



## **Black Catholic History Month**

### ***Homecoming Celebrating Black Catholic History Month***

**Homecoming** is a theme that many Black churches use to denote special elements added to the Liturgy to celebrate **Black Catholic History Month**. During November, former parishioners are invited to join current St Columba parishioners to **Reminisce, Celebrate and Break Bread**.

**1st Sunday, 11/5/2017 - Sweeping Ritual (10:30 Mass) -- Elders**, composed of women of the church, come in a dancing procession down middle aisle to "sweep" away the evil spirits and make the space Holy in preparation for the celebration. Immediately following the Elders, the priest or deacon, "washes" the cleansed space with sprinkling rite symbolic of the readiness of the space to be used for worship. Parishioners (**all Masses**) are asked to dress in old clothing, overalls or denim, to signify the dress of our African ancestors who had no fancy clothes to wear for Mass but who came as they were...clean in spirit. Info contact Alice McGaugh 510-549-3467

**2nd Sunday, 11/12/2017 - Choir in Procession (10:30 Mass)** - to ready the way for the celebration. Info contact Jo Ann Evans 510-913-5695

**3rd Sunday, 11/19/2017- Homecoming Sunday (Every Mass) – Opening Celebration for the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Outreach to former parishioners to join St. Columba for service and a Homecoming Potluck (**after the 10:30 Mass**) in the parish hall with a menu of simple foods, i.e.: red beans and rice, greens, fried and/or baked chicken, salads, mac n cheese, dessert, iced tea and water. Info contact Chrysetta Reid 707-319-8860

**4th Sunday, 11/26/2017- Recognize Black Saints (10:30 Mass) – Dramatization** by the youth of the Parish who will identify several icons of Black Saints that are displayed on the walls of St. Columba. They will depict & explain who that Saint is and their significance to the Catholic Church. Parishioners (**all Masses**) please wear colors of the African American Flag, **Red, Green or Black**. Info contact Linda Whitmore 510-459-4728

**Saint Columba, Let's Celebrate Homecoming!**