

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”
ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Wendell Scott became the first African-American to obtain a NASCAR racing license in 1953. He made history in 1952 at the Danville Fairgrounds Speedway, where he was the first black to compete in the stock car racing competition. The driver held 147 top-ten finishes during his career, but racial discrimination prevented him from entering the Victory Circle. Scott was raised in Danville, Virginia. The main sources of income in Danville were the cotton-gin and tobacco fields, but Scott refused to do those jobs because, he says, they “felt like prison.” Bored with school, Scott dropped out, got married and joined the army during WWII. When he returned, he made a living making and selling moonshine whiskey. He practiced speeding on the road while outrunning the police on his whiskey runs. Things changed for Scott when the Dixie Circuit racers, who were part of NASCAR, asked the police for the fastest negro driver to compete against their seasoned white drivers in a gimmick race. They recommended Scott. Scott’s car broke down, but he knew that racing was in his blood. A year later, Scott somehow convinced the NASCAR licenser to grant him a license and by 1963, had won the race on the one-mile dirt track at Speedway Park in Jacksonville, Florida. Scott won race after race and was always in the top ten. His top career earnings were in 1969 when he won \$47,451. Wendell Scott died in 1990. His story was told in the 1977 film “Greased Lightning” starring Richard Pryor.



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St. Augustine Catholic Church

October 25, 2020 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

(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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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

October 25—October 31

Rose Foot 1938; Lucille Washington 1943; Archie Sooter 1950; Mary Williams 1954; Claude Mouton 1960; Priestly Hoof, Sr 1964; Patricia Hilliard 1970; Herbert Mason 1976; Robert B. Smith, Ida Thompson 1979; Wilbert Collins 1994; Leroy E. Stovall 1995; Beulah L. Price 1996; Pauline Cooke 2000; Major Haywood 2001; Oscar Vaughn 2009; Mildred Couch 2014; William Johnson 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GREETINGS AND BENEDECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
How are you today? I pray that this note finds you well and full of optimism. May I take a moment to thank you for praying for us while we were engaged in all priests' retreat. I missed only one day because of the funeral Mass. May you know also of my prayers for you and our loved ones. Please pray for the land of my birth there is a lot of turmoil there. The present crisis erupted because citizens engaged in a peaceful protest against unspeakable brutality on innocent citizens perpetrated by a group of law enforcement agents called sars. The moslem-led government is not helping matters.

Please stay safe, observe the safety precautions. Do not let covid get to you. ICU and telemetry beds are at 95% occupancy in the Memphis metro area. May we never need that.

ECHOES FROM THE DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS ALL PRIESTS' RETREAT

Our priests' annual retreat which began on Monday - Oct 19 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, Dancyville concluded yesterday on a high note. Being myself a participant in that retreat, I am happy to share with you that it was a very blessed and Spirit-filled retreat. The Moderator, His Grace, Archbishop Peter J. Sartin was phenomenal. He led us to the mountaintop of Transfiguration that we could see the face of God and live. One of the many things that struck me on that retreat centered on Beatitude and Priestly Spirituality is: "The reason why we have cross with corpus, the body of Christ is not only that we may know what our Lord suffered for us but Christ invites us to enter into his wound and to let him enter into our wounds of life."

FIRST FRIDAY

Please pencil into your calendar our First Friday devotion which comes up on Friday, November 6, 2020. The holy Mass begins at 10:30 am and after the Mass, the heart to heart conversation with Jesus, the Eucharistic Lord commences. Please do not miss out on this opportunity for a personal encounter with our Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings November 1, 2020

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

WHAT IS THE COMING MONTH DEDICATED TO?

"You are fellow citizens of God's holy ones and members of God's household" (Ephesians 2:9). Next Sunday is the beginning of the month of November. This month is dedicated to All the Faithful departed. May I invite you to book Masses to be offered for the loved ones who have transitioned. This in addition to all we have traditionally done in honor of the memory of our loved ones who have gone before sleeping the sleep of peace. Such things include bringing their pictures and memories to Church. The key thing is to pray for them. "O Lord, through the blood sweat which you suffered in the garden of Gethsemani; through the pains which You suffered while carrying your Cross to Calvary; through the pains which you suffered in your most bitter agony on cross; through the immense pain which You suffered in breathing forth You blessed soul; grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed. Remember that it is this month that we plan to offer Mass for all our slain brothers and sisters" (Frederick Schroeder ed., *Every Day is A Gift*, New Jersey: Catholic Book Publishing Corp., 1984, p.203).

MARIAN DEVOTION:

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Honor to Mary does not take away from the honor due to Christ. Rather, it enhances it. Marian devotion addresses a need of heart and corresponds to objective truth about the Mother of God. "Mary is the new Eve, placed by God in close relation to Christ, the new Adam" (St John Paul II, *Crossing The Threshold of Hope*, p.213).

THE LORD IS ADDING TO OUR NUMBER

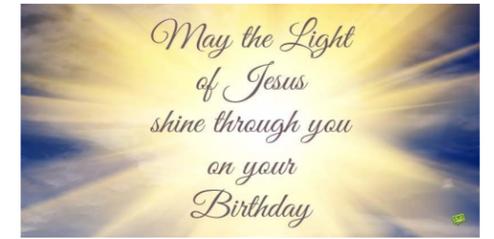
We are blessed with the gift of a new member of St Augustine Catholic Church. On the Feast of All Saints, that is next Sunday, we are going to celebrate the baptism of Evan Louis Ruffin, the son of Celestine Evans and Emmanuel Ruffin, the grandson of Yolanda Evans. The Godparents of the baby are Wayne & Jozelle Booker and Oneka Richardson.

We have two faith filled sisters in Christ, Crystal Biddle and Paula who are interested in becoming Catholics. God be praised. Please keep them in your prayers.

WHAT IS MORE?

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him" (John 14:23). May the Lord bless you always! Have a blessed weekend.

Love,
Father Francis



Joseph Steinberg, Sr., Phyllis Witherspoon, Joyce Young (10/25) Sheila Lacy, Patryce Steele (10/26) Keshia Gordon-Parker, Yvonne Varnado (10/27) Julian Bolton, Brett Hobbs (10/28) Glenn Adams, Clinton Anderson, Christopher Housley, Jr., Deven Montgomery, Raylon Perkins, Carroll Waters, Jr. (10/29) Derrick Crowley, Paula Miller (10/31)



Mr. & Mrs. Greg and Monica Hickman (10/29)

