

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.” **ST. AUGUSTINE**

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



The late **Cardiss Collins** did not choose a life in politics, but tragedy thrust her into the role in the early '70's. As a result, Collins became the first Black woman to represent the Midwest in the U.S. Congress. Collins was born on September 24, 1931 in St. Louis, Mo. Her family relocated to Detroit when she turned 10. Collins then attended Northwestern University in Illinois, and worked for the city of Chicago as a revenue auditor for the Illinois State Department of Revenue. Collins' husband, U.S. Congressman George Collins, was appointed to office after the sudden death of Congressman Daniel Ronan in 1970. He served until his untimely death in December 1972 when a plane Congressman Collins was riding on crashed near Midway Airport in Chicago. The Democratic Party swiftly sought out Mrs. Collins to fill the vacant seat. Initially, she was reluctant. The couple had a 13-year-old son at the time and, in her own words, she was also shy and didn't seek the spotlight. But after running a brief campaign, she won both the Democratic Party primary and the general election handily. Her first few years in Congress was rocky but she blossomed in the role, championing women's health and welfare issues. She ultimately became chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus. Collins also made history by becoming the first Black person and the first woman to become Whip-At-Large for the Democratic Party. She served the people of Illinois for 25 years in the seat until stepping down in 1997. For many years, Collins was the only Black woman serving in Congress. Collins died in Alexandria, Virginia in 2013 at the age of 81.


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St. Augustine Catholic Church

September 6, 2020 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

(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
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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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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

Sep 6-12

Cora Coleman 1953; Jo C. Farmer 1955; Jacqueline Hayes Hatch, Sam Walker, Sr 1973; Nicole Payne 1974; Allen Baehr 1986; Juawice Robinson 1996; Andrew Cummings 2004; Eugene Harvey, Jr 2009; Helen Louise Whitelow 2016; Vercy Whitelow 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LOVE AND DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE - ST. AUGUSTINE

Dear Brothers and Sisters - Sincere greetings in the Lord! How are you today? I pray that this note finds you well.

LOVE IN THE WORD OF GOD We shall reflect this week on love as presented in the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans. "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:8-9). Is it easy to love? Yes because, our hearts are made for love. Whenever one is not able to love, there is something that is broken inside and needs to be fixed. Why is love the most important of all? It is because we are made by eternal Love and for love. It is the natural habitat of the human soul. Human soul flourishes when love is present. By the same token, the human soul shrivels and malfunctions when it is deprived of love. Three things last - faith, hope and love, but the greatest of them all is love. Why? Because Deus est caritas! "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). St. Augustine, our great patron saint, put it poetically: "If you see charity, you see the Trinity"(De Trinitate, VIII, 8, 12: CCL 50, 287). When St. Augustine wrote, "love and do whatever you like," does he want us to be reckless and lawless? No. Love itself is the law.

THERE IS JOY IN MY HEART AND IT IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for turning out in such a good number last Sunday to participate in the Mass and to welcome our Bishop, Most Reverend David P. Talley. He and I appreciated your warm welcome, your smiling faces and welcoming hearts. May the Lord bless you non-stop!

KUDOS TO OFFICE STAFF AND THE EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE You can agree with me that they piloted the ship well! Respecting the limited freedom of gathering and celebration, they made a name for God and St. Augustine in an uplifting and befitting way by spearheading the celebration of our Feast Day! The cookies, holy water and medallions were awesome! The Lord is our banner!

Next Sunday's Readings September 13, 2020

Sirach	27:30-28:9
Romans	14:7-9
Matthew	18:21-35

WHY DO WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP WITH THE SIGN OF CROSS? A child once answered this question, "Because we are Catholics!" He is right! In addition, we are in a covenant of love with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We invoke the name of God. We sign ourselves with the name of the Trinity because it is in him we live and move and have our being. We make the sign of cross because we are under his protection. It is like the *tau* spoken of in Ezekiel 9. When the Lord could no longer tolerate the infidelities of the people, he ordered extermination of all those whose lives were implicated in the worship of idol of money, sex and power. However, before this cleansing was carried out, the LORD said to the agents of his justice, "Pass through the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and mark an X on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the abominations practiced within it." These were the ones who were spared. For the rest, the Lord said, "Pass through the city ... and strike! Do not let your eyes spare; do not take pity. Old and young, male and female, women and children—wipe them out! Begin at my sanctuary" (Ezekiel 9:5-6). The sign of the cross is our *tau*. It reminds us that Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for us. His death spared us from the extermination by the father of lies.

A NEW ADDITION TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH Brooklyn Grace Conard, the great granddaughter of Grace Meacham and the daughter of Chris and C'Mon, will be baptized at 11:00 a.m. this coming Sunday, September 6th. Reginald and Kimberly Shelton are the anointed and chosen Godparents! Twenty-five years ago, here at St. Augustine, the sun stood still as C'Mon, the new baby's mother, was baptized within the 11:00 am Mass. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). All praise and glory be to his name. In the near future Brooklyn's parents - Chris and C'Mon - will enter into the matrimonial covenantal bond of love and life here at St Augustine Catholic Church. Chris will hopefully begin RCIA this fall.

WHAT'S MORE Thus says the Lord, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jeremiah 31:3). Happy Weekend!

Love, Father Francis Chiawa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



Audrey Gibson, Walter Gibson, Barbara Tyler, Debbie Warren, Mary White (9/7) Troy Vaughan, Jr (9/8) Acquanette Edwards, William Harris, Joshua Hollowell, Christopher Housley (9/9) Patricia Cowart, Diane Lewis, Joye Miller, Linda Miller, Jayla Wilson, Lois Yarbrough (9/10) Debra Collins (9/11) Sheena Christy, Eva Varnado (9/12)



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