

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.”

ST. AUGUSTINE



St. Augustine Catholic Church

December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Dr. Olivia J. Hooker turned 103 years of age this past February and in that same month in 1945, she made military history. Dr. Hooker, who passed away last week, became the first African-American woman to join the United States Coast Guard after being rejected by the United States Navy. Hooker was born February 12, 1915 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. At the age of six, Hooker witnessed the Ku Klux Klan ransack her home during the violent Tulsa Massacre of Black Wall Street and was one of the few, if not the only, survivors of that moment in history. The family relocated to Columbus, Ohio, and Hooker graduated from Ohio State University in 1937. The Delta woman attempted to enter the Navy and was denied due to her race. She was eventually allowed to join the Navy after contesting the denial, but Hooker elected to join the Coast Guard instead in February of 1945. Hooker was part of the SPAR (Semper Paratus Always Ready) division, a section of the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve. This unit was eventually disbanded in 1946. The following year, Hooker obtained her master's degree in psychology from Columbia University and worked with women in an upstate New York prison. In 1961, Hooker earned her Ph.D from the University of Rochester and in 1963, she joined the faculty of Fordham University, teaching until 1985. She retired two years later, and at the age of 95, she joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the civilian reserve of the branch. Hooker passed of natural causes on November 21 at her White Plains, New York home.



John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

(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

Baptist East

Kathleen Reynolds

Methodist South

Elijah Terry Rm 233

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. 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 9-15

Marcella Scott 1939; Elijah Harris 1941; Marvin Young 1955; Lena Lamar, Sean Lamar 1971; Magnolia Glover 1985; Hilliard Moore 1990; Elijah Terry, Jr., Douglas Crawford, Sr. 1991; Caffrey Bartholomew 1992; Robert Crawford, Jr. 1995; Alberta Jenkins 1995; Earl Brown 2003; Alma Currie 2005; Griselda Posey 2008; Ruth Carter 2013; Lura Johnson 2016

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Parish Luncheon: On Sunday, December 16th, there will be a parish wide luncheon in Fellowship Hall immediately after the 11:00am Mass. All are invited.

NAACP Teenager of the Year: This is the last Sunday 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 9, 2018

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

Sunday Readings December 16, 2018

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

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.



Catherine Davis, Curtis Kendrick, Rhonda Williams (12/9) Sandra Fitzpatrick (12/10) Colin Price (12/11) Angela Cooper, Darrell Katoe, Doris Lacy, Cooper Parker (12/12) Jewell Alexander (12/14) Grace Milburn, Regina Moore, Chitramanie Tate, R. Kody Taylor, Joyce Turner, Carmelita Warren (12/15)



Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Flossie McKinnon (12/15)