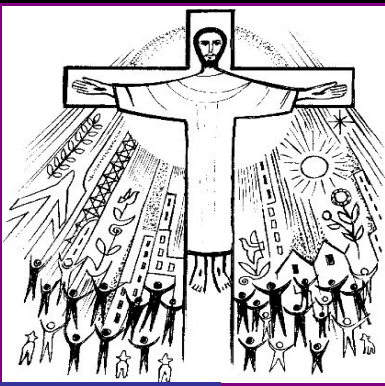


ANTI-RACISM LENTEN CALENDAR 2010



Daily Scriptures and Reflections

This calendar invites you during Lent to start your personal Anti-Racist Journal. Start each day with a scriptural reading followed by journaling your thoughts to each day's quotes, reflections, and questions.

Quotes from, "Dwell in My Love": a Pastoral Letter on Racism by Francis Cardinal George

First Week of Lent
"To address something, to speak to it, we have to recognize it." -Page 1

Second Week of Lent
"...the fears of economic loss and of personal violence can blind people to what their Catholic faith calls them to do--dwell together in love." -Page 9

Third Week of Lent
"Overt racism is easily condemned, but the sin is often with us in more subtle forms." -p. 12

	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	17	February	18	February	19	February	20	February
	Ash Wednesday		Letting Go Consciousness		Freedom Conversation		The Presence of God	
	Reconciliation- reconciling of people: the ending of conflict or renewing of a friendly relationship between disputing people or groups. -MSN Encarta		"...but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." -Luke 9:24b		When you fast do you, pursue your own interests?		"... remove from your midst oppression, false accusations and malicious speech;"	
	What is the meaning of Lent for me? With whom do I need to reconcile? <i>Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18</i>		Am I willing to commit my life to working for racial justice? <i>Luke 9:22-25</i>		In light of being anti-racist, in what way do I intend to fast? What words or actions do I need to remove from my life? <i>Isaiah 58:1-9</i>		What false accusations do I perpetuate about people different from me? <i>-Isaiah 58:9b</i>	
	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	21	February	22	February	23	February	24	February
	♀ Roots & History		♀ Roots & Race Ethnicity, & Racism		♀ Roots & Surviving		♀ Roots & Migrations	
	Indians think it is important to remember, while Americans believe it is important to forget. -Paula Gunn Allen, Writer		A stereotype is the lazy person's way of engaging the other. -Michael Eric Dyson, Scholar		To live is to suffer; to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering. -Roberta Flack, Singer		Who is the settler and who is a native? Who is the enemy and who are we? -Mahmood Mamdani, Scholar	
	Learn about your ancestors migration to this country. <i>Deuteronomy 26:4-10</i>		Erase a stereotype you have of another person by initiating a dialogue with them. <i>1 Peter 5:1-4</i>		Racism ³ destroys us all- reflect on the ways you've been mis-shaped by racism. <i>Isaiah 55:10-11,13</i>		Fast, reflect, & journal upon the quote above. More importantly, who are you? Do you benefit from racism? <i>Jonah 3:1-10</i>	
	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	25	February	26	February	27	February	28	February
	♀ Inner Visions & Spirit		♀ Inner Visions & Faith		♀ Inner Visions & Inspirations		♀ Inner Visions & Inspirations	
	There is a simple spiritual principle: the meaner you get toward your brother and sister, the meaner it will come back to you. -Sandra Robertson, Activist		God gave me this physical impairment to remind me that I'm not the greatest He is. -Muhammad Ali, Boxer		There can be no courage without fear, and fear comes only from the imagination. -Peter Abrahams, Writer		There can be no courage without fear, and fear comes only from the imagination. -Peter Abrahams, Writer	
	Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. Express God's love towards those you find it hardest to love. <i>Matthew 7:7-12</i>		At times our self-righteousness keeps us from seeing our own faults. Reconcile with someone of a different culture. <i>Matthew 5:20-26</i>		Pray for a new insight of those who you feel 'persecute you'. <i>Matthew 5:43-48</i>		Pray for a new insight of those who you feel 'persecute you'. <i>Matthew 5:43-48</i>	
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
	1	March	2	March	3	March	4	March
	The LORD is my light my salvation, whom do I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid? <i>Psalms 27:1</i>		"Whoever humbles himself will be made great." <i>Isaiah 1:12</i>		Feastday of Saint Katherine Drexel		"To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds." <i>-Jer 17:10</i>	
	Use the Psalm above as this week's mantra. In light of overcoming your fears. <i>Philippians 3:17-4:1</i>		Do I tend to feel superior over people of a different culture. How could I change this?		Google or research the life of Saint Katharine Drexel Explore the inequality of education for People of Color (P.O.C.) and make a contribution. <i>Pray the Mantra Matthew 20:17-28</i>		How do you treat others whose cultural way clashes with yours? Would you like to be treated by God according to the way you treat others? <i>Pray the Mantra Jeremiah 17:5-10</i>	
	Pray the Mantra Daniel 9:4b-10		Pray the Mantra Isaiah 1:10,16-20		Pray the Mantra Matthew 20:17-28		Pray the Mantra Jeremiah 17:5-10	
	Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday	
	5	March	6	March	7	March	8	March
	...fears have to be honestly addressed if we are to live in a genuinely multi-racial society.		There is no quick fix to ending racism. <i>In eradicating racism from our lives, like the lost son, we must be willing to die to our old ways in order to embrace a new way of life. What racial fears are you willing to eradicate from your life? Pray the Mantra Luke 15:11-32</i>		Learning about race is a lifelong process.		We must talk about institutional power to address RACISM.	
	What racial fears do you need to address in order for you to produce the fruit of God's kingdom? <i>Pray the Mantra Matthew 21:33-43</i>		Pray the Mantra Luke 15:11-32		Reflection: The more you talk with others, the better you will get at the conversation, and will be able to make positive change. <i>John 4:7-10, 13b-15</i>		Reflection: If we want to make real change, we must talk about racism and learn how good people involuntarily keep racism alive. <i>Luke 18:9-14</i>	
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Fourth Week of Lent	14 March Our ancestor's prejudices do not have to be our reason to sin. <i>In what way are you like the man born blind? Christ invites us to sacramental healing.</i> Pray for Your Ancestors <i>John 9:1-9</i>	15 March ‡ Selves & Identities Very little in our language or culture encourages looking at others as part of ourselves. -Patricia Williams <i>Law Professor</i>	16 March ‡ Selves & Wisdom We are seekers of light and life, bearers of shadows and burden. -Barbara Holmes <i>Theologian</i>	17 March ‡ Selves & Education Feastday of St. Patrick A man without knowledge of himself and his heritage is like a tree without roots. -Dick Gregory, Comedian	18 March "Your Call to Action" by Three Great Leaders that said 'YES' to Justice		19 March Solemnity of St. Joseph Mohandas Gandhi ‡Fearlessness is the first requisite of spirituality. Cowards can never be moral. <i>St. Joseph chose not to be a coward. Do you coward when you're called to stand for truth?</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-21, 24</i>	20 March Martin Luther King, Jr. To be a Negro in America is to hope against hope. <i>These three brave simple men acted when called to action. What brave action will you take that will foster racial justice?</i> <i>John 7:7-53</i>	
	Fifth Week of Lent	21 March It is never to late for us to seek the new life that comes from Christ. <i>What are your own racial stereotypes? Name them and write them down. Don't be afraid to face them.</i> <i>John 11:17-18, 20-27</i>	22 March *Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now sin no more. <i>Read what you wrote yesterday and converse with God about it. Then, listen to Him.</i> <i>*John 8:3-11</i>	23 March Who are you? Jesus' response was, "I Am, Who I Am" <i>How do you self-identify? How does your identity shape your beliefs?</i> <i>John 8:23-30</i>	24 March *...you will know the truth, and the TRUTH will set you free. <i>Read what you wrote yesterday and converse with God about it. Then, listen to Him.</i> <i>*John 8:31-38</i>	25 March *So God does away w/all the old sacrifices and puts the sacrifice of Christ in their place. <i>Today, write down a plan that will help you overcome the stereotypes you have towards others and yourself. Pray to God for strength.</i> <i>*Hebrews 10:4-10</i>	26 March HOLY WEEK IS NEAR, let us pray for our hearts to be open to the grace of love. <i>Invite a few people to watch a movie about race relations and discuss it.</i> <i>John 10:31-41</i>	27 March Many of the Jews who had come to Mary and saw what Jesus had done began to believe in him. <i>-John 11:45</i> <i>How do your actions reflect the love of Christ for all people?</i> <i>John 11:45-53</i>	
		Holy Week of Lent	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April	3 April
			"We are called not only to a radical conversion of heart but a transformation of socially sinful structures as well." <i>-Dwell in My Love: a Pastoral Letter on Racism</i> <i>Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.</i>				Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday

‡"Language is a Place of STRUGGLE" Great Quotes by People of Color, Edited by Tram Nguyen.

CHALLENGE WEEK's daily excerpts come from "The Anti-Racist Cookbook" by Robin Parker and Pamela Smith Chambers.