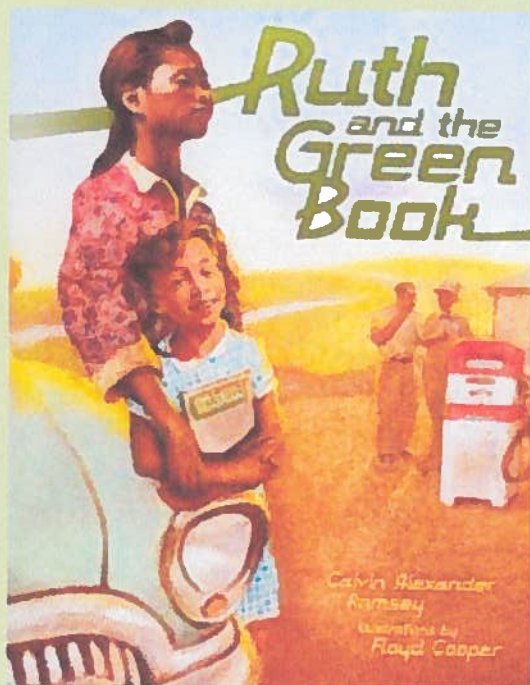


Join us for a very special **FREE**
Black History Month program!



Exploring the Green Book:
A Discussion with Author
Calvin Ramsey



**Calvin
Alexander Ramsey**
celebrated poet, artist, playwright
And award-winning children's
Author of *Ruth & the Green Book*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2ND FLOOR COMPUTER LAB
Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 6:30pm

A film will be shown after the reading
on the story of Ruby Bridges

Sandwiches and soft drinks will be provided.

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“We Are Lourdes”

**Calling all 6-12 year olds to participate in our
“We Are Lourdes”
poster presentation**

**We want our kids to creatively express
what church (Lourdes) means to them—**

Considering, but not limiting to questions and ideas such as:

What does church mean to you?

**How does church (Lourdes) symbolize and connect to an extended
family, a faith family?**

People (Diversity)/ Symbols/ What You See

Poster paper will be provided

Students may decorate using whatever materials they like

Presentation Date: February 17

(Bring poster to cafeteria before noon mass)

On the back of the poster, write child’s

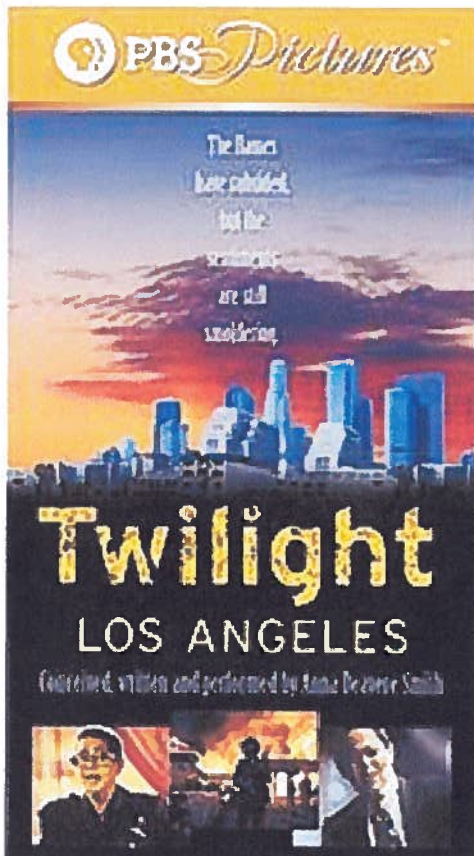
Name/Age/Grade



Movie Night for Adults!

Screening of:

“Twilight: Los Angeles”



Performed by the award winning actress, Anna

Deavere Smith

February 16th, 6:30pm in the Cafeteria

Sandwiches and Soft Drinks will be provided

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**Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Roberts, Jr. to Preach
at 12 noon Mass, February 17, 2013
and
Lead a Conversation on Racism at 1:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes Cafeteria**

Luncheon will be served



Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Roberts, Jr. served as senior pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta for 30 years. A truly motivational and gifted leader, Roberts resonating orations and compassionate actions have led Ebenezer to be a strong voice for change in Atlanta and beyond. Throughout his years as senior pastor, Roberts followed in the footsteps of Martin Luther King, to impact the lives of many and as such, grew the congregation by more than 2,000 members. He continued this legacy through several different community outreach programs including a teenage mother's ministry, a tutoring program, a food co-op, a senior's day care center, a leadership role in preacher education at Columbia Theological Seminary, and as a reconciler in the project, Higher Ground.

“PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN CALL FOR GUN CONTROL”

That headline in the *Chicago Sun-Times* at the end of December did not refer to the children killed earlier in the month in the horrific school massacre in Newtown CT but to the youngest of the 500 victims of gun violence in Chicago, the murder capital of America in 2012. As their grieving parents gathered at St. Sabina's Catholic Church on the South Side, they demanded a ban on military style assault weapons and large capacity ammunition clips, as well as other restrictions on gun sales and ownership.

Though pastor Fr. Michael Pflieger and his congregation had long supported restrictions on deadly weapons, they were fearful that even the publicity about the 20 young victims at Sandy Hook Elementary School might not serve as a wake-up call for the rest of the country. “Now that the holidays are over and the Newtown funerals are over,” said one grieving mother, “if we don't keep the pressure on, it's going to go away again.”

A SURGE IN GUN SALES

Unfortunately, her words may be prophetic. Recalling December 14th (the date of the Sandy Hook killings) as “the worst day of my presidency,” President Obama vowed to “press the issue” of gun control with the American public. But the administration was quickly accused of politicizing the tragedy, and the immediate public response was a surge in gun sales. Describing themselves as “law-abiding citizens,” patrons at Atlanta-area gun shows offered the same rationale for buying weapons as the mother of Adam Lanza cited when she bought the guns her son used to take her life and that of other innocent Newtown victims: the right to self-defense.

PROTECTING THE INNOCENT

Even in defending themselves, Catholics long ago recognized the need to be cautious about using deadly force, “I do not think that a Christian, a just and a wise man, ought to save his own life by the death of another,” declared St. Ambrose back in the 4th century, recalling the command of Jesus to love our enemies. “As to killing others in order to defend one's own life,” agreed St. Augustine, “I do not approve of this, unless”—he added in explanation—“one happens to be a soldier or public functionary acting, not for himself, but in defense of others.” Since that ancient time, Catholics have regarded the protection of the innocent as a public responsibility, not a matter for vigilante action.

GUN CONTROL IS A PRO-LIFE ISSUE

“As far back as 1975,” writes Fr. James Martin in the Jesuit magazine *America*, “the U.S. Catholic bishops called for ‘effective and courageous action to control handguns, leading to their eventual elimination from our society’”—a call the bishops renewed in December. To the argument “*Guns don't kill people, people do,*” Martin replies, “Of course people kill people; just as people also procure abortions, decide on euthanasia and administer the death penalty,” he says, “The question is not so much how lives are ended, but how to make it more difficult to end lives.” For this reason, he insists, “If you want to defend life, defend it. At all times. And in all places. In the womb and in an elementary school.”

Fr. Martin's editorial on gun control is available on the America magazine website at <http://americamagazine.org/content/all-things/gun-control-pro-life-issue>

FEBRUARY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 <i>Phase II Steering Mtg 9A</i> RCIA 9:30A Social Action 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Women's Council 11:30A</p>	<p>4 Liturgy Meeting 7P Life After the Pink Slip 7P</p>	<p>5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Class 7P</p>	<p>6 <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> Bible Study 7:00P</p>	<p>7 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Gala Committee Mtg 6:30P Stewardship Committee 7P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p>	<p>1 Teen Retreat Weekend</p>	<p>2 SVDP Meeting 9A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Choir Cantor Workshop 2:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Social Action 6:30P</p>
<p>10 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Day RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Haiti Ministry Meeting 12N KPC / KPCLA 1:30P Jr. Daughters 1:30P</p>	<p>11 Revival 7:00PM</p>	<p>12 (Fat Tuesday) Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>13 Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service at Ebenezer 7:00PM</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stewardship Committee 7P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p>	<p>15 Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</p>	<p>16 SVDP Meeting 9A ASBA Retreat 9A Pastoral Care Mtg 10A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Centennial Meeting 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Eracism Movie Night 6:30P</p>
<p>17 KPC Jr Spaghetti Fundraiser RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Bible Study 10:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Eracism Meeting 1:30P</p>	<p>18 President's Day Pastoral Council Meeting 7P</p>	<p>19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>20 <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> Bible Study 7:00P</p>	<p>21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p>	<p>22 Musical Tribute to Lourdes for the Centennial 7:00P</p>	<p>23 Lourdes History Mtg 10:30A Eracism 11A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Life Issues 4:00PM Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>24 Bookstore Open Dancer's Chili Cook-Off RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Bible Study 10:30A Lay Dominicans 2P Alumni Meeting 3P</p>	<p>25 <i>Taijze Prayer Group</i> 8:00PM</p>	<p>26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>27 <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> Bible Study 7:00P</p>	<p>28</p>		

Save the Dates

Lourdes Revival, Monday, February 11 & Tuesday, February 12 both nights 7:00PM

Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service at Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary, 407 Auburn Ave ~ 7:00PM