

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Already I had learned from thee that because a thing is eloquently expressed it should not be taken to be necessarily true; nor because it is uttered with stammering lips should it be supposed false.”
ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Cherokee Bill was an outlaw who committed a series of violent crimes across the Indian Territory of the 19th Century, around what is now known as Oklahoma. Bill’s name grew in infamy after running with a crew of Black Indian outlaws. Born February 8, 1876 at Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas, Bill’s father was a mulatto Union Army soldier and a member of the famed Buffalo Soldiers regiment. His mother was a mixed Black and Indian woman. Raised primarily at Indian schools, Bill’s mother remarried and the family moved to Missouri. According to accounts, Bill clashed with his new stepfather and moved to live with a sister in Oklahoma at 15. Bill’s life of crime began around 17 or 18. Bill was captured in January 1895 with the help of former outlaw friends who wanted the \$1,500 reward for his capture. While at Fort Smith, Ark., Bill was tried for the murder of Edward Melton and found guilty and sentenced to death in April of that year. Bill was planning an escape and had a gun smuggled into the jail before his attempted break out in July. In the ensuing gun battle, a prison guard was killed. A fellow inmate and outlaw, William Starr, negotiated with Bill to turn himself in to the authorities. Despite a valiant effort for an appeal, Bill would hang for his crime at the age of 20, the following year. On March 17, 1896, Bill was sent to the gallows. Allegedly, his last words were “I came here to die, not make a speech..”



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St. Augustine Catholic Church

May 23, 2021 - Pentecost



The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church’s sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

(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 (Church)
Thursday-12:00pm (Church)
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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

May 23-29

- May 23: Joseph W. Alsandor, Jr., Dora E. Todd
- May 24: Carolyn King, Pearl Parks, Theresa I. Kimbrough, Ronald Bailey
- May 25: Julian Moyse
- May 26: Willie T. Miles, Walter R. Flowers, Jr.
- May 27: Rodger Phifer, Alma Scott, Marian Pride, Helen Ann Stewart
- May 28: Marilyn Long Crawford
- May 29: Minnie Porter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE LORD HAS GIVEN US A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Dear brothers and sisters,
WARM GREETINGS AND UPDATE
How are you today? I pray that you are well, blessed and highly favored! I am back from my visit to the Motherland. The primary purpose of that visit was to see my mother who had been weighed down by illness and also to visit with my home Bishops. My mother is holding her own. She is still sick but ambling on. Thank you wholeheartedly for your prayers for her. Please do not relent.

Most Reverend Callistus V. Onaga my home Diocesan Bishop and his auxiliary Most Reverend Ernest Obodo sent you their greetings and episcopal blessings. The Bishops are in good health and good spirits. Thank God! They received me very well. They did not issue me an ultimatum to come home immediately. So, I still have a few years in the United States. Thank you for the many ways you make the light of Christ shine in our world. I deeply appreciate your love, kindness and generosity. May the Lord reward you for the ways you ministered to me while I was getting ready for the visit to the Motherland.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
"You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may be glorified with him" (Romans 8:15-17). Being so blessed, may we treat no one, born and unborn, as a second class citizen and may we not allow ourselves to be treated as one. You belong, you are called and chosen. "You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Today, Christ Jesus, the crucified, risen and ascended Lord fulfilled the promise of sending the Holy Spirit from the Father. He sent us the Holy Spirit that we may be one with him, with one another and his witness to the ends of the earth.

Next Sunday's Readings May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy	4:32-34, 39-40
Romans	8:14-17
Matthew	28:16-20

With the Gift of the Holy Spirit, the kingdom of David is restored. The scattered children of God are brought into unity of tongue, heart and worship. The division at the tower of Babel is removed. The Church is manifested as the Sacrament of Christ destined for the unity of the human family.

With the Pentecost, Christ has completed the Passover. He has redeemed us, sent us the Holy Spirit and given us new hearts and new spirit. Did you receive the Holy Spirit?

Where is the work of the Holy Spirit palpable? Where can we feel him and touch him? The Bride of Christ answers,

- "The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:
- in the Scriptures he inspired;
- in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
- in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
- in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
- in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
- in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
- in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;
- in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation" (CCC 688).

Do not forget, the Holy Spirit buoys you up. It is in him that we live, move and have our being (Acts 17:28). Let us pray, "O blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill" (Sequence, Veni Sancte Spiritus).

With Pentecost celebrated, we have entered the Ordinary Time.

TAKE HEART

Our three loved ones transitioned during the time I was in the Motherland. They are Mr. Leroy Willis, a dear son of Mama Edyce Lawrence, Mrs. Susie Purdie, dear mother of Rosemary and Mrs. Hildred Lomax, dear mother of Sylvia, Pam, Kevin, Matthew Lomax and mother-in-law of Sheila Lomax.

Please do not forget to reach out to our bereaved ones in love and solidarity, above all pray for the eternal repose of the deceased. The funeral Mass/rites have been held for them. I was privileged to officiate at the holy Mass for Mama Hildred last Monday. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

CONCLUSION
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Love

Father Francis Chiawa



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