

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



History was made in July of 2016 at the Rio Olympics when Stanford University swimming teammates **Simone Manuel** and **Lia Neal** were named to the U.S. Women’s Olympic swim team. It was the first time two African-American women have represented Team USA in the swim competition for the Summer Games. At the Rio Olympics, Manuel, a Houston, Texas native, would make Olympic history as the first African-American woman to claim individual gold by tying with Canada’s Penny Oleksiak in the 100M freestyle. Manuel set the American and Olympic records in the victory. Manuel also won gold in the 4 X 400 relay, and two silver medals. At the 2019 World Championships, she won six golds and one bronze medal, and currently holds three world records. Brooklyn, N.Y. native Neal competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London for Team USA. She and the 4 X 100 Meter relay team took home the bronze medal during that year’s games. At the Rio Olympics, Neal took home a silver medal in the 4x100 relays and in 2019, she earned a silver for the same event at the World Championships. Neal and Manuel are no strangers to making history. In 2016, the pair were two of the top three finishers in the 2015 NCAA Women’s Swimming Championships.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

December 12, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday’s Mass, which is also echoed in today’s second reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

(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 **Fr. Francis Chiawa** at **901-482-4963** or at **901-774-2297** 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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St. Augustine Catholic Parish

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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)

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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

December 12-18

December 12: Alma Currie

December 13: Griselda Posey

December 14: Magnolia Glover, Marvin Young

December 15: Hilliard Moore, Caffrey Bartholomew, Ruth R. Carter

December 16: John Stallion, Charles Young, George Watkins, Rudolph Holmes

December 17: Charlie Williams

December 18: Mary Roberts, Rosa Lee Jackson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE LORD IS NEAR

Dear brothers and sisters,

How are you today? The Lord is at your doorstep. Can you feel it? You may not feel it but he feels your heartbeat and he is near you always. Advent wants to help remind us of this truth. The Lord came. He comes to us every day. He is coming at the end of time. In the Divine office prayers, you could notice the cry of the Bride to her Bridegroom, "Come Lord Jesus, *Maranatha*," is a constant prayer in this season! We are the bride and Christ is the Bridegroom. Is there a valley, or mountain, or hill or rough place in your heart that will make you not available to the Lord who loves you and comes to you? John tells us to remove that. Once the obstacle or that robe of misery is removed, what remains is joy because the Lord makes his home in you. May this joy be yours this season and beyond. Happy Third Sunday of Advent. The Lord is near!

For the Pastor's Desk this Sunday, I will like to write to you the following: Christmas Confession, Religious Education of our young, Bring someone to Mass and Birthday/Anniversary announcements.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Today, the third Sunday of Advent December 12, is the beginning of our Christmas confession. We shall have this sacrament of healing after the 8:00 am Mass and after 11:00 a.m. Mass. **We shall also have it next Sunday at the same time.** Why do we need confession? It is because God is merciful and we are imperfect. Moreover, God commanded it. The Word of God says, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." (James 5:16). Does it mean that you confess to everyone? No, he designated his priests for that purpose. Remember what he said to the leper that he cleansed, "Go show yourselves to the priest and offer the sacrifice for your cleansing what Moses prescribed." (Mark 11:44). And to the Apostles, his first priests and Bishops, Jesus says, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:22-23).

Next Sunday's Readings December 19, 2021

Micah	5:1-4
Hebrews	10:5-10
Luke	1:39-45

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG

I want to thank Annys for reaching out to us again last Sunday to remind us to take interest and be involved in the education of our children. The DRE's message echoes the call of the Second Vatican Council:

Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators. Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs (Declaration on Christian Education # 3).

Please bring our children and grandchildren to Mass and Religious Education class on Sunday. The class begins at 10:00 a.m.

BRING SOMEONE TO MASS

Do you know that there are some of us who want to come to Mass but have no one to bring them? Could you help in that area? Please reach out to the people you know who used to come to Mass and invite them back and offer to bring them if transportation is an issue.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every Sunday at 4:30pm and at 6:30pm, birthdays and anniversaries are announced on AM1070 WDIA. Tune in to hear a shout out in celebration of your birth or anniversary!!

WHAT IS MORE?

"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:11). Do you know that charity wipes away the multitude of sins?

Love,

Father Francis Chiawa



Darrell Katoe, Doris Lacy, Cooper Parker (12/12) Regina Moore, Chitramanie Tate, R. Kody Taylor, Joyce Turner, Carmelita Warren (12/15) Stacy Brown, Jennell Pittman (12/16)

