

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Zora Neale Hurston was a novelist, folklorist and anthropologist most famous for her 1937 novel, "Their Eyes Were Watching God." Hurston's path to prominence came by way of hardship and savvy ingenuity, helping her become one of the most beloved literary figures of all time. Hurston was born on January 7 in 1891, in Notasulga, Alabama, to parents who were former slaves. Her parents uprooted the family and moved to Eatonville, Fla., one of the earliest all-black incorporated townships. After the death of her mother in 1904, Hurston lived with several family members until she was sent off to boarding school in Jacksonville. Facing a variety of hardships while working odd jobs, Hurston eventually moved to Baltimore in a bid to change her fortunes. Although she was 26 at the time, Hurston said she was 10 years younger attend the free Morgan College, then the high school portion of Morgan State University. After graduating, Hurston entered Howard University and earned an associate degree. It was then Hurston had some of her earliest works printed in the school's newspaper. From there, she entered Barnard College in New York on a scholarship, graduating with a degree in anthropology in 1928 and continuing her anthropology studies at Columbia University for the next few years. Hurston's interest in folklore, especially in the Caribbean and her native Florida helped her become a fixture of the Harlem Renaissance movement. Her research on African-American colloquial language and folklore is valued to this day. She counted Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and other great scribes as her friends. Her apartment became a popular hangout for the Renaissance writers and artists. Hurston married twice but both marriages ended abruptly. In 1934, Hurston released her first novel, "Jonah's Gourd Vine." Two years later, she received a Guggenheim fellowship and worked on anthropological research in Haiti and Jamaica. While writing her best known work, "Their Eyes Were Watching God," Hurston studied voodoo. In 1942, she released her autobiography "Dust Tracks On A Road." Though it was critically acclaimed, Hurston began to fall out of the limelight. In 1948, she was unjustly accused of molesting a ten-year-old boy, but the scandal torpedoed her career. She continued to write until the last years of her life, but much of her work went unpublished. Hurston died poor and alone on January 28, 1960. Hurston's work enjoyed a revival thanks to author Alice Walker, who wrote about the novelist in a 1975 essay for *Ms. Magazine*. Walker counted Hurston as an influence, and fought for new editions of her older works such as her short stories and essays. Hurston was also an inspiration to Ralph Ellison and Toni Morrison, among other Black writers. Her legacy continues to influence Black writers to this day.



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October 2, 2022 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 Beaumon (Christian Care Center, 6500 Kirby Gate Blvd., 38119) Tina Crawford (Signature of Mphs, 1150 Dovecrest Rd., 38134) Floyd Shavers (Parkway Heath & Rehab)

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May Their Souls Rest in Peace
October 2-8

October 2: Kenneth L. Parson, Samuel McAnulty

October 3: Nolan Pickett, Yvonne D. Shine

October 4: Furmer Baker, Sr. Sophie Porter, Samuel White, Sr.

October 5: Edna Moore, Benjamin Ivy, Jr.

October 7: Margaret Saunders, Anthony Paige, Jewell Chambers

October 8: Gustee Bradfield, Mable Hightower, Bessie Warren

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

STAND WITH THE LORD ALWAYS

"Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord." (1 Timothy 1:8).

Dear brothers and sisters,

How are you today? I trust that you are blessed and highly favored. You may be wondering why did St Paul give this admonition above to Timothy, a young bishop? The situation of Christians at that time was precarious. To be a Christian then like in our day was to be ready to be ridiculed and to be martyred. Persecution of Christians was the order of the day. Paul himself was imprisoned when he wrote the epistles to Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. Are there situations where you are tempted to be ashamed of professing your faith or identifying yourself as Catholic.

In our time, we experience a culture that is increasingly secular and anti-Christian. We must never allow this to intimidate us or make us ashamed of our faith in our Lord. We must stay strong, knowing that the Lord is always with us. In him, we shall conquer overwhelmingly. "We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life." Hebrews 10:39.

JESUS COMES TO VISIT AND TO STAY WITH ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILIES

How will you feel if Jesus comes to visit your family? This is what enthronement is about. It is welcoming Jesus in a special way into your homes. On October 12 & 13, we shall have this blessing in a new way. In all the Masses, we shall have a chance of entrusting our homes to Jesus and enthroning him as our King. It is a renewal of our Baptismal vows and our covenant with God. "In making this Covenant-the very foundation of our religion-we invite Jesus to come into our home."

FIRST FRIDAY

Next Friday, October 7 is the feast of the Holy Rosary and also the first Friday in the month of October. We shall celebrate the feast with the first Friday devotions. The Mass will start at 10:30 a.m followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 3:00 p.m. It is a time of one-on-one encounter with our Lord. To adore him literally means mouth to mouth with the Savior of mankind. Break free any distraction that will hinder you from availing yourself of this golden opportunity.

Next Sunday's Readings-October 8, 2022

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

UNITED IN FAITH.

Dearly Beloved in Christ, do not forget about this endowment for the future of our Church. Please be counted among the disciples of Jesus who want to continue the work of bringing people to Christ and into the Church. Show your love for Jesus and salvation of souls.

THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY AND ST AUGUSTINE OR ST JOSEPH IN THE SANCTUARY

Whenever you enter into most homes, you will see pictures of family member[s] in strategic places. I was wondering about what could be the reason why we do not have the statues of the Blessed Mother nor of St Augustine in the sanctuary. Do you have any objection to having them?

BIBLE STUDY

Many of us love the Word of God communicated through the channel of the Bible. We want to be familiar with the Word of life but our lives are too busy. Bible Study with other brothers and sisters on a specific day once a week helps a great deal. Here at St Augustine, it is at 10:30 a.m on Fridays except on First Fridays. Please come aboard! We are reading and listening to 2 Corinthians! The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home. Further, our patron saint wrote: "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

SPIRITUAL BOOK FOR NOURISHING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

The book Pietà is a treasure trove of prayers, inspirational and mystical stories. Please discover or rediscover this small book filled with powerful prayers and heart-uplifting stories of the saints. You can identify with the moving image of the Blessed Mother carrying the body of her son Jesus after the crucifixion. Where can you find this book? In St Paul's Bookstore on Sanderlin or at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception here in Memphis or from Amazon.com.

WHAT IS MORE?

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (1 Tim 1:6-7).

THE QUIZ FROM LAST WEEK

Congratulations to Mr. Laz Owens for giving the correct answer to the quiz last week. By this he won the Bronze Rosary. This week the quiz is: 1. How many epistles are attributed to St Paul in the New Testament. 2. What is the total number of the Books in a Catholic Bible? 3. How many Books are found in the Protestant Bible?

BLESSINGS

May you have a blessed weekend and a fruitful worship on the Lord's Day. May the Lord bring you a new joy, new confidence and a new peace this new month and months ahead.

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa



Vicky Johnson, Rita Kendrick (10/3)
Clyde Saunders, Elizabeth Stewart
(10/5) Reagan Casey, Tyler Casey
(10/6)



Mr. & Mrs. Willie and Betty Cummings
(10/2)
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(10/5)
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(10/6)
Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Helen Whaley
(10/8)