

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.”  
**ST. AUGUSTINE**

**MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY**



Alessandro De' Medici, a.k.a. “IL Moro,” which stands for “The Moor,” was the first African-American Duke of Florence, Italy and the last member of the Medici family to rule. De' Medici was also the first one to take the title of Duke through ancestry. Though he was said to be the son of Lorenzo II De' Medici, many believed that Alessandro was the illegitimate son of a washerwoman named Simonetta. In 1527, Emperor Charles sacked Rome and Alessandro fled the city with the rest of his family. Three years later, in 1530, peace was restored and the family returned. Alessandro was made Duke of Florence and ruled for seven years. He had his share of enemies, and some called him harsh and incompetent. Among them was his own cousin, Ippolito, who was on his way to tell Charles V about the Duke's dictatorship, but died along the way. Some believe Alessandro De' Medici's men poisoned Ippolito. With a stigma of dictatorship behind him, Alessandro De' Medici was assassinated by his own cousin, Lorenzo De' Medici, a.k.a. “Bad Lorenzo.” Lorenzo had lured the Duke in with an opportunity to have a discreet encounter with his sister, a distant cousin as well, named Laudomia. The Medici family and officials were afraid that an uproar would occur if word got out about his death. So they wrapped his body in carpet and buried it in the cemetery of San Lorenzo quietly. “Bad Lorenzo” later confessed to killing his distant cousin for the “sake of the republic.” Lorenzo would only live until 1548, when he was also killed. Alessandro De' Medici was survived by two children, a son and a daughter.

  
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**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**November 1, 2020 - All Saints Day**



What does Jesus mean when he uses the word “blessed?” This word is sometimes translated as “happy” or “fortunate” or “favored.” In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

**(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

November 1-7

Callie McCain 1945; Laura Atkins, Mamie Masters 1955; Georgia McGee 1956; Herbert Bankston 1964; Antonio Moore 1966; Winter Daniels 1970; Camille Hunt 1972; J. A. Vavasseur 1984; Emesley Perry 1986; Jana Porter 1987; Oretha Nichols, Eustace McKissack 2000; Carlos R. Collins 2002; Celestine Cole, Dorothy Anderson 2005; Tommy R. Lawscha, Florida Collins 2009; Toya P. Booker 2012

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICTIONS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, How are you today? I pray that this note finds you sound and strong. Cold season is already at the door. There are indications on the spikes of the case of the insidious virus that has terrorized the world for several months now. I pray that we all shall be safe from its cold grip.

**WHY DO WE HONOR THE SAINTS?** It is pertinent to ask this question as we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints today. The saints do not need our praises because they see God face to face. Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins" (Liturgy of the Hours, Office of the Reading, Solemnity of All Saints, *Disc. 2, Opera Omnia Cisterc. 5, 364ff.*). Driving it home, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "This, then, is the meaning of today's Solemnity: looking at the shining example of the Saints to reawaken within us the great longing to be like them; happy to live near God, in his light, in the great family of God's friends. Being a Saint means living close to God, to live in his family. And this is the vocation of us all, vigorously reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council and solemnly proposed today for our attention" (Homily on November 1, 2006).

**NOVEMBER DEVOTION - PRAYING FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** The bonds that knit us together with our loved ones do not unravel with death. We can still do something for those who have transitioned. The Church, our holy Mother teaches, "Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted" (CCC 1479). Offer Masses, prayers and good works to God for them.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASSES:** We shall have three Masses at St Augustine: 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please attend at least two.

**Next Sunday's Readings November 8, 2020**

Wisdom 6:12-16  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**TODAY BEGINS VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. Do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

**ONE VOCATION LEADS TO ANOTHER** "Let us not forget that Christian marriage is a vocation to holiness in the full sense of the word, and that the example of holy parents is the first condition favorable for the flowering of priestly and religious vocations." Pope Benedict XV

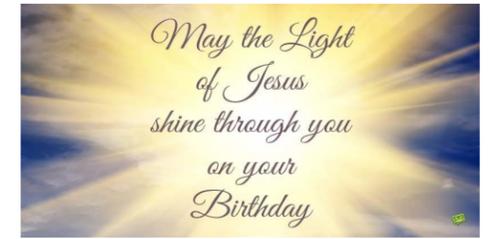
**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION** Our First Friday Devotion is on Friday November 6, 2020. We shall begin as usual with a holy Mass at 10:30 a.m. and then the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration till 3:00 p.m., the hour of Mercy. Please come and have a heart-to-heart conversation with our Lord.

**MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES** To Trini and Valerie Nering and to the Sheltons at the passing of Lillie Nering, the mother-in-law of Valerie nee Shelton. To George and Wanda Gordon at the passing of Ernest Gordon, the brother of George. The funeral rites for Lillie and Ernest took place on Friday, October 30, 2020. To Margaret Vaughan's family at the transition of our dear Margaret. Until her death, Margaret was a staunch member of the Holy Names Catholic Church. Margaret was laid to rest on Saturday at Calvary Cemetery.

**WHAT WE NEED TO BECOME SAINTS?** To be a Saint requires neither extraordinary actions or works nor the possession of exceptional charisms. It is necessary first of all to listen to Jesus and then to follow him without losing heart when faced by difficulties. "If anyone serves me", he warns us, "he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honour him" (Jn 12: 26).

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Keep Mrs. Hildred Lomax in your prayers. She had a stroke and is recovering at Methodist University Hospital.

**WHAT'S MORE?** The Lord said, Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord" (Matthew 11:28).



Thomas Neal, Marcus L. Thomas (11/1)  
Christy Turner, Arabelle Williams (11/2)  
Yolanda Evans, Marvin Housley, Jr., Peyton Taylor, David Wright (11/4)  
Harold Adams, Vozve' Parker (11/6)  
Ardis Andrews (11/7)



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