

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”*

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

**MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY**



**Ann Lowe** was the nation’s first widely recognized African-American fashion designer, most known for designing Jackie Kennedy’s wedding dress in 1953. Lowe was born in Clayton, Alabama in 1898 and was raised by her grandmother, a former slave who went on to open her own dress shop. Lowe worked in the shop as a young woman. She took over the family business at 16 when her mother died, but was later hired by a Tampa, Fla.’s tycoon’s wife to design dresses exclusively for her and her daughters. In 1917, at just 18, Lowe traveled to New York to take a couture course. The school’s headmaster didn’t want to admit her based on the color of her skin and white classmates shunned her, but Lowe kept her head in the books and graduated ahead of schedule. Lowe married and then divorced but had a son with her husband. She returned to New York a decade later to work as a seamstress for large companies like Saks Fifth Avenue, among others. When word of Lowe’s prodigious talent began to spread, many were shocked to find a Black woman behind the work. After working for a series of fashion houses, some of Lowe’s high society clients and friends encouraged her to open her own shop on New York’s famed Madison Avenue in 1950. Tragedy struck Lowe after she was commissioned to design Jacqueline Bouvier’s wedding dress. Her shop’s basement flooded just days before her delivery date for the dress, prompting Lowe to spend more to make the dress than what she charged Bouvier. Lowe charged the future First Lady just \$500 not the first time she’d undercharged for her work. That lack of business savvy eventually led to the demise of Lowe’s business and wrecked her finances. Her son did help her tone down the spending, but after his tragic death in a car accident in 1958, Lowe was broke and owed the IRS. After losing an eye to glaucoma and without a shop to work in, an anonymous person Lowe suspects was Mrs. Kennedy paid off her IRS bill of \$12,800 and she briefly returned to work. After retiring in 1969, Lowe lived the rest of her life quietly. She passed away in 1981 at the age of 82. By then, the fashion world had forgotten her. But Lowe’s contributions did finally get more recognition. While the lavish dress she designed for the Kennedy wedding rests in Boston’s John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, some of Lowe’s work is also displayed at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.



**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**January 16, 2022 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

**(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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<b><u>Bookkeeper</u></b>	<b><u>Facilities Director</u></b>	Wednesday-12:00pm (Church)
Val Makarsky	Karen Owens	Thursday-12:00pm (Church)
<b><u>DRE</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers of Music</u></b>	Friday-12:00pm (Church)
Annye Hughes	Gwen Atkins	1st Friday of the month—10:30am (Church)
<b><u>Health Ministry</u></b>	Robert Clayborne	Saturday-4:00pm (vigil)
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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, Mr. Marvin Housley, Sr., Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. Freda Martin, Mrs. Sandra McGhee, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., 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

January 16-22

January 16: Carolyn Jean Kinsey Williams

January 17: Lelia Flagg, Rodney Brooks

January 18: Charles Marshall, Sr, Edna Parker, Leona Bonner

January 19: A.J. McKinley Brown, C. B. Drane

January 21: Lois Dukes, Everett K. Thompson

January 22: Richard Mathis, Jr, Sam Murphy, Sallie Drew, Daniel Webster Pointer

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**THE FIRST MIRACLE OF JESUS**

**GREETINGS AND ENCOURAGEMENT**  
Dear brothers and sisters, How are you today? I pray that you remain blessed and highly favored. I thank the Lord who brought us into this New Year 2022. It is true that our world is passing through chaotic and precarious times but bad times don't last forever. God has the last word." If God is for us, who can be against us." (Romans 8:31).

**THE FIRST SIGN OF JESUS**

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Baptism of our Lord. The Lord's baptism inaugurated his public ministry. Right after the baptism, our Lord went to the desert for forty days to relive the exodus of our ancestors in faith and to confront the deceiver, the father of lies who led our first parents into sin. In a three round combat known as temptations, our Lord defeated the deceiver. Having done that he set about the work of bringing good news to the afflicted, binding up the wounds of the brokenhearted, releasing the imprisoned, announcing a year of favor from the Lord, comforting all who mourn and setting free the captives, bringing recovery of sight to the blind (Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18). According to John, our Lord performed seven signs which are summation of the Lord's wondrous deeds that reveal his glory and his identity as YAHWEH.

The first of these seven signs is changing water into wine in the context of a marriage feast in Canaan of Galilee. This miracle reveals that Christ Jesus is the bridegroom of humanity. He provides us with the new wine of his blood. He turns the waters of sorrows in our lives into his new wine of grace. This miracle tells us that God is present in the marriage and family. So family is a domestic Church. Attack on marriage and family is an attack on man and an attack on God who ordains family life.

**Next Sunday's Readings January 23, 2022**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The rest of the signs our Lord performed as recorded in John's gospel are cure of the royal official son (John 4:46-54), cure of paralytic (John 5), multiplication of loaves (John 6), walking on the sea, opening the eyes of the man born blind and raising of Lazarus from the dead.

**A REST IN THE LORD**

Our brother Jerome Powell, a sibling of Mrs Laura Kinchlow and Grace Meachum slept in the Lord on January 8, 2022. May his brave soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Please lift him up in prayers. Pray also for the consolation of his family.

**A FUNERAL MASS FOR MRS WILLA MOSS**

Rosary and a funeral Mass were celebrated in honor of our beloved Mama Willa Moss on January 12 and 13. Adieu beloved mother, grandmother and sister. May your gentle soul rest in the Lord. Please continue to pray for our departed loved ones..

**THANK YOU OUR BLESSED SISTERS**

The women of St Augustine gave a big sum of \$15,000.00 to "I Will Build My Church" capital campaign. This is the biggest donation in recent time. Please give our dear ladies and men who supported them thumbs up. May the Lord reward you dearest ones.

**THANK YOU**

Dear St. Augustine parishioners, the power of prayer never disappoints. Believe it when we say your love is felt and continues to help us as we face life without John Derek Roberts. Thank you and may God bless you forever and ever.

**Helen Oliver and Marilyn Coleman**

**WHAT IS MORE?**

The LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." (Isaiah 62:5).

Love,

*Fr. Francis Chiawa*

Father Francis Chiawa



Rebecca Garcia, Matthew Gooden, Sylvester Hobbs, Gerald Samuel, Mayme Tuggle (1/17) Loyce Cole, Crystal McKinney (1/18) C'Mon Price (1/19) Shirley Austin (1/20) Christopher Boyd, Ruby Snowden (1/21) Gerald Bond, Anthony Whitlow, III (1/22)



Mr. & Mrs. Littleton and Claudette Seymour, Jr. (1/16)  
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold and Vivian Harris (1/19)