

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

MOMENTS IN BLACK HISTORY



Although historical accounts clash, **Sarah Rector** is believed to be America’s second black millionaire after **Madam C.J. Walker**, achieving that distinction as a teenager. Born on March 3, 1902 in the small town of Twine, Okla., Rector’s family were descendants of slaves and Creek Indians. While living on Creek Indian land, Rector’s parents Joseph and Rose were given hundreds of acres thought to be useless in 1907. Under the Dawes Allotment Act, Creek lands were divided among the Creeks and former slaves. Lands given to former slaves were typically not fit for farming. Rector’s father leased Sarah’s portion of the land to a Pittsburgh oil company in 1911, primarily to pay a yearly \$30 tax bill. In 1913, an oil driller discovered a “gusher” that produced a reported 2,500 barrels per day. Rector’s cut was \$300 each day, a considerable amount at the time. By the time she was 11, her portion of the family’s land was earning more than 300,000 a year, drawing both suitors and global attention despite her age. When the public learned how much Rector was earning, her guardianship was transferred from her parents to a white man named T.J. Porter. Black newspapers at the time, like the *Chicago Defender* in 1914, were angered by this takeover. The paper allegedly embellished details about the Rectors, saying that they lived in a shack, which generated concern from Black leaders like W.E.B. DuBois. The Rector family actually lived far better than advertised. The Rector children attended school in Taft, an all-Black town. They lived in a five-room cottage and even owned a car, a rarity for Blacks at the time. In October 1914, Rector enrolled at the Children’s House, a boarding school for teens at Tuskegee Institute. When she turned 18 on March 3, 1920, Rector left Tuskegee and her family relocated to Kansas City, Missouri. By then, Rector owned stocks and bonds, a boarding house, a bakery and the Busy Bee Café in Muskogee, Okla. Along with her businesses, she owned 2,000 acres of river bottom-land and was worth over \$1 million. The family lived in what was called the Rector Mansion in Kansas City, but wrangling over Rector’s earnings and financial mismanagement continued until she was 20. According to the *Amsterdam News*, Rector and her family sought to end Porter’s guardianship and were ultimately successful. By 1922, Sarah was able to make her own decisions, and she married her first husband that year. She and Kenneth Campbell had three sons, Kenneth Jr., Leonard, and Clarence. Rector’s spending was legendary, and she routinely drove around town in one of her expensive vehicles. She divorced Campbell and married restaurant owner William Crawford, who she remained with until she died. Rector died at the age of 65 on July 22, 1967. While her fortune had diminished over time, at her death, she still held considerable investments.



St. Augustine Catholic Church

November 20, 2022 - The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ



(Rev) Dr. Francis Chiawa, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley, Deacon and Rev. Mr. Andrew Terry, Deacon
1169 Kerr Avenue, Memphis, TN 38106
Dial In Mass — 1-503-300-6862, Passcode—114429
(THIS IS A FREE CALL)

STAFF

Bookkeeper

Valerie Makarsky

DRE

Annye Hughes

Health Ministry

Helen Oliver

Admin to the Pastor

Lenora Morris

Facilities Director

Karen Owens

Ministers of Music

Gwen Atkins

Robert Clayborne

Leo Davis, DMA

Youth Ministry

Marissa Gooden

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

Phone: 901-774-2297 Fax: 901-774-1067

Web: www.staugustinememphis.net

E-Mail: staug.info@staugustine.cdom.org

Ofc Hours: 9:00am-3:00pm

Office Closed from 12:00pm until 1:00pm

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. Charl Golden, Mrs. Vivian Harris, Ms. Bernice Hayes, Mr. Darrell Holimon, Mr. Marvin Housley, Sr., Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Katoe, Mrs. Florine McMillan, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mr. Raymond Moore, Sr., Mrs. Altonette Robinson, Mr. Ben Wells, Mr. Eric Wells, Mrs. Geraldine Whitthorne, Mrs. Bertharene Young, Dr. Joyce Young, Dr. Joseph Young

May Their Souls Rest in Peace
November 20-26

November 20: Mildred Wren, Mardine K. Collins, Matthew Whitthorne

November 21: Corine Diggs, William A. Townsend, Samiestren Boswell

November 22: Jerry Frazier, Patricia A. Miller

November 23: Leo D. Savare, Sr., Wilbourn Mitchell, Don Gilbert, Forrestine Weed

November 24: Annie Walker, Lettie London, Bonnie Churchwell

November 25: Anna Drane, Arlene Hardaway

November 26: Katherine Jones, Clovis Pickett

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christ Jesus, the King of the Universe

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Feast of Christ the King! Our God is the king of the universe. He is the Lord of Lords. He is the alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. (Revelation 1:8). It is very important that we call to mind this truth every time and every place. The Feast of Christ the King is appropriately celebrated on the last Sunday of the year. This symbolically states that all times and seasons belong to God. Christ Jesus is the end of the history even as he is the beginning. A song that we often sing at the end of the Benediction captures the supreme reign in these immortal words:

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee! All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in Heaven above adore Thee; Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign. (Ignaz Franz, 1771).

The kingship of our God is not man-made. It is divine. God the Father testifies to this; "It is I who have set up my king on Zion, my holy mountain." (Psalm 2:6). God is our king because he is our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM

The reign of our God is not limited to one city or country. It is cosmic and pancosmic; It spans from heaven to earth. The Psalmist put it this way: "In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds." (Psalm 72:8). Pope Pius XI put it pointedly: "The empire of our Redeemer embraces all men. Our king is the king of all. He does not discriminate between the rich and the poor, the born and unborn. He is king not only of the high and mighty, he is the king of the lowly as well: "For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. From oppression he will rescue their lives, to him their blood is dear." (Psalm 72:12-14).

Next Sunday's Readings-November 27, 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

THE LOCATION OF THE KINGDOM

Where is the Kingdom of God? Where does he reign? Is it in the air, on the sea or on land? Why did the Scripture say, "The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.'" (Luke 17:20-21). It is because the Kingdom is within (Luke 17:21). Where does our king reign? He reigns in our hearts. Origen put it this way: He who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him. (Origen, *Your Kingdom Come*, A Notebook on Prayer, Office of the Reading, Liturgy of the Hours, Christ the King of the Universe)

THE DIFFERENCE THE REIGN OF CHRIST MAKES

What happens when Christ reigns in us? Sin can no longer reign. Any form of demonic possession will be cast out by Christ. The ultimate victory is that death will be destroyed. Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so, what is corruptible in us must be clothed in holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection. Is there anything the world can offer that beats this eternal deal? No, it is a blessed assurance. What a foretaste of divine glory!

DO YOU WANT TO REIGN WITH HIM?

Our King wants us in his kingdom. He needs no bribe nor big payment for this. It is free! He extends the invitation to you and me: "Here I stand, knocking at the door. If anyone hears me calling and opens the door, I will enter his house and have supper with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself won the victory and took my seat beside my Father on his throne." (Revelation 3:20-21).

Brothers and sisters, the kingdom of God has no frontiers and boundaries. It is an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace; a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. May you not hesitate to say, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42).

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

206 Tours is organizing this pilgrimage and we shall take off on March 20 - March 29.

THANKSGIVING MASS

We shall have a holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 24, 2022. Please come one and come all.

WHAT IS MORE?

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, who has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

QUIZ

- 1.What are the fruits of the Sacrament of the Eucharist?
- 2.What are the three principal ends for which our Lord instituted the Eucharist, the sacrament of love.
- 3.What are the virtues opposed to the seven Capital sins?
- 4.When should you thank the Lord or how many times should you thank him?

AS YOU CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

Be glad, rejoice and thank the Lord for his goodness to you. Try not to eat alone. Seek out someone who may be lonely.

Love,

Fr. Francis Chiawa

Father Francis Chiawa



Polk Puryear (11/20) Jabari Oliver (11/21) Andrea Green (11/23) Michael Casey (11/24) K.C. Chandler (11/26)



Mr. & Mrs. Walter and Anne Gibson (11/23)