

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“*Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.*”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Today, the Girl Scouts organization is made up of young girls from all races learning valuable life lessons, but that wasn't always the case. The organization was desegregated via the efforts of **Sarah Randolph Bailey**, who began her mission in the mid '30's. Bailey, born 1885 in Macon, Ga., was a longtime educator and missionary who saw the value in troubled young girls and volunteered her time to provide guidance. After working at a Macon rehabilitation and detention center for girls, Bailey had the vision to organize young women for the Young Women's Christian Association's (YWCA) Girl Reserves group. In 1935, Bailey gathered informal groups of Black girls and started giving them the opportunity to learn life skills and lessons, much like their white counterparts in the Girl Scouts. After organizing some 15 Girl Reserve troops in Georgia, Girl Scouts, U.S.A. took notice and invited Bailey to organize the first Black Girl Scouts troop. The group was formally introduced as official Scouts in 1948. Bailey was also named the chairwoman for the Macon Girl Scout's Central Committee and earned the Thanks badge, the Scouts' highest honor given to an adult. In 1961, a permanent campsite was named in her honor. She also worked as a district and council leader. Bailey passed in 1972. In 1994, The Macon Girl Scouts Center was re-named the Sarah Bailey Service Center. She has also been the subject of a dedicated exhibit at Macon's Tubman Museum.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

August 22, 2021 - Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time



Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God.

(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)

Friday-12:00pm (Church)

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

Saturday-4:00pm (vigil)

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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. 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 22-28

- August 22: Lewis Hines, Timothy Brown
- August 23: Fannie Delk, Florida Lee Washington
- August 24: Retta Alexander McDonald, Charles Carlos Lee, Mary Brooks
- August 25: Pauline Harris, Julius London
- August 26: Julia Hunt
- August 27: Luella Prince
- August 28: Aurelian Jefferson, Corean Dixon, Bernice Ranson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO, YOU HAVE THE MESSAGE OF EVERLASTING LIFE

Dear brothers and sisters,

How are you today? I hope that you are still blessed and highly favored. I pray that God protects you from the old covid and its new variant. Do not let anxiety overwhelm you. Look on to the Lord. Let the wise Word of Peter be ours this day. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68).

THE SOLEMNITY OF ASSUMPTION

The feast of Assumption fell this year on a Sunday! What a great joy to honor the Blessed Mother on the Lord's Day.

What is the Assumption? "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

What is the purpose of Assumption? What do we hope to gain by it? Our gain through the Assumption of the Blessed Mother is that she becomes the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for us in our pilgrim way.

Assumption confirms that God did not allow decay to touch Mary's body for she had given birth to the Lord of life (Preface of Assumption).

Next Sunday's Readings August 29, 2021

Deuteronomy	3:1-2, 6-8
James	1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark	7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THE PLACE OF MARY IN YOUR LIFE

Mary the Mother of the Lord is our mother in the order of grace. That means she is our spiritual mother who always stands by us and does not get tired of us. She can attend to billions of people at the same time. Explaining how Mary helps in the time of trouble, Maximilian Kolbe, a polish Franciscan friar who promoted devotion to Mary under the title of Immaculata and who offered to take the place of a young Father marked for execution wrote:

Whenever we encounter a problem we are unable to resolve, or when some temptation torments us persistently, we should not lose heart, but should always turn to her with full confidence like little children to their mother, and she will infuse in us the light and strength we need. She will clasp us to her heart and sweeten the most bitter distress. But let's not spare ourselves from experiencing even bitterness if it is she who sends it to us. There is no corner in the world free from crosses; on the other hand, if there were no crosses, we would not even have the chance to gain paradise for ourselves. Therefore, let us not carry the cross on our shoulders, let us do it out of love for the Immaculate.

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 or text me at 9014824963.

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 the 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."

OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Is that the Church may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

WHAT IS MORE?

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32). Marriage mirrors union between Christ and his Church. It is a serious vocation, do not trivialise it.

Love

Father Francis Chiawa



Allie Bond, Jr., Dianne Ewell, Bernice Hayes, Patricia Perry, Andrea Pierce (8/22) Mamuse Ayanru, Sara Gibson (8/23) Kevin King (8/25) George Fields, III, Samuel King, II, Larry Whaley (8/26) Marianne Walter, Thomas Williams (8/27) Lydia Miller, Sandra Williams (8/28)



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