

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Find out how much God has given you and take from it what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”
ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



June and Jennifer Gibbons were twins born on April 11, 1963 to Barbadian immigrants and raised in Wales in the United Kingdom. Known infamously as the “Silent Twins,” the Gibbons sisters spoke only to one another and sometimes their younger sister in a rapid-fire style of language only they understood. A brief stint in boarding school split the girls up in an attempt to normalize their speaking but it only made them more withdrawn. In 1979, the girls began teaching themselves how to write short romance novels. Although they had some success, their writing careers didn’t take off. They then engaged on a brief petty crime spree that included arson and theft. The pair were arrested and committed to a hospital for the criminally insane enduring more than 12 years of medication under inhumane conditions. In the ’80’s, British journalist Marjorie Wallace was able to get the girls to open up to her about their confinement, which became an explosive case in local media. Wallace, who wrote a biography about the twins in 1986, said that June once told her that one of them had to die for the other to live a normal life. According to reports, the twins were moved to a more open hospital environment in 1993 and appeared to be on a path to independent living. However, Jennifer became ill and died at age 29. Her death remains unexplained. Wallace contends that June told her that Jennifer wanted to be a sacrifice so that June could lead a more independent life. June Gibbons is still living today, according to the most recent information. By 2008, she was living on her own in Wales. In 2016, their sister, Greta, said in an interview that the hospital stay hastened Jennifer’s death and a family lawsuit was considered but eventually the family decided against it.


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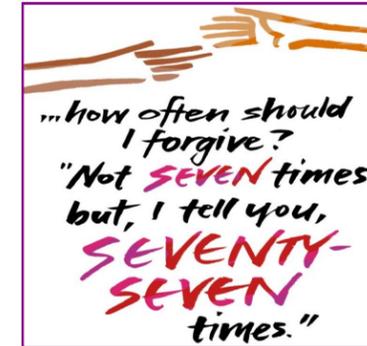
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St. Augustine Catholic Church

September 13, 2020 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

(Rev) Dr. 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 **Mrs. Marilyn Coleman at 901-849-2808** 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.

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| <u>DRE</u> Annye Hughes | <u>Ministers of Music</u> Gwen Atkins | Thursday-12:00pm (Chapel) |
| <u>Health Ministry</u> Vacant | Robert Clayborne | Friday-10:30am (Chapel) |
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Prayer List

Nursing Homes/Rehab Centers: Mr. Harold Adams Beamon (Christian Care Center, 6500 Kirby Gate Blvd., Memphis, TN 38119) Ms. Tina Crawford (Signature Healthcare of Memphis) Mr. Floyd Shavers (Parkway Health & Rehab)

Ill/Shut-Ins: Mrs. Gloria Alsandor, Mrs. Annie Beck, Mr. Gerald Bond, Ms. Adelene Boyd, Mr. Eugene Brassell, Mr. Robert Crowley, Ms. Sharl Golden, Mrs. Vivian Harris, Ms. Bernice Hayes, Mr. Darrell Hollimon, Mrs. Ernestine Hollimon, Mr. Maurice Hooker, Sr., Mr. Marvin Housley, Sr., Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. Pat Lacey, Mr. Michael Lemon, Mrs. Daisy London, Mrs. Freda Martin, Mrs. Grace Milburn, Mrs. Maurice McDonald, Mrs. Sandra McGhee, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., Deacon Curtiss Talley, Mrs. Theresa Varnado, 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

September 13-19

Henrietta Stallworth 1953; Katie Gardner 1957; Louis Babin 1968; James Wadley 1970; Lottie Davis, Ardwin Huddleston 1971; John Williams, Edna Gilliam 1972; Michael Johnson 1977; Phillip Locke, John Smith 1978; Orleans P. Knox 1979; Elsie Savare, Michael Brown 1996; Johnette Denton 1999; Walter Johnson, Jr., Roy Rainey, Maxine Petties 2000; Samuel Buford, Orrin W. Pickett 2002; Julius L. Wilson 2003; Margaret S. McAnulty, Ruby Reid 2004; Sarah Brown 2006; Charles G. Hoof, Sr 2011; James Lewis, Sr 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

SALUTATION AND BENEDECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters, how are you today? I pray that this note finds you happy and healthy!

WE BELONG TO GOD.

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:7-8).

CONTINUING REFLECTION ON THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

Two key things we must remember about the sign of the Cross are: 1. Our God is the Blessed Trinity; 2. What God did for us for our redemption. The Son of God died on the cross for us.

At the beginning of the proclamation of the Gospel during Mass we make the sign of the cross on our temple, our mouth and chest we are asking that we understand the Word of God, carry it in our hearts and live it in our lives.

A CALL UNTO GLORY Glenn D. Worsham, our brother in Christ and an older sibling of Nevada Gates transitioned to eternal life last week. A funeral Mass of resurrection was held for him on Thursday, Sept. 10th at St Mary of the Springs Catholic Church, Hot Springs Arkansas. May the soul of Glenn and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Mrs Corene Wood, mother of Mary Carolyn Wood, a friend of St Augustine and a member of Divine Office prayer Group went to meet our God at 3:00 am this morning. Mama Corene transitioned surrounded by her children and loved ones at the hour of Mercy. In the light of all these transitions, may we remember, that life does not end, it is changed.

OUR OLD PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE

We have a new functioning xerox machine. The old one which is less efficient has been in the hallway leading to St Augustine's school. We would like to dispose of it. Are you interested in giving it a home? Otherwise, we may donate it to a school for poor children in a farming community of Ebonyi State, West Africa in the heartland of Biafra. The name of that school is Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nduegu Ishieke, Izhi. It is in the hometown of Father Michael Okata.

Next Sunday's Readings September 20, 2020

Isaiah 55:6-7
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Do not forget that our Weekday Masses still go on. The schedule as follows: Mon: 7:00 am at the Missionary Sisters' Convent, 622 Keel, Wednesday through Friday 12:00 noon at St Augustine, except on First Fridays when we have adoration after the 10:30 am Mass. Mass is a heaven on earth. Please do not skip it when you have an opportunity to attend.

In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and of the true tabernacle (Rev 21:3, Col 3:2, Hebrews 8:2); we sing a hymn to the Lord's glory with all the warriors of the heavenly army; venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory (Phil 3:20, Decree of Sacred Liturgy, S.C 8).

BEING PREPARED FOR ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAYS

Our First Saturday devotion is replaced by the First Friday Masses and Devotions. The sign up sheets are placed near the Sacristy for your convenience, please sign up to spend at least an hour of redemption with the Lord.

WHAT IS MORE?

The Church is incapable of forgiving any sin without Christ, and Christ is unwilling to forgive any sin without the Church. The Church cannot forgive the sin of one who has not repented, who has not been touched by Christ; Christ will not forgive the sin of one who despises the Church. What God has joined together, man must not separate. This is a great mystery, but I understand it as referring to Christ and the Church (St Isaac of Stella, Sermon, Christ will forgive no sin without Christ).

Love, Father Francis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



Monique Rodgers (9/13) Patrick Carpenter, Shirley D. White (9/14) Stephanie Brown, Ruby Wharton, Thallus Wilson (9/15) Juanita McKee, William Moss, Alison Nabors, Justin Williams (9/16) Carmen Pinkston, Maurice Varnado, Sr. (9/17) Brannon Hobbs, Arianne Walter (9/18) Carroll Waters (9/19)



Mr. & Mrs. Lemont and Dornetta Glover (9/13)
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond and Hattie Moore, Sr. (9/14)

