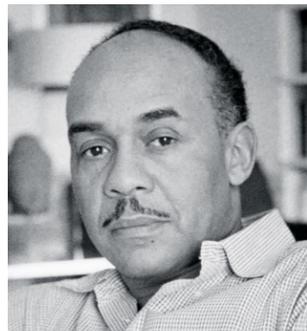


QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY

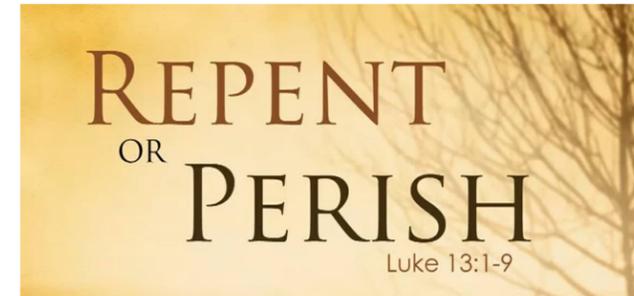


Author **Ralph Ellison** is perhaps best known for his 1952 landmark novel, “Invisible Man.” What some might not know is that Ellison was also a musician, educator, and a World War II veteran over the course of his rich life. He was born March 1, 1914 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Ellison lost his father, Lewis, when he was just three years of age, leaving his mother to raise him and his brother alone. Reading, music and education was a hallmark of the Ellison home. As a young man, Ellison enrolled at Tuskegee Institute as a trumpeter with hopes of becoming a symphony composer. A trip to New York in 1936 changed Ellison’s fortunes. Ellison visited the city to earn enough money to pay for his college expenses, but ended up moving there. He joined the New York Federal Writers program and was mentored by Langston Hughes and Richard Wright, among other literary greats. Ellison fancied himself a modern-day Renaissance man, and used his time in New York to embrace that path. His relationship with Wright was reportedly tumultuous and complex but it helped advance his writing career. During World War II. Ellison was a Merchant Marine cook. After his return from the military, in 1946, he wed his second wife, Fanny McConnell, and the pair remained together for the rest of Ellison’s life. She is credited with helping Ellison edit his books and helped organized his notes after his death for posthumous release of his second book. After years of fine-tuning his craft, Ellison released *Invisible Man* and it was an immediate success. The book won the U.S. National Book Award for fiction in 1953, and its exploration of race in North America remains a gripping examination of the times and a work still relevant today. Ellison lived in Europe for several years, residing in Rome, Italy and lecturing throughout the continent. Ellison returned to the States in 1958, and taught American and Russian Literature at Bard College. It was also then he began work on his second novel, *Juneteenth*. In 1964. Ellison’s collection of essays, *Shadow and Act* was released and well-received. Ellison also began teaching at Rutgers University and Yale University. In 1969, Ellison was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1975, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. A library in his hometown was built bearing his name during his lifetime as well. Ellison succumbed to cancer in 1994.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

March 20, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Lent



Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.

(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.
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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 20-26

- March 20: Selma Cumby
- March 21: Thelma Pickett, Carol Parker, Lonnie Kelly, Lenard Wells
- March 22: George Jones, Sr., Ivory Flagg Sr., Cicroe Ray, Jr.
- March 23: Isaac Newton, Jr., Daisy Rainey, Nathaniel Betts, Marjorie Hampton, Thelma Gayden, William McChriston, Jr.
- March 24: Idella Williams, Frances Laws, John Rainey
- March 25: Elisha Ward, Helen Bolden, James Rogers
- March 26: Bobbie McDonald

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

TAKING OUR PART IN THE HARMONIOUS SONG OF SALVATION

Dear brothers and sisters,
How are you today? I pray that this note finds you well, happy and truly blessed. This Sunday's first reading taken from Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 tells the story of how the liberation of God's people came about. God saw their plight and set in motion the plan for their liberation from bondage. He called Moses from the burning bush, and made known his plan of salvation to him. This was in order that Moses and his people might rise to the occasion and take their place in this harmonious song of salvation for God's people.

Setting the stage for this mighty work of salvation, God revealed his ineffable name to Moses, as, "I am who am." (Exodus 3:14). Here we get a glimpse of the nature of God. He is the sheer act of being in Himself, **Ipsum Esse Subsistens** as St Thomas Aquinas would say. God is the reason why there is something and not nothing. This means, **I AM WHO AM, YAHWEH** is not one being among many beings. He is the Being in himself. Everything else that exists derives its existence from him. Would you try to analyze God as a one item in the universe? It will be an exercise in futility because God is not an item. That is what all the old and new atheists got wrong. God is not an old man with a long beard sitting somewhere in the sky. God is God. He is the ground of all existence.

As soon as he revealed himself to Moses, God said, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Exodus 3:14). This was the trajectory of the mission that brought God's people out of slavery and ushered them into the Land of Promise.

Next Sunday's Readings March 27, 2022

Joshua	5:9a,10-12
2 Corinthians	5:17-21
Luke	15:1-3,11-32

However, in the course of their journey to the land God promised them, they erred several times. They grumbled against Moses and Aaron their leaders at the Desert of Sin (Exodus 16:2), they lost patience and faith, and worshiped a golden calf instead of God (Exodus 32:16), they quarreled with God, put him on trial at Massah and Meribah (Exodus 17:17, Numbers 20:13) and they committed more idolatry and immorality with the Moabites (Numbers 24:1-90). It went ill with those who sinned and did not repent. Those who showed bad examples and misled others failed to play their part in God's plan of salvation. Consequently, they never entered into God's rest. They did not see the Promised Land. Does this sound like a hard sale? Not intended, rather, the Apostle Paul tells us, "These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11). It is an invitation to take our part in God's plan of salvation.

KUDOS ST MONICA'S SODALITY

They anticipated the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m, the hour of mercy last Friday. They not only beat the snow but so far their attendance was more than those before. Eleven ladies from St Monica's Sodality were present at the Stations of the Cross. Is your group going to outnumber them? Let's watch and see!

COLLECTION FOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED AND IN DISTRESS

The trademark of the Catholic Church is charity to those in need. The war going on in Ukraine calls us to solidarity and assistance to the displaced and beleaguered brothers and sisters. March 26 & 27th are set aside to pick up collections to help.

LENTEN RETREAT

On April 2, 2022 our retreat moderator will be here. He will start with 4:00 p.m and two Masses on Sunday and then preach in the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Robert will be playing music on Monday.

WHAT IS MORE? "Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17). "The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion." (Psalm 103:3-4).

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa
Father Francis Chiawa



Christopher Bailey, Zachary Chambers (3/22) Helen Cooke, Josef Young (3/24) Boniface Cheki (3/25)



Mr. & Mrs. Darrell and Ellen Katoe (3/21)
Dr. & Dr. Josef and Joyce Young (3/26)