

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist.”*

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

**MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY**



**George Gibbs, Jr.** was the first black man to go to the South Pole. Getting his start in exploration through the U.S. Navy, the Jacksonville, Florida native served in WWII as a Navy gunner. In 1939, George Gibbs applied for a chance to accompany Admiral Richard Byrd on a South Pole Expedition. Gibbs was chosen among 2,000 applicants. He was the first and only African-American in the group of 40 sailors aboard the USS Bear. On January 14, 1941, the men reached their destination. Gibbs would continue to serve the navy for a total of 24 years before retiring in 1959. After taking work in personnel at IBM, and starting his own employment agency, George Gibbs turned his attention toward civil rights and would organize the Rochester, Minnesota chapter of the NAACP in 1966. Only a few years later he would be honored with a chapter humanitarian award in his own name for outstanding work. In his efforts to build integration in his community, George Gibbs applied to the Rochester Elks club, an all-white private club. He was the first applicant and, of course, denied. But his denial made headlines and he helped to break the tradition of segregation at the prestigious organization. Since his passing on his 85th birthday, November 7, 2001, the city of Rochester has opened the George Gibbs Elementary School and dedicated Rochester’s West Soldiers Field Drive in his honor.

  
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**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**October 4, 2020 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*‘I tell you, then,  
that the kingdom  
of God will be  
taken from you  
and given to a  
people who will  
produce its fruit.’*



This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

**(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.

**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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**MASS TIMES**

Wednesday-12:00pm (Chapel)

Thursday-12:00pm (Chapel)

Friday-10:30am (Chapel)

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

Saturday-4:00pm (vigil)

Sunday-8:00am & 11:00am

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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, Mrs. Patricia Cowart, 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 and Dr. Joseph Young.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

October 4-10

Alberta Qualls, Leslie McFadden 1950; Margaret Saunders 1951; Sophie Porter 1952; Beatrice Richards 1953; Hattie Pitts 1956; Edna Moore 1967; Anthony Paige 1969; Furmer Baker, Sr 1978; Mable Hightower 1981; Gustee Bradfield 1985; Maurice Smith 1998; Bessie Warren, Benjamin Ivy, Jr 2000; Samuel White, Sr 2005

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**SHALOM AND BLESSINGS**

Dear brothers and sisters, how are you today? I pray that this note finds you healthy, happy and peaceful. May the God of peace take possession of your hearts so that amidst the thunders and lightnings of election fever and political campaigns you will find peace which no one can take away. The Lord says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27).

**A LESSON FROM A THUNDERBOLT PRE-SCHOOLER:** When our St Augustine's school was open, I usually took great delight in visiting different classes. One day I went to visit the pre-Ks and they were having lunch. I noticed one child was not eating a cheeseburger, but he was eating chicken nuggets instead. I said, "Why are you not eating a cheeseburger?" His response was very intriguing and insightful. He said, "Cheeseburger makes me mad." **The lesson:** Do you begin your day by listening to news that makes you mad and anxious? How about beginning it with a quiet and peaceful time with the Lord. You can use the Laudate app and pray the rosary, listen to scriptural readings or you can pray the Psalms using Divineoffice.org. Best of all you can attend the Holy Mass. That is heaven on earth.

Make your choice: Begin your day on the banks of calm and untroubled sea of peace by listening and talking to God or begin your day neck-deep in the tumultuous sea of screaming, yelling, cussing and profanities by listening to news headlines. One leaves you with lasting peace and the other leaves you with seething anger, panic and anxieties. I am not saying to not listen to the news, but I do say, "Please begin your day with God, not the weight of the ills of the world!" The worldwide Catholic channel EWTN is worth discovering for it gives you not only news from a Catholic perspective, it nourishes your faith and inspires you to do great things for God and man.

**THE TABERNACLE MOVING TO SANCTUARY**

If you do not have any objection to this project of love, reverence and respect to our Lord, we shall move the tabernacle from the small chapel to the sanctuary as soon as possible.

**BAPTISM OF BROOKLYN GRACE PRICE** At last, we will have the blessing of celebrating this Sunday the Baptism of Brooklyn Grace Conard, the great granddaughter of Mrs. Grace Meacham at 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Shelton.

**Next Sunday's Readings October 11, 2020**

Isaiah	25:6-10a
Philippians	4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew	22:1-14

**WISDOM FROM ST. THERESA OF CHILD JESUS, THE LITTLE FLOWER** Are you searching for your vocation in life? Do you wrestle with the question of what does God want you to do with the gift of life? The saint who promised to spend her heaven doing good on earth gave this guide:

"O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: **my call is love.** Certainly, I have found my place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction." When you feel tempted to hate or lash out at anybody (or everybody!) because somebody doesn't love you, remember that your vocation is to love.

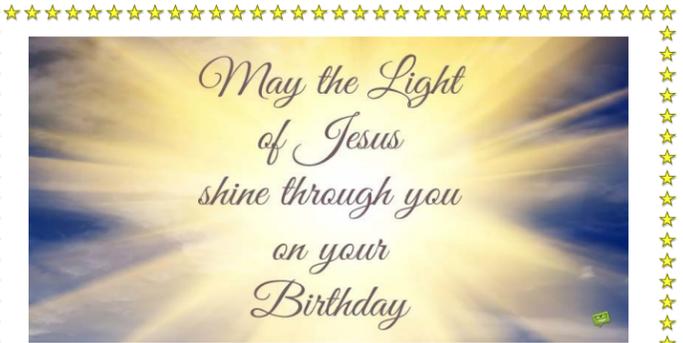
**A TRANSITION INTO GLORY - MAE BESS WRIGHT**

Mrs. Mae Bess Wright transitioned into glory during the evening hours of Monday, September 28th. Mae is the wife of Robert B. Wright, with whom she was blessed with 78 years of marriage. Mae is also the mother of Dr. Jerome Wright (our parishioner) and Rosalind Holman and the mother-in-law of Gwendolyn Wright and Marcel Holman. Her funeral Mass and Rosary at St. Augustine will be as follows: On Wednesday October 7th, Mass at 12:00 p.m. with the Rosary preceding at 11:30 a.m. Please keep Mae as well as her family in your prayers. Is it easy to say farewell to someone with whom you have been married for seventy-eight years? No.

**ROSARY RALLY** Our parish public rosary rally will take place on October 10th at 12 noon at the Lorraine Motel. Be advised that we shall observe all the safety precautions including wearing masks and six-foot distancing. It will be a 35-minute prayer event in honor of the Blessed Mother.

**HOLY ROSARY MONTH** The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary. May we persevere in our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God by daily recitation of the rosary. If you have not been in the habit of doing it, please start it. The rosary comprises the word of the Holy Bible known as angelic salutation and Elizabeth prophetic response to Mary's visit in her time of need (See Luke 1:28-45). The two make up the Hail Mary (Ave Maria). The other components of the rosary are the Apostles' Creed (I believe in God.), Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster), Glory be to the Father...(Gloria) and the mysteries of the life of our Lord and the Blessed Mother. These mysteries are made up of five Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous each making a total of twenty mysteries.

**WHAT IS MORE?** "Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8) and live them.



Travis Cleaves, Kendyl Montgomery, Christopher Morris, Clyde Saunders, Elizabeth Stewart (10/5) Reagan Casey, Tyler Casey, Anthony Young (10/6) Jordan Johnson (10/7) Joseph Moore, James Parker, Kimberly Pittman, Denise Thomas, Theresa Williams (10/9) Cassidy Johnson, Rita Johnson, Karen Owens, Jonathan Phillips, Jacquelyn Turner (10/10)



Mr. & Mrs. Allie and Renee Bond, Jr. (10/5)  
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis and Rita Kendrick (10/6)  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Helen Whaley (10/8)