention and into transformation.

If we are to be truly Catholic – universal in the fullest sense – we must return to the Golden Rule not as a childhood lesson, but as a guiding principle for ecclesial life. In the end, it is about more than behavior. It is about belonging.

It is about creating a Church where every person can say not only, "I am Catholic," but "I am home." And that begins with something we already know – but must now choose to live: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you."

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