In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after “the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” Until they witnessed Jesus’ Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being “raised from the dead.” We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus’ Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ’s glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

(Rev) Fr. Francis Chiawa, Pastor
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.

Moments in Black History
James Baldwin

Few writers have managed to capture the experience of living as a Black person in America the way that the late James Baldwin did. Baldwin was born in Harlem in 1924, raised by his single mother for the first three years of his life. Baldwin had a tumultuous relationship with his stepfather but took solace in reading and writing. He was also inspired by Harlem Renaissance poet Countee Cullen. Upon leaving high school, Baldwin, who had always been a gifted writer and student, became a freelance writer while performing odd jobs around the city. His work caught the attention of Native Son author Richard Wright, who began mentoring Baldwin and helped him secure the first of several grants that allowed him to focus on his craft and study abroad. In 1953, Baldwin unleashed his first major work, the novel Go Tell It On The Mountain, which was loosely based on his own life. In 1963, Baldwin published his essay collection The Fire Next Time which provided his take on the civil rights turmoil going on at the time. In the seventies, Baldwin created a musical project, The Hallelujah Chorus. Baldwin passed at the age of 63 in 1987 at his France home. Over two dozen published works featuring Baldwin’s writing are in existence. A documentary, I Am Not Your Negro, was released this year and based on Baldwin’s unfinished manuscript, Remember This House.

Quote of the week
“Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.”
ST. AUGUSTINE
The Voices of St Augustine will be singing a prelude on Sun., August 27th beginning at 9:30am for our 80th Anniversary Celebration. Come early to hear some of the worship songs from long ago. Our Youth Choir will be singing as well. Rehearsals for the Youth Choir will be on Saturdays, August 12th and 19th at 12 noon in the sanctuary. Contact Sheila Branch for more info.

St. Augustine Family: Thank you for your prayers, beautiful cards, phone calls, and thoughtfulness during my illness. Your caring and love will never be forgotten.

Jackie Mitchell

Lemoyne Owen College is an exemplary historically black college providing an excellent liberal arts education. Help support our beloved college today by becoming a VOLUNTEER! We need you! There will be a volunteer orientation and workshop at Lemoyne Owen College on August 10, from 9:00AM until 12:00PM in the building for Institutional Advancement. Please call today! Let us know if you are going to attend! The number is 435-1526.

Congratulations: The St. Augustine High class of 1957 is celebrating the 60th anniversary of their graduation. Several members of the class are very active here at St. Augustine. God is Good!

Deposit deadline: date for the Martyrs of Uganda Circle’s trip to see Moses in Branson has been extended to August 7th. Please see any Martyr or call Pam Jordan at 950-6180.

Prayer List

Nursing Homes/Rehab Centers: Mrs. Mae Perriere, Mrs. Geraldine Strickland (Memphis Jewish Home and Rehab) Mr. Floyd Shavers (Metro Community Care)

Ill at Home: Mrs. Audrey Allen, Mrs. Gloria Alsandor, Mr. Vandy Banes, Mrs. Annie Beck, Mr. Rodney Brooks, Mrs. Yvonne Lomax Bradford, Mrs. Gladys Broadnax, Ms. Gwen Collins, Mr. Robert Crowley, Mrs. Laverne Fisher, Ms. Bernice Hayes, Mr. Darrell Hollimon, Mr. Maurice Hooker, Sr., Mrs. Martha Horne, Mr. Marvin Housley, Mrs. Joyce Hutch, Mr. Robert Hutch, Ms. Evelyn Malone, Mrs. Jenny Marshall, Mrs. Freda Martin, Mrs. Grace Milburn, Mrs. Maurice McDonald, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Jackie Mitchell, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., Mrs. Lillie Robinson, Mrs. Theresa Varnado, Mr. Ben Wells, Mr. Eric Wells, Mr. Larry Whaley, Mr. Joe L. White, Mrs. Geraldine Whitthorne, Dr. Joseph Young and Mr. Sullivan Young

May Their Souls Rest in Peace
August 6-12


Sunday Readings August 6, 2017
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday Readings August 13, 2017
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

What is Cursillo?
Have you ever wondered, “What exactly is that funny word, “Cursillo” mean? Come and find out... Please join us for a one hour informational meeting on Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be at St. Louis Church in the Clunan Center. We will be covering topics such as Why go to a Cursillo weekend, What happens on a Cursillo weekend and afterwards and What’s the next step if I am interested. Feel Free to bring a friend! For any questions, contact Elizabeth Orians (901-413-2718) or at ejorians@gmail.com.