

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections.”

ST. AUGUSTINE



MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



The world of cellular and wireless technology is constantly evolving, as much of our daily activities rely on that infrastructure. **Jesse Eugene Russell**, born April 26, 1948 in Nashville, Tenn., is known as the “Father of Digital Cellular Technology.” Russell was the first person hired from an HBCU by technology leader A&T Bell Laboratories, today known as Bell Labs. The Tennessee State University and Stanford University graduate earned both his undergraduate and master’s degrees in electrical engineering. As its chief digital architect, Russell led the first team at Bell Labs to introduce digital cellular technology to the United States in 1988. This would be the early stages of wireless networks that cell phones and other mobile devices rely on today to communicate signals. The technology existed in some form prior in Japan, but Russell was able to bring it to fruition domestically. Russell is also credited with creating the first digital cellular base station, which essentially changed the use of cell towers to transmit signals. Russell currently owns over 75 patents in digital cellular technologies, dual-mode digital cellular phones, and digital software radio. His New Jersey-based Networks, Inc. company works on 4G (Fourth-Generation) wireless and digital technologies. Russell was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in 1995 for his weighty contributions, among many other accolades. Russell, 71, resides in Piscataway, N.J.



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April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday



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MASS TIMES

Monday 12:00pm (Church)

Wednesday 12:00pm (Church)

Thursday 12:00pm (Church)

Friday 12:00pm (Church)

1st Friday of the month—10:30am (Church)

Saturday—4:00pm (vigil)

Sunday—8:00am & 11:00am

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Prayer List

Nursing Homes/Rehab Centers: Harold Adams Beamon (Christian Care Center, 6500 Kirby Gate Blvd., 38119) Tina Crawford (Signature of Mphs, 1150 Dovecrest Rd., 38134) 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, Ms. Sharl Golden, Mrs. Vivian Harris, Ms. Bernice Hayes, Mr. Darrell Hollimon, Mr. Marvin Housley, Sr., Mrs. Earline Jackson, Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Katoe, Mrs. Freda Martin, Mrs. Sandra McGhee, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., Mrs. Altonette Robinson, Mr. Ben Wells, Mr. Eric Wells, Mr. Joe L. White, Mrs. Geraldine Whitthorne, Mrs. Bertharene Young, Dr. Joyce Young and Dr. Joseph Young.

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

April 17-23

April 17: Beatrice Wilhite, John Parker

April 18: Annie Mae Jones

April 19: Alvin Reynolds, Henry McEwen, Mattie Lane

April 20: John Churchwell

April 21: Anesta Thompson, Ida M. Flythe, Florida Washington, Ruth S. Jones

April 22: James Anderson, Henree G. Moore, Lloyd R. Lynom, Jr.

April 23: Karen Renee Cole, James Wray

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY EASTER

“Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!”(Exsultet).

Dear brothers and sisters, that is our joy and our celebration. Christ Jesus is risen from the dead. Our redemption is won. We hold our heads high because we know that God has the last word. Death, disease, darkness and destruction do not have the last word. Had Christ not risen, we would have been most pitiable of all. Our Faith would have been in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:17). Please enjoy this day with something that delights your hearts and spirits and gives glory to God at the same time.

WHAT DOES THE LORD SAY TO US THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION?

In the words of an ancient homily on the Holy Saturday, the Risen Lord says to us:

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity. (Office of the Reading for Holy Saturday).

OUR BELOVED SHEPHERD, BISHOP DAVID P. TALLEY IS HERE WITH US

Thank you our dear Bishop for blessing us with your presence and offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass for us this day of the Lord’s resurrection.

Next Sunday's Readings April 24, 2022

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the Sunday which our Lord designated as a day his ocean of graces is emptied upon mankind. What shall we do on Divine Mercy Sunday? Following 11:00 am Mass, we shall have one hour of adoration of the Lord. We shall do the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on a monstrance, place the Image of the Divine Mercy in front of the altar where each one of us can venerate the Lord as one pleases. Our Lord said to St Faustina, “I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...” We shall also pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and have an inspiring reading from the Diary of St Faustina. I invite you to be part of it.

COMING TO THE MASS ON SUNDAYS

Please do not fall for a slavish fear of covid, come to Mass at least on Sundays. Covid is not the Almighty. God is. The Word of God tells:

“We must consider how to rouse each other to love and good deeds. We should not absent ourselves from the assembly, as some do, but encourage one another; and this all the more because you see that the Day draws near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

ST AUGUSTINE ON HOW COULD CHRIST WHO IS GOD DIE?

As God, Christ is incapable of dying but God who took on human nature, he could die in his nature as man. St Augustine wrote:

Who is Christ if not the Word of God: in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God? This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us. He had no power of himself to die for us: he had to take from us our mortal flesh. This was the way in which, though immortal, he was able to die; the way in which he chose to give life to mortal men: he would first share with us, and then enable us to share with him. Of ourselves we had no power to live, nor did he of himself have the power to die. (St Augustine, *Sermon, Let us too glory in the cross of the Lord*, in the OR, Holy Saturday)

WHAT IS MORE?

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Christ is risen, he is truly risen!

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa
Father Francis Chiawa



Kenneth Carpenter (4/17) Verna Green (4/18) Terrell Carpenter, Hasting Stewart (4/20) Charles Todd (4/22) Jonathan Howard, Al Hudson, Loletha Norman, Franklin Shelton, Ernest Witherspoon (4/23)



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