

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Colorado’s **Lu Vason** was the creator of the **Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo**, in the Greater Denver community, using his rodeo events to preserve the legacy of Black cowboys and their rightful place in the history of rodeo. Vason held the first of his invitational events in 1984 in Denver, taking the rodeo from a small local event into what he and his partners billed as the “greatest show on dirt.” Cities such as Los Angeles, Oakland, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. have been stops for the “A Rodeo with Soul” national tour backed by the invitational rodeo team. According to accounts, Vason began his career as a show promoter, putting on concerts featuring **Stevie Wonder**, **Prince**, The Pointer Sisters, and festivals such as the Denver Jazz Fest. Vason was also a beautician and barber, using his well-honed people skills to organize the concerts and rodeos. A close family friend said that Vason was tirelessly devoted to assisting the Black community, and gave time and money to several causes over the course of his career. The friend said that Vason gave his time even to those who didn’t necessarily like him as a person. The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo has traveled to 33 cities across the nation, serving as both entertainment and education as it made sure to highlight the contributions of the Black cowboy and cowgirl. Men and women are showcased in several events, including the event Pickett invented known as “bulldoggin” or better known as steer wrestling. Vason wanted to make sure that fans attending his rodeo knew the importance of Pickett to the history of the rodeo. Vason died in Denver in May of 2015. He was 76.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

March 13, 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Lent



In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

(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

March 13-19

- March 14: Bernadina Kehn
- March 15: Edward A. Witherspoon, Roosevelt Smith, Barbara Phillips, Cora Beteet
- March 16: Eliza Green, Sherry Jones
- March 17: Curtis Williams, Juanita Peyton
- March 18: Georgia Easley, Mildred Lewis, Solomon Kimbrough, Corine Johnson, Jacquelyn Walker, James Gordon
- March 19: Rosie Lee Taylor

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS

Dear brothers and sisters, how are you today? I pray that this note finds you blessed and highly favored as always. The event of the war in Ukraine makes many hearts sorrowful and sad. The weak and poor are often harassed, degraded and destroyed. That is evil and it begets more evil. Machiavellianism is destructive and diabolic. Might is not right.

In the face of such evils entailing destruction of life and property of innocent people, we are not helpless. There is power in prayer. We pray that truth which is mightier than sword will prevail. And that weapons of war will be beaten down into plowshares. And that our brothers and sisters in Ukraine may be allowed their right of self determination. Please remember the land of my birth too. My people face similar humiliation in the hands of Boko Haram and Fulani muslims who want to subjugate those who do not share their world view to the status of slaves and non-beings.

THEOPHANIES

In this Sunday's first reading and the gospel, there are theophanies, God's self revelation. God revealed himself to Abraham and to Peter, James and John. To Abraham, the Lord appeared in smoking brazier and a flaming torch passing through the halved holocaust. To the three Apostles, God appeared in the Transfigured Lord. In the first theophany, the Lord assured Abraham that he will give him and his posterity the land of Canan in perpetuity. The symbolic meaning of the halved animals is that such will be the fate of party who faltered on the terms of the covenant (See Jeremiah 34:18). To the Apostles, the Lord showed a glimpse of heavenly homeland. Moses and Elijah representing the Law and the Prophets spoke with him of the exodus that leads to heaven which he will accomplish in Jerusalem. Man broke God's covenant with Abraham and this led to the new covenant Christ. Instead of man bearing the curse of breaking the covenant, God took it upon himself. The Crucified Lord's bleeding head crowned with a wreath of thorns says it all. "God's faithfulness unto death is in search of our faithfulness." (Pope Benedict XVI, Journey to Easter, p.69).

Next Sunday's Readings March 20, 2022

Exodus	3:1-8a,13-15
1 Corinthians	10:1-6,10-12
Luke	13:1-9

THANK YOU

Dearly Beloved in Christ, may our dear Lord bless you for your solid and generous participation in the Ash Wednesday Mass and also for the love and generosity you showed on my birthday anniversary which came a day after the Wednesday. May the Lord God reward you a millionfold.

LENTEN RETREAT

Are we still going to have a Lenten retreat? Yes, by the grace of God we will. We shall pick up collections at the end of each retreat to thank the retreat moderator.

UNITED IN FAITH

We are gradually approaching our first reception for the United in Faith. Please pray that our participation will be excellent.

CALL TO GLORY:

Our dear sister Celestine McDonald and our brothers Steven Harris and Charles Boone transitioned recently. Please pray for the repose of their gentle souls. Do not forget their immediate family members. Lift them up to the Lord for consolation and healing from grief and the sense of loss. The rosary and funeral Mass for Celestine is on Saturday, March 12th, at 12:00pm and 12:30pm respectively. The rosary and funeral Mass for Charles Boone is on March 14th, at 11:30am and 12:00pm respectively. The rosary and funeral Mass for Steven Harris, will be on March 17th at 10:00am and 10:30am. All of these will be at St Augustine Catholic Church, 1169 Kerr Avenue.

WHAT IS MORE?

"Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off." (Psalm 27:9).

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa
Father Francis Chiawa



- Rikki Anderson, Angela Becton, Vivian Garmon (3/13) Philana Harris, Leon Jones, Bacarra Mauldin (3/14) Marcus Collins (3/15) Kenya Gordon, Reginald Shelton (3/16) Jasmine Bolton, Carla Ray (3/17) Paige Harris (3/18) Jared Bolton, Joyce Bolton (3/19)

