

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Dr. Justina L. Ford was a pioneering physician who practiced medicine in Colorado, despite facing the barriers of race and gender. Dr. Ford, better known as the “Lady Doctor,” was rumored to have delivered 7,000 babies in her lifetime and was the lone Black female doctor in the state for the first half of the 20th century. Justina Laurena Warren was born January 22, 1871 in Knoxville, Tenn. The daughter of a nurse, she moved to Chicago and married preacher John Ford in 1892. Ford attended Hering Medical College in the city and graduated in 1899. After working briefly in Alabama, Ford relocated to Denver in 1902 and became the first Black woman in the state to earn a medical license. Despite Dr. Ford’s credentials, Black doctors were banned from working at larger white hospitals. There were few places that served the needs of the poor. Ford was also denied access to the state’s medical association, which would have provided her a network of opportunities afforded to her white, male counterparts. Ford opened a gynecology and pediatrics practice out of her home. Ford’s generosity was legendary, and she often took trades of goods for her services if patients didn’t have the money to pay her. Poor patients also got special care in the form of Ford providing food and clothing when she was able. She saw patients of all racial backgrounds and made frequent house calls. Some accounts state that for several decades, Ford was the only woman physician in Colorado. What can be confirmed is that up until 1950, she was the only Black female doctor there. Denver General Hospital eventually opened its doors to Ford and she was finally admitted to the Denver Medical Society. Dr. Ford’s former home is now the **Black American West Museum**. Ford passed in 1952.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

January 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord



At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

(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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St. Augustine Catholic Parish

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)

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May Their Souls Rest in Peace

January 9-15

January 9: Willena Young, Doris Williams Stewart

January 10: Ronald Lewis Barnes

January 11: Bedford Mitchell, B. Bernadette Taylor, Elbert Beteet, Jr.

January 13: Marion S. Mayo, Freddie Mae Smith, Floyd Lemon, Doyle Eugene Bradburn, Sr.

January 14: Doyle Bradburn, Carolyn Bowen, Eddie Green, Harry Rice

January 15: Willie Evelyn Malone, Odessa Tate

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ENTERING THE NEW YEAR IN THE ARMS OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Dear brothers and sisters,
Happy New Year to you all. What a blessing to be alive to see the year 2022. It is not by our power and might. It is by the grace of God. My prayer is that God's abundant blessing will overflow in the lives of each one of us this year. May the Lord banish the corona virus and all other things that oppress his children!

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Christ our Lord did not need to be baptized. He had no sin. He was baptized for us. He received baptism in solidarity with us. "Our Savior came to be baptized, so that through the cleansing waters of baptism he might restore the old man to new life, heal our sinful nature, and clothe us with unfailing holiness." (Magnificat (Canticle of Mary) antiphon Evening Prayer I, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord). Today's feast concludes the Christmas season. Though sinless, he let himself be counted with sinners. The baptism of Jesus is his acceptance to identify with us and take on our suffering and by so doing transform us into glorious sons and daughters of God. The Prophet Isaiah put it this way: "He poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12).

What does the Lord ask of us? St Gregory of Nazianzus put the answer to this question so eloquently: "Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exists. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world." (The Baptism of Christ, A Sermon from Gregory of Nazianzus, Office of the Reading, Feast for the Baptism of the Lord).

Next Sunday's Readings January 16, 2022

Isaiah	62:1-5
1 Corinthians	12:4-11
John	2:1-11

I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations,
To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." (Isaiah 42:6-7).

CELEBRATING OUR BROTHER AND THE DEACON OF THE CHURCH

On this day, 9th of January, 2022 the sun and moon will stand still as we celebrate Deacon Talley's 44 years of faithful discipleship as a deacon of the Church in the Diocese of Memphis. Our brother was ordained a deacon when our diocese was just seven years old as a newly created Diocese, carved out from the mother Diocese of Nashville.

IN THE HONOR OF CHARLENE MARSHALL

Donnie Edwards, our brother has sent the gift of five hundred dollars to our Parish in the honor of sister Charlene Marshall. May the soul of Charlene rest in peace. May the Lord reward Dr. Donnie Edwards.

ADIEU MONSIGNOR KIRK

On 5th January, 2022 a funeral Mass was held in honor of Msgr Tom Kirk, our dear brother. Msgr was a devout and devoted priest who served the Lord and his people in our Diocese for 52 years in the priestly ministry. Msgr loved St Augustine and had often given us the gift of his priestly ministry whenever he was called upon. Please pray for the repose of the gentle priestly soul of Msgr Thomas Kirk.

WHAT IS MORE?

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." (Mark 9:7). In the voice of Jesus is our peace, health, healing, joy and salvation.

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa

Father Francis Chiawa



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