

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Love is the beauty of the soul.”

ST. AUGUSTINE



St. Augustine Catholic Church

December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in 1766 in the French colony of Saint Domingue, which is modern-day Haiti. When political unrest came to the island, he was sent to New York in 1787. There in New York Pierre was allowed to train as a hair-dresser. He purchased the freedom of another slave, Juliette Noel, and they married and adopted a daughter. From early on, the couple were very conscious of the needs of the poor. They opened their home to orphans and as a refuge to those in need. There was tragedy, too, when their daughter died at the age of 14. Pierre lived in an era when not only was he looked down upon as a freed slave, but anti-Catholicism was strong in New York at the time. It did not stop Pierre from professing his Catholic faith. He attended Mass every day for more than 60 years and was devoted to the Rosary. In addition to helping others with the money he made, he gave a great deal of money to help finance the construction of the original St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Mulberry Street. When Pierre died in 1853, he was buried in the cemetery of the cathedral. But in 1990, the cardinal in New York had his remains moved to the crypt in St. Patrick’s Cathedral where only cardinals and archbishops are buried. Pierre is the only layperson to be so honored. In 1996 Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint “venerable.”



Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

(Rev) Fr. Francis Chiawa, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley, Deacon and Rev. Mr. Norman Alexander, Deacon

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) Before 4:00pm Mass on Saturday; Before 8:00am and 11:00am Mass on Sunday
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.

Please call the church office to give notification of hospitalization, confinement to a nursing home or facility for the aging.

Parish Mission Statement

We are 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.

Religious Education:

Notify the parish office if you have a child to be baptized or if you, your spouse, family member, or friend wishes to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Preparation for First Communion normally begins in first grade and continues through second grade. Baptized children are required to attend PRE classes regularly so that they are intellectually and spiritually ready for First Communion.



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MASS TIMES

Wednesday-12:00pm (Chapel)

Thursday-12:00pm (Chapel)

Friday-10:30am

1st Saturday of the month—9:00am (Chapel)

Saturday-4:00pm (vigil)

Sunday-8:00am & 11:00am

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Prayer List

St. Francis (Park Avenue)

Clovis Pickett Rm 663

Nursing Homes/Rehab Centers: Mr. Harold Adams Beamon (Christian Care Center, 6500 Kirby Gate Blvd., Memphis, TN 38119) Mrs. Mae Perrie, Mrs. Geraldine Strickland (Memphis Jewish Home and Rehab) Mr. Floyd Shavers (Parkway Health & Rehab) Mr. Booker Mayfield (State Veteran's Home, 120 Center Ridge Rd, Oxford, MS 38655)

Ill at Home: Mrs. Audrey Allen, Mrs. Gloria Al-sandor, Mrs. Annie Beck, Mr. Gerald Bond, Mrs. Yvonne Lomax Bradford, Mr. Eugene Brassell, Mr. Robert Crowley, Mrs. Laverne Fisher, Ms. Bernice Hayes, Mr. Darrell Hollimon, Mrs. Ernestine Hollimon, Mr. Maurice Hooker, Sr., Mrs. Joyce Hutch, Mr. Vittorio Katoe, Mrs. Daisy London, Mrs. Jenny Marshall, Mrs. Grace Milburn, Mrs. Maurice McDonald, Mrs. Sandra McGhee, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., Mrs. Theresa Varnado, Ms. Onnie Wadley, Mr. Ben Wells, Mr. Eric Wells, Mr. Joe L. White, Mrs. Geraldine Whitthorne, Dr. Joyce Young, Dr. Joseph Young and Mr. Sullivan Young

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

December 2-8

Eloise Bacon 1957; Mable Swautsey 1960; John Wilder 1966; Gale Funches 1979; Wilbert Collins, Jr., 1987; Emma Patterson 1991; Tony Washington, Clara Barnes, Mack Wiggins, Sr., 1992; Nobelene Jacob 1993; Madeline Roberson 1994; Leroy Yancey, Sr., 1997; Noveleete Weddington 1998; John Woods, III 2000; Joseph C. Hardaway 2002; Claudine Collins 2003; Harry Robinson, Sr., 2006; George Coleman 2014

ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

Praying the Rosary: Advent begins Sunday, December 2nd. Please consider joining the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, pray the Rosary before each weekend mass during Advent.

NAACP Teenager of the Year: Time is running out to purchase your NAACP memberships. It is very important that we as a parish support our teenager Nile De'Square in her run for Teenager of the Year and support our NAACP chapter here in Memphis. Stop by the table today and show your support by purchasing a membership or several memberships.

Angel Tree Project: The St. Augustine Angel Tree Project is underway. The Angel Tree is located in the Narthex. The children and seniors whose names you will pull from the tree are members of our community who need your generosity. Please plan on returning your gifts prior to **December 12th** here at the church. Distribution of gifts will be made on Saturday, **December 15th** in the gymnasium. Volunteers are needed to help with distribution of the gifts on December 15th. Please see Enid Walton, Monte Flowers, or any member of the Social Action Committee for further details. Remember to always share generously with others as you make sacrifices with your treasure for others.

Sunday Readings December 2, 2018

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Sunday Readings December 9, 2018

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

NEWS YOU CAN USE

College Students with a Heart for International Missions READ THIS: The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Missionaries serving Memphis are recruiting students to participate in four different missions trips over spring and summer breaks: Guyana and Jamaica over spring break and the UK and Peru over the Summer. The goal is for students will meet Christ directly in their evangelization efforts with the poor, that they come back changed and want to do the same work with their peers on campus. For more information, contact Catholic Campus Ministry at info@ccm.cdom.org.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis, Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims, of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers: Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (1-877-237-0004) or Victim Assistance Coordinator (901) 652-4066. All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.



Reginald Green, Panya Martin, Audrey McGhee, Sandra McGhee, Raymond Moore (12/2) Michael Hudson, Jasmine States (12/3) Donna Crawford, Vera Peterson, Michelle Shelton (12/4) Norman Alexander, Willie Carpenter, Eddie Cowart, Patricia Parker, Clara Reddrick, Aspen Wooten (12/5) Oliver Peyton, Patricia Whitaker (12/6) Otha Brandon, Hazel Nathaniel, Lazzari Owens (12/7) Brian Briggs, Ashton Lewis, David Warren Ajhuel Wright (12/8)

