

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.” **ST. AUGUSTINE**

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Cornelia Graves was the only teacher and principal at Bethelda school, the first “colored” school in Stephenville, Texas. In 1907, the Erath County, Texas woman built the small school of less than 12 students, which sat near College Hill road. She taught there for nearly 20 years. Graves was born in 1875 to a family of eight children. A graduate of Prairie View A&M University, she left Dallas and moved to Stephenville where she taught at Bethelda Colored School until 1926. She also served as the local church Sunday School superintendent. After moving to Amarillo, her husband fell sick with tuberculosis and they left the city. Although the pioneer teacher was no longer at Bethelda, the city named their new school on Floral Street after Mrs. Graves in 1951. Resident historian Thetis Edwards has spent two years researching the life of Graves and the legacy she left to the community. Edwards is an advocate for the school’s legacy, which was eventually used as a community center then a business office before shutting down completely. Graves died in 1960 at age 85. The city of Stephenville, Texas dedicated a new historical marker in her honor on June 26, 2012.



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St. Augustine Catholic Church

January 17, 2021 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, “What are you looking for?” This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus’ identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

(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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Wednesday-12:00pm (Church)

Thursday-12:00pm (Church)

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1st Friday of the month—10:30am (Church)

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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

January 17-23

Leona Bonner 1955; Sallie Drew 1957; Charles Marshall, Sr 1979; A.J. McKinley Brown 1981; Lois Dukes 1985; Warnsby Stegall, Sr 1987; Lelia Flagg 1988; Edna Parker, Sam Murphy 1990; C. B. Drane 1992; Richard Mathis, Jr 2004; Daniel Webster Pointer 2008; Everett K. Thompson 2009; Rodney Brooks 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GREETINGS IN THE LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
How are you today? Even without hearing your voice, I can say with confidence that you are blessed and highly favored. You can see that this Sunday's readings talk about the call of God. Some of us may say, I already know my call. I am a wife, mother and a lawyer or I am a husband, father and an accountant. These are true but may we never forget two other calls: the call within a call and the call to holiness. The call within a call is something the Lord wants you to pay attention to within your state in life. For example, bringing into your home your mother-in-law who is now sick, lonely and unable to take care of herself. It could also be spending more time with your wife whom you know is lonely. It could be offering to baby-sit a grandchild whose mother is going to school. It could be as a health provider to give attention to self-care that you may help others better.

Regarding the vocation to holiness. This Sunday's reading illustrates it by reminding us that we belong to Christ. Hence, our bodies are members of Christ. To be holy is not for a select few. It is for all. The Second Vatican Council teaches us: "Everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification". However, this holiness of the Church is unceasingly manifested, and must be manifested, in the fruits of grace which the Spirit produces in the faithful; it is expressed in many ways in individuals, who in their walk of life, tend toward the perfection of charity, thus causing the edification of others; in a very special way this (holiness) appears in the practice of the counsels, customarily called "evangelical" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, L.G. 39).

The awesome thing about this universal call to holiness is that it is holiness within your state in life. If you are a teacher, your holiness is in your teaching, if you are a mother your holiness is in your life and work of motherhood. Nobody will expect you to live like a Carthusian monk. If you are a priest your holiness is in your priestly life and duties. In sum, "Every person must walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity" (L.G. 41).

Next Sunday's Readings January 24, 2021

Jonah	3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians	7:29-31
Mark	1:14-20

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins Monday, January 18th. Our Lord commands us to "pray that all may be one." (John 17:21)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please encourage your child to be fully engaged and involved with educational and uplifting events organized by our youth Director. That is a process of inculturation and growing in faith.

BRING SOMEONE BACK TO THE PRACTICE OF FAITH.

Reach out consistently to someone who has fallen away from the practice of faith. Invite and encourage him/her to rekindle the fire of love in his or her heart.

IS THERE ANY MINISTRY YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE?

Please do not hesitate. Do what the Lord put in your heart. Is there anything you want to correct or improve, please do not be bashful. Please offer your corrections and suggestions.

OUR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Do not let anything that can wait take away from your time with the Lord in a well-spaced out environment in the sanctuary of St Augustine. Please come and spend time with our Lord. The date is February 5, 2021 and the time is 10:30 am.

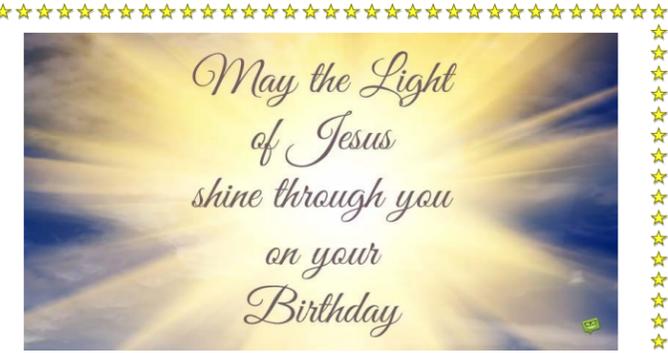
BLESSING OF THE THROAT: The memorial of St Blaise comes up on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. We shall do the blessing of the throat within the noon Mass and on Sunday.

DO NOT FORGET:

The Lord knows you and calls you by name. Together we can say, "We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ who brings us truth and grace" (John 1:35-42).

Love,
Father Francis Chiawa

MLK Celebration at Immaculate Conception: The MLK program will take place at the Cathedral on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10:00am. The Voices of St. Augustine will be providing the music.



Rebecca Garcia, Matthew Gooden, Sylvester Hobbs, Allen Parker, Gerald Samuels, Mayme Tuggle (1/17) Loyce Cole, Darryl Denton, Antoinette Katoe, Crystal McKinney (1/18) Andres' Campbell, Luis Guerrero, C'Mon Price, Larry Hunter (1/19) Shirley Austin (1/20) Christopher Boyd, Ruby Snowden (1/21) Gerald Bond, Anthony Whitlow, III, Caleb Williams (1/22) Chab Harris, Maurice Hooker, III, Bertharene Young (1/23)



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