

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Love the sinner, hate the sin.”

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

**MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY**

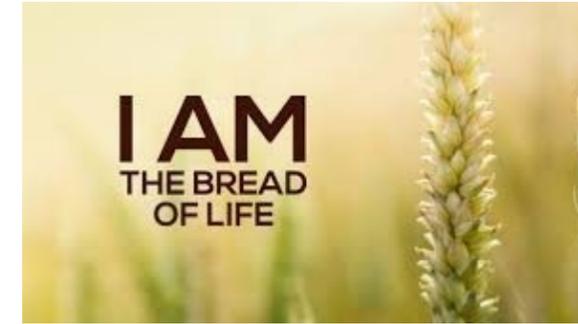


In modern times, despite poor record-keeping and erased histories, it has been revealed that enslaved African-Americans contributed far more than free labor to this country. A slave, **Jo Anderson**, is largely credited as the co-inventor of the McCormick mechanical reaper, which revolutionized American farming in the 19th Century. Jo Anderson, who was born in 1808, was owned by the family of inventor Robert McCormick. McCormick invented a horse-drawn reaper, which is an instrument that gathers and collects crops, but never refined the device. He handed over the designs to his son, Cyrus, who made significant improvements, but Anderson was right there in lockstep with the younger McCormick. In 1831, McCormick and Anderson debuted their version of the reaper with both men showing off its capabilities to speed up the harvest collection. The device was patented in 1834, and was largely seen as an updated version of earlier versions of the reaper that were invented in Scotland and other locales. In 1931, Cyrus McCormick II, the grandson of Cyrus McCormick, wrote in his book *The Century Of The Reaper* that Anderson should have been noted as a co-inventor of the device. This family account has been supported by descendants of the McCormicks many times over. Another account that Anderson and McCormick were just a year apart in age and were more like brothers than slaves. When McCormick freed Anderson before the Civil War, Anderson couldn't live freely so he worked for farming neighbors at a rate of \$60 per month which McCormick paid until his death.



**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**August 8, 2021 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

**(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

August 8-14

August 8: Fr. Capistran Haas, OFM, Willie Harvey

August 9: Bernice Vavasseur, William Taylor, James Milligan, William Smith

August 10: Elma Love Daniel

August 11: Vivian Ingram, William Lamar

August 12: Ridley J. Anderson, Jr.

August 13: James Edward Foster, Carrie Cannon, Robert Hutch

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

JESUS, THE LIVING BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

**SALUTATION**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
How are you today? I lack words to express my gratitude and indebtedness to you for your generosity and love everyday and in a special way on the day of my silver jubilee celebration. I will treasure this pleasant memory as long as I have breath. I see in you something of our Lord. This makes me very happy. Thank you! St. Augustine is really good!

**THE LIVING BREAD AND THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY.**

When the prophet of God Elijah was fleeing from those who sought his life, at some point, he was tired and despaired of life. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers" (1 Kings 19:4). The Lord responded by sending an angel who brought him bread and water. The prophet ate this bread and drank some water and regained his strength and zest for life. He was able to reach Horeb, the holy mountain of God. It was on this mountain that the Lord gave Elijah the missions to accomplish before he was taken up to heaven. The bread that Elijah ate and was strengthened to make to his destination is prefiguration of the Eucharist. When one who is close to embarking on the journey to eternity, the Eucharist is called Viaticum. It is food for the pilgrims. In the world, we are all pilgrims because the world is not our final destination, Heaven is. The Eucharist is the food that sustains us to reach paradise. How do you understand it when the Lord said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). It speaks to me of God whose love for us led him to give himself without reserve. The Holy Eucharist I receive at the Mass is Jesus, the son of the living God. It is not a mere sign or an aspect of him. He is truly, really and substantially present. This is a mystery! St Thomas Aquinas articulates this powerfully, "Sight, touch and taste in Thee are each deceived; The ear alone most safely is believed. I believe all the Son of God has spoken; Than truth's own word, there is no truer token"(St. Thomas Aquinas (attr.), Adorate devote; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins).

**Next Sunday's Readings August 15, 2021**

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

The sacrament of charity (1), the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman. This wondrous sacrament makes manifest that "greater" love which led him to "lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

**IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EUCHARIST AND UNCONSECRATED WAFER?** What if you were to order your own host from the company that makes bread for the Eucharist? Is it the same with the one you receive in the Church at Mass after the prayer of consecration? No. They are not the same. There is a big difference. The one you order from the bread factory is a mere bread because it has not yet been consecrated. The unconsecrated and consecrated hosts are like an empty glass and a glass filled with drinkable water. The empty glass does not help a thirsty man. But the one that is filled with water satiates the thirst.

**BREAD FROM HEAVEN WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN THE HOSPITAL OR HOMEBOUND** Those who have been receiving holy Communion when they are well need it most when they are sick at home or in the hospital. That is why we have a tabernacle. Please remember to call the Church office or myself at this number (9014824963) when you or a loved one is sick. Confession, anointing and the holy Eucharist help sick people a great deal. Miracles of healing happen with these Sacraments.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR OUR SISTER GLADYS YOUNG** I propose that we do a love offering to help our sister Gladys on the first Sunday in September. Considering the untold excruciating and heavy weight trial that befell her in June this year - losing her firstborn son and her home at the same time, it will be an act of love to reach out to her. St Augustine said, if you love, do what you will. I have mentioned this in the Pastoral Council. I know that some of us had already reached out to her but we also need a united effort as one family. Could we all agree to do it as St Augustine usually does? If you have any suggestions or objections let me know. Email me @ [fchiawa@gmail.com](mailto:fchiawa@gmail.com) or text me at 9014824963.

**CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
We are yet to reach the goal. We are about nine thousand dollars short. Please give it your best shot so that we may reach the goal. We are St Augustine. We can do it.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY NEED FOR OUR SCHOOL FACILITY?** The Boys and Girl club of Memphis wants to make use of our facilities. But before we give them our consent, we want to ask whether any of you are interested in making use of the facility after the school hours for the good of our community. As a saying goes, "Charity begins at home but does not end there.

**WOMEN'S MONTH - OCTOBER**

We are so pleased to bring you this news of great joy - God willing, we shall be celebrating women's month this year. It will commence on October 16th through 17th. Please give it your usual generous support. This year's theme is "St Augustine Women Seeking Spiritual Food for the Mind, Body and Soul."

**WHAT IS MORE?**

"Glorify the LORD with me, Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Look to him that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him" (Psalm 34:4-7).

Love

Father Francis Chiawa



Sheila Jones, Samuel King, Kimberly Shelton (8/9) Demond Thompson, Jerry Williams (8/10) Uvialele Ayanru, Vera Dixon (8/11) Cheryl Gooden, George Gordon, Carla Varnado, Cales-tine Williams (8/13) Jennifer Barnes, David Makarsky, Leah Miller, Samuel Robinson (8/14)



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Virginia Collins  
Mr. & Mrs. Reinhold and DeAndrea Taylor, Jr. (8/8)  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee and Alena Harris (8/11)  
Mr. & Mrs. Arl and Theresa Williams (8/12)