

African-American Heritage Shared

Holy Redeemer School puts focus on black history

Fr. Moses Berry, an African-American Orthodox priest, will be giving a public lecture about African-American heritage and the Ancient African Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the Holy Redeemer School, 127 N. Portland Blvd.

Berry, founder and curator of the Ozarks Afro-American Heritage Museum in Ash Grove, Mo., will share some of the artifacts from the museum. These artifacts include photographs, quilts made by slaves and their descendents, and slave chains, including some chains passed down within the Berry family.

He will also be sharing some of the stories about slavery and the struggles of African Americans in southern Missouri. Berry will also discuss the ancient Christian Church in Africa and the spiritual relevance to African-American Christian heritage today.

Berry and his family live in southwest Missouri on the farm homesteaded by his great-grandparents after the Civil War. He has restored a family cemetery established in 1875 and dedicated to "Slaves, Indians and Paupers" who were, for many years, excluded from burial in other places.

Those buried in the cemetery include Mother Charity, a woman who helped slaves escape through the Underground Railway. The cemetery is on the Greene County Register of Historic Sites and is under consideration for the National Register.



Fr. Moses Berry will bring artifacts from slave ancestors to a public lecture about African-American history at Holy Redeemer School.

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Dear Deanna!

I need to make a decision about my job. The money is decent, but with my skills, I know I can do better. I realize my company's using me for my talent but not paying me appropriately. Recently they hired someone of another race with fewer skills making more money than I do. Does this mean it's time to do my own thing or get another job? --Lainey; Houston, TX

Dear Lainey:

Avoid falling victim to institutionalized slavery known as The Corporate World. Corporate works well for some but those with entrepreneur desires or who want to climb up the ladder often have to hit the highway. Salary in the workplace is a no-no, so don't sweat over who makes more money than you. Instead, pump up your resume, secure a better and higher paying job, get that two weeks notice ready and hit the door.

Dear Deanna!

Last year, I learned I had a sister conceived when my dad cheated on my mother. I had to go without things because he never had any extra money. I was short-changed because he was secretly paying child support my mother didn't know about. As an adult, I stopped dealing with him because I felt he was so wrong for having a baby out of wedlock. How do I heal? --Randy; San Bernardino, CA

Dear Randy:

Start by reaching out to your father and share your feelings and explain why you kicked him to the curb. Once that's done, put it in prayer, hope for the best and keep it moving. As for you—become committed to being a manly role model for your mother, your sister and any woman you deal with. Don't make the same mistake your dad made—remember—real men don't make babies unless they're married.

Dear Deanna!

I accidentally saw something I wasn't supposed to see. My best friend's husband was at a restaurant with another woman. I don't know if anything's going on but by the way they looked, it wasn't business. They were cuddled close, kissing and drinking. I've been best friends with his wife

for over 8 years and want to know if I would be out of line if I tell her? --Closed Eyes; Chicago, IL

Closed Eyes:

Evaluate your friendship closely. Reflect upon these type situations and how you've handled

them in the past or if you've even discussed this scenario. If you have the closeness where she'll receive the information well and her husband wouldn't be surprised that you've told on him—then tell it loud and clear. If telling will cause drama, keep your mouth shut,

your ears open and only tell if the subject comes up.

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