

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is no advantage to be near the light if the eyes are closed.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Harriet Jacobs was a former slave who penned an autobiography detailing her escape from an oppressive master. Jacobs became a darling of the anti-slavery movement with the publication of her book, *Incidents In The Life Of A Slave Girl*, helping other slaves by way of her celebrity. Jacobs was born into slavery in Edenton, N.C. in 1813. She wrote in her book that the first six years of her life, she didn't realize she was owned. After the death of her owner, she was given to a girl too young to be a master and fell under the rule of the girl's father, Dr. James Norcom, at age 12. When Jacobs turned 15, Norcom pursued her sexually though she rebuffed him at every turn. Norcom's wife was well aware of her husband's insidious actions. He built a cottage four miles away just for Jacobs. She wanted to marry a free Black man but was refused, and instead got pregnant by an unmarried white lawyer. Jacobs thought this meant that Norcom would sell her but he was relentless in his pursuit and even took ownership of her two children. In the summer of 1835, Jacobs learned that Norcom was going to make her children work as slaves and that motivated her escape. With the help of neighbors both Black and white, she lived for a time in her grandmother's vermin-infested attic. For seven years, Jacobs was a fugitive, separated from her children. In 1842, she finally boarded a boat and left North Carolina for Philadelphia and then took a train to New York. She was later reunited with her daughter and began working with abolitionists who were associated with **Frederick Douglass'** paper, *The North Star*. She eventually purchased her freedom after years as a fugitive, and was convinced by friends to write about her trials. In 1853, Jacobs began writing anonymous letters to the *New York Tribune* detailing her journey. In 1860, a year before the start of the Civil War, her memoir was finally published making Jacobs a global figure as the anti-slavery movement began to flourish. She used her fame and money to help other refugee slaves but the book fell into obscurity. After her death, the book was reprinted twice in 1973 and 1987, becoming an important account of what fugitive female slaves faced. By some historic accounts, Jacobs is considered the first person to create such a narrative.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

July 25, 2021 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

(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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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, Mr. Eugene Brassell, Mrs. Patricia Cowart, Mr. Robert Crowley, Mrs. Maureen Davis, 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. Freda Martin, Mrs. Grace Milburn, Mrs. Sandra McGhee, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., 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

July 25-31

July 25: Deacon John Bolden, Eddie Watson

July 26: Lucille Thompson, Alphonse, Collins, III., Mae Kathryn Fagen, Charles Cunningham, Joycelyn J. Perry

July 27: Thelma P. Walton

July 29: Rita Snowden, Josie Flowers, Wisdom F. Coleman, Jr.

July 31: Rosa Lee Terry, Charlie Washington, Lillian Miller, Louise Beck

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GIVING THANKS TO ONE GOD, AND FATHER OF ALL WHO IS OVER ALL AND THROUGH ALL AND IN ALL.

Dear brothers and sisters,
Twenty five years ago, August 17, 1996, the Lord gave me the awe-inspiring and unmerited gift of the priesthood. The ordination took place at the Holy Ghost Cathedral Enugu, Biafra. We were eleven young men ordained priests that day. Please rejoice and give thanks to the Lord with me and the rest of our brother priests ordained on the same day with me. When I entered the Junior Seminary in 1987, I had never seen a short priest! It worried me whether I would be ordained. You can see that God does not call the qualified. He qualifies those he calls. Based on the Bible, the Church teaches, "No one has a right to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Indeed no one claims this office for himself; he is called to it by God. Anyone who thinks he recognizes the signs of God's call to the ordained ministry must humbly submit his desire to the authority of the Church, who has the responsibility and right to call someone to receive orders. Like every grace this sacrament can be received only as an unmerited gift" (CCC 1578).

God, and the Father of all who is over all and through all and in all is the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. He is the one who calls.

THANK YOU OUR BELOVED BISHOP

For gracing us today with your presence and availing our *confirmandi* the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation through your anointed hands! Thank you for loving us the way you do. May the Lord God who can never be outdone in generosity and solicitude bless you and grant abundant fruit to your labors of love.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Our First Friday holy Mass and Adoration in this month of Immaculate Heart of Mary falls on August 7, 2021. Please come and participate in the Holy Mass and the adoration. What an awesome way to spend your day every first Friday. Is it not worth your time to adore the Lord in the Sacrament of redemption and love. See it as your once a month hour of public service and hour of reparation. Remember that ours is a volunteer State!

Next Sunday's Readings August 1, 2021

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

MEET OUR CONFIRMED SONS & DAUGHTERS

A hearty congratulations to our beloved sons and daughters who are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, July 25th: Shawn Noah is the son of Shawn and Mikara Davis who joined us in 2018; Garrett Gregory is the son of Daniel and Stephanie Gregory. He is also the grandson of Dr. Antonette Crawford-Willis and great grandson of Mrs. Delores Crawford; Theodore Terry is the son of Angela Terry and the grandson of our Deacon Andrew and Joyce Terry; Maygen and Rayven Walker are twin sisters and daughters of Renita Ramsey and Marcus Walker; Jasmine Jones is the daughter of Devona Jones and Johnathan Jones. Please pray and encourage these young disciples of Christ. Help them to embrace and defend the faith they have received. Do what lies in your power to help them practice their Catholic faith. Make sure to bring them to Sunday Masses since they are not yet old enough to drive. Finally, when they are due for Catholic colleges, send them to good faithful Catholic colleges.

SIGN UP FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As the climax of our Golden Jubilee celebration, we shall have a Eucharistic Congress with our incumbent Bishop, Most Rev. David P. Talley, our Bishop Emeritus Most Rev Terry J. Steib, SVD, all the clergy of Memphis and all our other brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a festival of praise, thanksgiving, and worship to Almighty One who granted us fifty years of existence by serving as a Catholic Diocese. It is also a festival of joy, reunion and celebration of our unity as a people of God in the Memphis Diocese. When is it going to happen? October 8th - 6:00p.m - 9:00 p.m & October 9th - 9 a.m - 6:00 p.m. The venue is Renasant Center, 255 N Main St Memphis TN, 38103.

GIVE THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE AND REJOICE WITH DR MARY JOY, OUR YOUTH DIRECTRESS..

Last Saturday, July 17, 2021 the sun stood still! Mary and Baris Koploglu were united in holy Matrimony at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Memphis TN. I had the honor of officiating in this blessed union of our brother and sister. It was a full Catholic wedding. This makes heaven and earth rejoice. Please pray for their wellbeing and fruitfulness of their marriage.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Every month, birthdays are announced on the Mark Stansbury show on AM 1070 WDIA on Sunday from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. If there are any questions, feel free to call Grace Meacham at 484-7480.

THANK YOU You all have been great blessings to me. Thank you for the many ways you challenged, encouraged, inspired and helped me in answering God's call to be a priest in this millennium. I love you and thank the Lord God for you. May the Lord reward your kindness and generosity to me always.

WHAT IS MORE? The hands of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs (Psalm 145). The Lord our Shepherd is Almighty, All-loving, All-Knowing. We can take this to the bank!

Love

Father Francis Chiawa



Dreadrick Edingburg, Pat Jones, Lassie Lee (7/26) William Thompson (7/27) Tanya Cooper, William Massey (7/29) Margaret Rose Andrews, Kyla McLaurin, Corene Wells, Fannie Wilson (7/30) Julian Bolton, II (7/31)



Mr. & Mrs. Gregory and Debbie Ayers
Mr. & Mrs. George and Forestine Owens (7/28)
Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey and JoAnn Franklin (7/30)