

## Black History Month -- Week 1

February 1	<b>Amanda Gorman</b> (1998- )	Catholic/Poet/ Activist/ First National Youth Poet Laureate/ Youngest Poet to read at the Inauguration	<i>"...And yet, the dawn is ours before we knew it. Somehow we do it. Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished."</i>	Read the works of <a href="#">Ten Most Famous Black Poets and Their Best Known Poems</a>
February 2	<b>Wilton Daniel Gregory</b> (1947- )	Catholic Priest/First African American Cardinal in the United States/ Archbishop of Washington, DC	<i>"Like any other spiritual transformation or renewal, conversion must begin with an honest and a sincere admission that we need God's trans-formative power in our lives to achieve any real change, no matter the perspective from which we might begin."</i>	Learn about <a href="#">the connection between the Catholic Church's Doctrine of Discovery and Slavery</a>
February 3	<b>Laverne Cox</b> (1972- )	Actress/first openly transgender person to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award	<i>"When people have points of reference that are humanizing, that demystifies difference."</i>	Learn about the work of <a href="#">New Way's Ministry and Outreach to Transgender Persons</a>
February 4	<b>Jacob Lawrence</b> (1917-2000)	Painter/best known works, The Migration Series which depicts the migration of African-Americans from the rural south to the urban north.	<i>"...We don't have a physical slavery, but an economic slavery. If these people, who were so much worse off than the people today, could conquer their slavery, we can certainly do the same thing....I am not a politician. I'm an artist, just trying to do my part to bring this thing about."</i>	Take a Virtual Tour of <a href="#">Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle</a> on display at the <a href="#">Peabody Essex Museum</a>
February 5	<b>Katherine Johnson</b> (1918-2020)	NASA Mathematician/ provided calculations of orbital mechanics for first US space flights/Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom	<i>"Everything is physics and math."</i>	Watch or rewatch the movie, <a href="#">Hidden Figures</a>
February 6	<b>Bryan Massingale</b> (1957- )	Catholic priest/author/ activist/ theologian	<i>"For the beneficiaries of white privilege lament involves the difficult task of acknowledging their individual and communal complicity in past and present racial injustices"</i>	Watch " <a href="#">The Magis and Justice</a> "
February 7	<b>Ida B. Wells</b> (1862-1931)	Journalist/ Anti- lynching activist/Women's Suffragist	<i>"I am only a mouthpiece through which to tell the story of lynching and I have told it so often that I know it by heart. I do not have to embellish; it makes its own way."</i>	<a href="#">Read how lynching became a federal crime in 2020.</a> View <a href="#">photos of real lynchings</a>