

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY

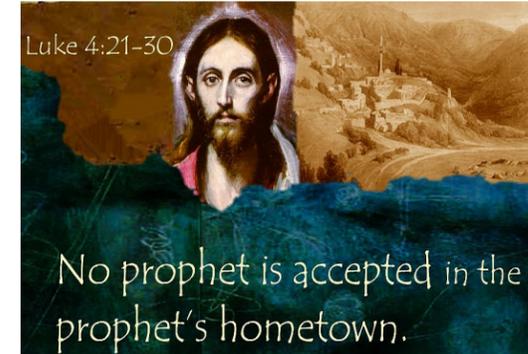


Viola Irene Desmond became a part of Canadian history for her defiant act in 1946 against a racist movie theater’s seating policy. While Desmond didn’t see justice during her lifetime, the Canada honored her in 2016 by making the late hairdresser and civil rights figure the face of its \$10 bill. Desmond was born July 6, 1914 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She had dreams of becoming a hairdresser but local schools refused to teach Black students. Desmond was forced to move to Montreal, New York City, and Atlantic City to complete her training. She returned to Halifax and opened her own hairdressing business with her husband, Jack Desmond. On November 8, 1946, Desmond’s car was giving her trouble while traveling to the city of New Glasgow. While awaiting the repair, Desmond decided to pass the time by watching a movie at a local theater. After she settled in her seat, she was asked to leave her seat on the main floor and sit in the balcony section. Unbeknownst to her, the theater had a segregation policy and even taxed Black patrons while giving them poorer seating than whites. Desmond refused to leave her seat and was arrested. During the arrest, her hip was injured. The local NAACP, at first reluctant to take on her case, began representing Desmond. The case made it to Nova Scotia’s Supreme Court but Desmond and her legal team were not successful. Desmond died in 1965 while visiting New York. In 2010, the country pardoned Desmond posthumously. In December of 2016, the country announced that Desmond will be the first woman to appear on Canadian currency, cementing her status as an important figure in Canada’s civil rights movement.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

January 30, 2022 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

**(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

January 30-February 5

January 30: Benjamin Ivy, Sr., Bessie Shotwell, Iuka Collins, Vera Peterson

January 31: Carrie Pickett, Dorothy Nelson, Nannie Matthew, Bryant Billings, Frank Oakey, William Drane

February 1: Fr. Thomas Krupski, OFM, McCall Dodds, A.B. Townsend

February 2: Camille Dellaely

February 3: Lawrence Witzani, William Bowdrick, Vivian Singleton

February 5: Loretta Preston, Willie Jones, Beverly Whitlow

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GOD DESIRES ALL MEN TO BE SAVED

“A prophet to the nations I appointed you.” (Jeremiah 1:5).

GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS

Dear brothers and sisters,
How are you today? I pray that this note finds you happy, blessed and highly favored. Last Sunday’s gospel and first reading presented a narrative of reading, listening and communicating the Word of God. Ezra read from the Torah to his people. Our Lord read a passage from Prophet Isaiah to the people in the synagogue in Nazareth. Why does the Lord communicate to us? He wants all to be saved. On this fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, he wants us to see and understand that his message of salvation is for everyone.

The pastor’s desk will focus on the following: Salvation for all, Black History Month, Lent and First Friday.

SALVATION FOR ALL

God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”(1 Timothy 2:4). He wants you and I to enjoy eternal communion with him together with the Blessed Mother, all the angels and saints after this life. This is the reason why God reaches out to us through his Words delivered by his prophets and messengers. This is why we have the Church, the pope, bishops, priests, deacons, professed religious men and women, parents and catechists. God wants us with him in heaven at the end of our lives on earth. How can we help to make this happen? It is simply by taking up our part in God’s loving plan of redemption.

In bringing about his plan of salvation for all peoples, God excludes no one. You are part of his plan of redemption. Like Jeremiah, the Lord calls you from your mother’s womb to be his spokesperson, to be his prophet. Are you going to do it? Or are you going to say that you do not know how to speak? Being a prophet does not lie in being an eloquent speaker or theologian.

Next Sunday's Readings February 6, 2022

Isaiah	6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians	15:1-11
Luke	5:1-11

It is part and parcel of who you are as an image of God and a baptized person. We prophesy best through love. Every human being is capable of love. God loved us first. “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.” (John 3:16). What is one thing love is asking me to do in my relationship with my family or a neighbor?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is already at the door. How can we evangelize, encourage and uplift one another through the opportunity of Black History Month? What are the things in our heritage that we must celebrate and christify? What are the ways we can use this teachable moment to inspire our young to be the men and women God made them to be?

LENT

Lent 2022 begins on Wednesday March 2. How can we make it a true forty-day walk with the Lord? Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent are days of fasting and abstinence. In fact, every Friday all year round is a day to abstain from meat. Fridays in Lent are days for praying the stations of the cross in the evening? Will we be courageous enough to have a fish fry this time? More importantly, retreat and soul searching exercises are very appropriate. Are you going to be available for these? It is a way to respond to the Lord who desires us to be saved.

FIRST FRIDAY - 4TH FEBRUARY

Please plan to participate in the first Friday Spiritual exercises on February 4, 2022. This includes Mass at 10:30 a.m., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration till the hour of mercy, rosary, confession, and chaplet of Divine Mercy. What beats spending time with our Lord?

REQUISCAT IN PACE - DEAR IGOR STRAVINSKY COUCH

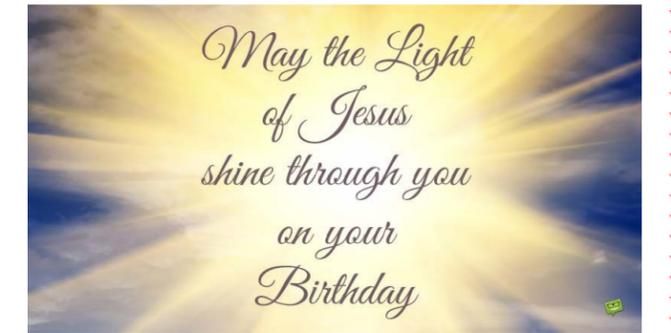
The funeral Mass for Igor, our dear brother and friend and schoolmate of some of us, took place on Saturday January 29th at St Augustine Catholic Church. Please pray for the repose of his gentle soul and for God’s consolation for Jackie, his beautiful wife, Dolores, his aunt, his children and many friends.

WHAT IS MORE? YOU ARE CALLED AND SENT

“The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.” (Luke 4:18).

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa
Father Francis Chiawa



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