In today’s Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Through the man’s encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Fr. Herbert Ene, Sacramental Minister
Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley, Deacon and Rev. Mr. Norman Alexander, Deacon

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be heard by Appointment only.
Baptism, First Penance and Eucharist, Confirmation: Please contact the parish office at 774-2297.
Weddings: The parish welcomes all those who wish to be married in our Church, if at least one party of the couple is Catholic or intends to be Catholic. Contact the church office at least 6 months prior to the wedding to make arrangements.
Funerals: Contact the Church office as soon as possible after the death of a loved one or friend. Please call the church office to give notification of hospitalization, confinement to a nursing home or facility for the aging.

Parish Mission Statement
Predominantly African-American by birth, and Catholic by choice, we are empowered to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through the Word, the Eucharist, and service.

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Linda Anderson
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Dennis Jones
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Karen Owens
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Moments in Black History

Bessie Coleman

(January 26, 1892 - April 30, 1926) was an American civil aviator. She was the first woman of African American descent, and the first of Native American descent, to hold a pilot license. She achieved her international pilot license in 1921. Born to a family of sharecroppers in Texas, she went into the cotton fields at a young age but also studied in a small segregated school and went on to attend one term of college at Langston University. She developed an early interest in flying, but because neither African Americans, Native Americans, nor women had flight school opportunities in the United States, she saved up money to go to France to become a licensed pilot. She soon became a successful air show pilot in the United States, and hoped to start a school for African American fliers. She died in a plane crash in 1926 while testing her new aircraft. Her pioneering role was an inspiration to early pilots and to the African American and Native American community.
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Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
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**St. Augustine News**

**St. Augustine 80th Anniversary:** As you may have seen in the bulletin, plans are underway to celebrate St. Augustine’s 80th anniversary in August. Anyone interested in submitting suggestions for artwork that will be included on items such as t-shirts and other give-aways, are encouraged to do so. If you would like to submit an artwork entry for consideration, you may do so by dropping it off at the church office, or if you’d like to email it, contact the office to obtain the email address. The deadline is March 31st.

**St. Augustine Alumni Association:** Please support the Fr. Bertrand/St. Augustine Alumni Association by attending our first awards banquet honoring distinguished alumni. The banquet is to support St. Augustine Elementary School. Your $30 ticket purchase will go a long way in assisting in a sound Christian education for these deserving students. Thank you.

**Rosary Books:** Rosary Books are available in the church office for a donation of $5.00 each. Please contact the church office for details.

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**Eat Right to Fight Hunger:** Memphis Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Fifth Annual "Eat Right to Fight Hunger" at Robinson Gallery, 400 S. Front Street Memphis, TN 38103 on March 31, 2017 from 7–11 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. Silent Auction and Wine Pull tickets are $60 per person or $150 per couple; Wine Pull ticket included. Buy tickets at eatrightmemphis.org.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross through Downtown Memphis with Father Bruce Nieli, CPS! Good Friday, April 14, Noon starting at the parking lot behind St. Patrick Church, 277 S. Fourth Street, Memphis. The walk includes the Stations of the Cross at historical and everyday landmarks throughout Downtown Memphis. Station locations include the Civil Rights Museum, WLOK, Clayborn Temple, Ida B. Wells Memorial, as well as other sites. This is a family-friendly event. The St. Patrick bus will be available for people unable to walk the route. Water will be available as needed. Following the Stations, the Good Friday Service begins at 3 p.m. in the Church.