

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Harriet Jacobs was a former slave who penned an autobiography detailing her escape from an oppressive master. Jacobs was born into slavery in Edenton, N.C. in 1813. Jacobs wrote in her book that the first six years of her life, she didn't realize she was owned. After the death of her owner, she was given to a girl too young to be a master and fell under the rule of the girl's father, Dr. James Norcom, at age 12. In the summer of 1835, Jacobs learned that Norcom was going to make her children work as slaves and that motivated her escape. With the help of neighbors both Black and white, she lived for a time in her grandmother's vermin-infested attic. For seven years, Jacobs was a fugitive, separated from her children. In 1842, she finally boarded a boat and left North Carolina for Philadelphia and then took a train to New York. She was later reunited with her daughter and began working with abolitionists who were associated with **Frederick Douglass'** paper, *The North Star*. She eventually purchased her freedom after years as a fugitive, and was convinced by friends to write about her trials. In 1853, Jacobs began writing anonymous letters to the *New York Tribune* detailing her journey. In the letters, she broached the uncomfortable subject of sexual harassment and what mothers needed to do to protect their children from sexual predators. In 1860, a year before the start of the Civil War, her memoir was finally published making Jacobs a global figure as the anti-slavery movement began to flourish. She used her fame and money to help other refugee slaves but the book fell into obscurity. After her death, the book was reprinted twice in 1973 and 1987, becoming an important account of what fugitive female slaves faced. By some historic accounts, Jacobs is considered the first person to create such a narrative.



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St. Augustine Catholic Church

August 16, 2020 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

(Rev) Dr. Francis Chiawa, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley, Deacon and Rev. Mr. Andrew Terry, 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.
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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.

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Thursday-12:00pm (Chapel)

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

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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Aug 16-22

William Parker, Carol Donahue 1960; Joseph Wiggins 1961; Mollie Santos 1964; Mac Thomas 1972; Frankie N. Jones 1978; Bernice Blade 1980; Alfonso Collins, Sr., Lewis Hines 1983; Timothy Brown 1986; Lee Andre Mead 1989; Virgie Washington 2006; Emelda Jenkins 2007; Dea. Joseph Randolph 2016; Almon Morris 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WARM GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS

Dear brothers and sisters, How are you doing today? Blessed be the Lord our God who gave us a new day to believe, love, serve him and to love and help one another. We must make the most out of this divine bonus and golden opportunity. The current pandemic seems to be dragging its feet, but it must vanish in God's time. And God's time is the best! Let us persevere in prayer like the Canaanite woman in the gospel.

A few weeks ago, I promised to offer reflections to help with our interior preparations and participation at the Lord's Supper - the Holy Mass. I am happy to share with you the following thoughts:

MASS AND THE CROSS ARE ONE: The Mass is a bloodless sacrifice of the cross. "The merit we gain from the Mass is the same merit that we would have gained had we actually been at the foot of the cross on Calvary." Therefore, "The Mass is neither a repetition of nor a substitute for the cross." The Mass is rather an opportunity to present again that complete, perfect and unrepeatable sacrifice of Christ. In this way, the singular sacrifice of Christ is multiplied, overcoming space and time.

YOUR INTERIOR PREPARATION FOR THE MASS: Through St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the Holy Spirit urges us, "Present your bodies as a sacrifice, living holy, pleasing to God - your spiritual sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). To enter into the required spiritual disposition for the Mass, Pope Pius XII counseled us to do the following: 1. Reproduce in ourselves the sentiments that Christ had when he was offering himself in sacrifice: sentiments of humility, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to the divine Majesty. 2. Become oblations by cultivating a spirit of self-denial according to the Gospel, willingly doing works of penance, detesting and expiating sins. 3. Willingly die mystically with Jesus on the cross. That is to unite ourselves with Jesus, "With Christ I hang upon the cross" (Galatians 2:20). We do not come to the Mass as spectators. We come uniting ourselves with Christ the Victim. We offer ourselves to the Father through Christ, with Christ and in Christ.

A CALL TO GLORY: Claudia Jackson, sister-in-law to Mrs Bertha Gilmore and Auntie to Raymond Jackson transitioned yesterday peacefully in her sleep. Please pray for the eternal repose of her gentle soul. Please offer Masses for her. Pray also for God's consolation for Mrs Gilmore and family.

Sunday Readings August 16, 2020

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday Readings August 23, 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

DIVINE MERCY UNIVERSITY IS OUR GUEST THIS WEEK This Sunday, we are blessed by a visitor from Divine Mercy University, Arlington VA. She is Mrs Sophia Bakker and a student in this outstanding Catholic University. She wants to share with us the beauty of this citadel of learning and healing for the purpose of inviting prospective students to consider enrolling in it. I was accepted into this University before I came to St Augustine but I had to put it on the backburner in order to be with you. The unique beauty of the Divine Mercy University is that it integrates the findings of modern Psychology, Anthropology and Philosophy with over a thousand years of the Catholic wisdom.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY OUR MOTHER IN HINDSIGHT Assumption, a first class feast in the honor of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary, as a yearly event happens on August 15th. One could wonder if we Catholics give more honor to Mary than she deserves. Sometimes too, one might think that honor to Mary obscures or takes away from that of our Lord. The answer to both considerations is No. We are not able to give her enough honor befitting her role as the Mother of the Savior. The words of the Bible spoken first of Judith applies to her, "You are the highest honor of our race" (Judith 13:18). Being finite, we do not have the capacity to give her greater honor than God already did. Addressing the second question, "Let's borrow a leaf from Alfred McBride, "Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus and to active participation in the life of the Church and the Sacraments." So she does not take us away from our Lord. She leads us to him.

DIAL- IN MASS IS STILL AVAILABLE Please do not forget that you can now access our Masses during Mass times by dialing (503) 300-6862. When prompted then dial 114429 and you will be in the Mass via your phone.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET: To dial in using the info above if you cannot make it in person to my **priestly ordination anniversary Mass at noon on Monday, August 17th**. On that day, I will be twenty four years a priest. Blessed the Lord our God! The drive-by at 5:00 p.m still holds.

WHAT'S MORE? "Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good" (Psalm 34:4-5,8-9).

Love Father Francis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May God continue to bless your life and give you the desires of your heart.



Jaylon Hawkins, Michael Turner, AC Wharton, Jr., Rossi Wilson, Tunya Wilson (8/17) David Alexander, Marianna Beaty, John Cleaves (8/18) Toya McLaurin (8/19) Shaun Fitzpatrick, Lee Harris, Aaron Parker (8/20) Fannie Shelton (8/21) Allie Bond, Jr., Dianne Ewell, Bernice Hayes, Patricia Perry, Andrea Pierce (8/22)



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