

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Martin Delany was the first African-American commissioned as a major in the Army. He was also a writer, editor, abolitionist, Harvard medical student, physician and judge. Martin studied medicine as an apprentice and opened a medical practice specializing in cupping and leeching. In 1839, he toured slave country to observe the racism endured by his enslaved brothers and sisters. A few years later, he joined the fight of Frederick Douglass through literature by publishing a newspaper in Pittsburgh called “The Mystery” then joined Douglass’ North Star publication in Rochester. By 1850, Delany successfully entered Harvard Medical School to continue his studies. However, he was booted out of the program after three weeks when white students petitioned for his removal. Angered by the discrimination, Delany recorded his frustration in another publication that insisted blacks immigrate to Africa for justice. Delany’s next effort would be through the Union Army in the Civil War. In 1861, he returned to the U.S. and recruited thousands of blacks to serve in the Union. Four years later he met with President Lincoln and got approval to create an all-black Corps led by African-American officers. He was commissioned a Major in the 52nd U.S. Colored Troops Regiment and became the first line officer in U.S. Army history.



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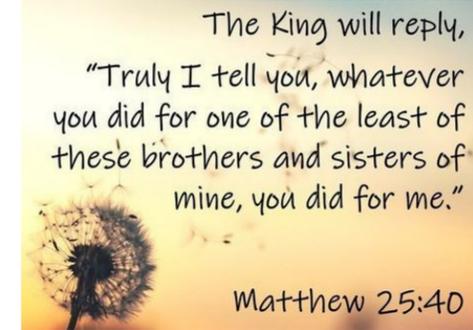


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St. Augustine Catholic Church

November 22, 2020 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used our gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

(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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Thursday-12:00pm (Chapel)

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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

November 22-28

Wilbourn Mitchell 1941; Annie Walker 1970; Katherine Jones 1973; Jerry Frazier, Leo Duga Savare, Sr. 1975; Anna Drane 1988; Lettie London, Bonnie Churchwell 2000; Don Gilbert 2003; Charles Walker 2004; Doris Neal 2005; Lula Patricia Williams 2006; Patricia Ann Miller 2007; Clara Joyce Wilks, Mildred Siggers McLemore 2009; Bobby Gibson Redmond 2010; Arlene Hardaway 2013; Forrestine Weed, Clovis Pickett 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dear brothers and sisters, this annual and national festival of thanksgiving to God is at our doorstep this year. May it be for us a season of joy, family reunion and reconciliation as well. Everyday is a day of thanksgiving. "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness in the night" (Psalm 92:1-3). This sentiment of gratitude is echoed in the many Psalms and passages of the Bible. The great liturgical hymn of Psalm 118 put it elegantly, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 118:1). This is a summon that we cannot turn down.

As we give thanks to the Lord by acts of worship and plan to share meals and quality times with loved ones, may we not forget those who have no one with whom to celebrate. Observing the C.D.C and common sense guidelines for safety during the pandemic, may we reach out to them. Invite them to your table if it is feasible or send food baskets or gift cards to them.

Remember especially those who have lost their spouses, parents, children, siblings or friends for whom this is the first Thanksgiving after their bereavement. Reach out to them generously. Remember, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

MARIAN CONSECRATION

Our youth are cordially invited to be part of the consecration to Jesus through Mary our Mother, following the guideline of Louis Marie De Monfort. If you have not yet received the book *True Devotion to Mary*, please contact Dr. Mary McConner our youth Director at 313-903-0787, Karen Owens or Val Makarsky @ 901-774-2297 so that they can get you a copy.

THANKSGIVING MASS

It is four days to Thanksgiving Day this year - Thursday, November 26th. We shall have a holy Mass on that day at 12:00 noon. Please plan to participate in the Mass, using this opportunity to thank the Lord for his goodness to you and your family.

Next Sunday's Readings November 29, 2020

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

DO WE HAVE REASONS TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR? Thanksgiving this year comes on the heels of many turmoils including the far-reaching impacts of the COVID pandemic, the unnecessary interference in religious freedom by some civil authorities, the contentious election and the murder of George Floyd and many other acts of violence against lives and properties of innocent people. Because of all these, should we be justifiably mad at God? No. To be mad at God is to add sin upon sin. Our calamities are caused by our godlessness. How can we become part of the healing of our land? What does it take to give room for God's healing? Keep before you always the Ten Commandments. Pattern your life accordingly. Do not put down religion or Church. Love and defend human life at all stages. Care for the poor and the most vulnerable. Pray - whether as a family or by yourself if you live alone. Do we have reasons to thank the Lord and celebrate Thanksgiving this year with joy in our hearts? The only correct answer is a resounding yes. The sufferings we have seen this year can only be a tragedy if we fail to draw closer to God who awaits us with open arms. May the purifications that we have endured make us heroes of faith, hope and love.

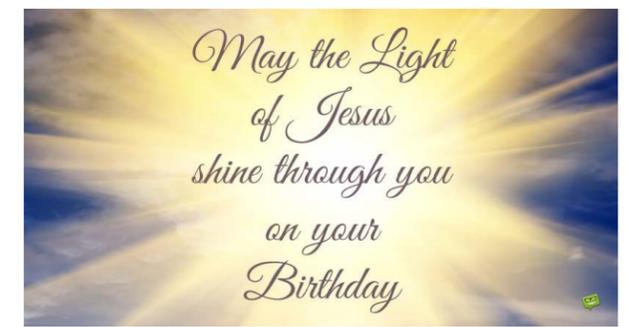
OUR LEGENDARY LECTOR AND A DEAR SON IN ARIZONA Please do not relent in your prayers for Leon Jones, our elder brother and great lector. He is still recuperating from his surgery. May God grant that he will rejoin us at the altar of worship in no time.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION Our First Friday Devotion is on Friday December 4th. 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.

WHAT'S MORE: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 11:9-10).

May our Lord and God richly bless you and your family. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mass Intentions for Nov 22-28 November 22, Joe Berkeley Lewis (grandfather); November 23, Jackie Partee (cousin); November 24, Willie B. Brown (aunt); November 25, Kenneth R. Brown (cousin); November 26, Mosselle Fort Ransom (aunt); November 27, William Fort (cousin); November 28, Lorraine Aldridge (aunt).



Andrea Green (11/23) Michael Casey (11/24) Daisy London (11/25) KC Chandler, Sydney Steinberg (11/26) Courtney Fields-Williams, Reginald Peyton, Andre' Rodgers (11/27)



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