

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage; anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain the way that they are.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Toni “Tomboy” Stone was the first woman to play for a men’s professional baseball league. Marcenia Lyle Stone was born July 17, 1921 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Of her four siblings, Stone was the most athletic and wanted to do nothing more than to play sports. By the time she was 15, Stone was playing for a local semi-professional team, the Twin City Colored Giants. Regarded as a phenom, she played second baseman alongside men that towered over her 5-foot-7 frame. After moving to the Bay Area in the ’40’s to care for a sick sibling, Stone’s fortunes in baseball changed drastically. Now 32, she worked a series of hard labor jobs to make ends meet but found a way to get back to the game she loved. She adopted the name “Toni” and shaved 10 years off her age to hopefully join a local men’s baseball team. In 1949, the San Francisco Sea Lions of the West Coast Negro Baseball League hired her and paid her a respectable \$200 monthly salary. It put Stone on the radar of other teams in the Negro Leagues. Despite her talents, men resented Stone and she told interviewers that it was tough on her. The Jim Crow laws of the times and the team’s travels made things even more difficult for her. But in 1953, her big break came when the Indianapolis Clowns signed her. The team was the baseball version of the Harlem Globetrotters team, a squad that looked to show up its opponents. The Negro League was declining in quality as many Black stars were defecting to major league baseball. The Clowns’ owner, Syd Pollock, signed Stone as a novelty. Pollock even wanted her to wear a skirt in a game to appeal to fans, which she refused. Stone played in 50 games for the Clowns and batting a decent .243, even getting a hit off the legendary pitcher Satchel Paige. She also played with young stars such as Willie Mays and Ernie Banks. In 1950, Stone married political lawyer Aurelius Alberga, 40 years her senior. After playing for the Clowns, the team traded her to the Kansas City Monarchs, which led to her retirement. She was inducted into the Women’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1993. Stone spent the rest of her days as a nurse and caring for her husband. She passed in 1996 at the age of 75.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

December 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Blessed is she
who has believed that there
would be a fulfillment of
what had been spoken to her
by the Lord

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

(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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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

December 19-25

December 19: Charlene Taylor, Aldonia Turner, Vernita Crawford, Albertine Evans

December 21: William Phoenix Smith, Wilbur Berry, Sheila C. Robertson

December 23: Ruth H. Evans, Tommie Harris, Charles A. Adair, Sr.

December 24: Luther Steinberg, Robert J. Crawford, Sr.

December 25: Clester Veona Frazier, Everett, Toliver, Vera Pickett, Willie Tuggle

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE BLESSED VIRGIN WHO GAVE BIRTH TO OUR SAVIOR

“Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:42).

Dear brothers and sisters, how are you today? I trust that you are still blessed and highly favored! Can you believe that Christmas is only six days away from today, the 4th Sunday of Advent? Are you catching the Christmas excitement yet? Please play for yourselves Christmas classical music and carols and join in St Andrew’s novena. More importantly, go to the Christmas Confession. Do not let your preparation and excitement end only on the outside. Go soul deep.

For the Pastor’s desk this week, we shall talk about the following:

The Blessed Virgin who gave birth to our Savior, Christmas Confession, Christmas Food Basket, and Condolences.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN

The virgin in question is Mary, the Blessed Mother, the fourteen and half years old young woman, to whom the Angel announced that she would be the mother of Jesus our Savior. By the time she gave birth to the Savior, she had turned fifteen years and three months. Mary was a teenager who did the will of God.

Today’s gospel spoke about her visit to Elizabeth, her older cousin who was six months pregnant. She went to help her. Mary’s errand of love invites us to do the same with those who need our care and love. Please reach out to someone this Christmas and bring joy to that brother or sister.

Next Sunday's Readings December 26, 2021

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28
1 John 3:1-2,21-24
Luke 2:41-52

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the one referred to in the Emmanuel prophecy. “Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanu-el.” (Isaiah 7:14). By saying, “I am the handmaid of the Lord, Let it be done unto me according to your word,” Mary conceived the Son of God in her womb. She provided the flesh and blood with which the Word of God became flesh. God became a baby in her womb. Is there anything the Lord is waiting on you to say yes to so that a miracle may happen? Please say yes to life. Never reject life and never be a part of the destruction of it. Mary is our model for the acceptance of the will of God.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Since most of our homes are far from the Church, may we utilize the time that we shall be at the Mass this Sunday, December 19, 2021, to do our Christmas confession. Time: Before and after 8:00 am and 11:00 am. Masses. Sins we confess are not only what we did wrong but also the good we could have done but did not do it, i.e., sins of omission.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET

Do you know anybody who would like to receive a food basket this Christmas? Please let the Church office know. A generous brother who wants to remain anonymous is bringing ten food baskets.

CONDOLENCES TO OUR SISTERS

May you know of our condolences to you our sisters, Mrs. Helen Mosby and Mrs. Helen Oliver who lost a husband and a son respectively to death. Please count on our prayers for you at this time of grief and for the repose of our loved ones.

WHAT IS MORE?

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38).

A QUIZ FOR YOU

What is the meaning of Bethlehem, the little town where our Savior was born?

Love,

Father Francis Chiawa



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