

St. Augustine Catholic Church

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Words-
A Call To Action For Us All!



This weekend as a nation we remember The Late, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For many it is simply a day off from school, or a day off from work. For some it's a day like any other day. With a city, nation, society and world in crisis I believe it is much more. We can let this day pass as just any other day, or we can allow this to be a Call to Action, A commitment to justice, a determination to keep the dream alive.

I'd like to reflect on this day through the lens of the scriptures the Church gives us to reflect on and how we can Listen with a new understanding to

Call and Justice. Listening and answering is the first step to action. But we learn today is our answer or our response the right one, and are we willing in our listening to truly discover our calling? Today we find young Samuel is unfamiliar with the Lord asleep in the presence of the Ark of The Covenant. Although he worshiped the Lord, he did not know the Lord.

"At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet."

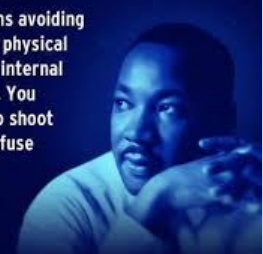
Samuel is not familiar with the Lord although he served, and prayed in the temple. The reason being, God had not revealed Himself, God had not called Him, nor made Himself known to Him. In his confusion he thinks it is Eli who has called him. Finally Eli instructs him, the next time the Lord calls you respond, **"Speak Lord your Servant is Listening."** You see Church The Lord desires to speak to us. But we need to be disposed to hearing him. As we are being called let us open our hearts and listen to the Lord.

Samuel is being called to be a prophet of the Lord. We also see the Prophet John the Baptist pointing and saying **"Behold the Lamb of God"**. The prophet has a clear and distinct role. He does not point to himself, nor does he seek to build up himself, rather he is called to point to God, to speak the word that God gives him for His people. John points to Jesus, so too are we called to be a prophetic. Each of us in our Baptism was anointed Priest, Prophet and King. Each of us called to be a prophetic voice.

Jesus calls ordinary men, to follow Him. Although we are not where we were in 1968 we are long from where Rev King dreamed we would be. No longer are the dogs in the streets being put on marchers, but our streets are plagued with violence of Black on Black crime. It is our own Black officers killing black men in our streets. We may not see lynchings but it is our own black children with guns shooting one another, robbing and stealing in our streets.

As we see around us there is an even greater challenge within us, within our own people, communities and children that we need to find solutions. Where will we go from here? We are being called, our streets cry out to us, our graves cry out to us, our jails cry out to us. Can we hear God's voice calling us to the work of justice?

Martin's dreamed has been deferred.



Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.

Rev. Stephan Brown SVD Pastor



My name is Akizou Kamina. I was born and raised in Togo (West Africa). I'm the first born of three children. My mom is an Evangelical Christian, and my dad is a "lap" Catholic. Though I was baptized as Catholic when I was three, I only embraced the Catholic faith when I was twelve. After completing my undergrad degree in Accounting and Management, I decided to join the Society of the Divine Word in Togo in 2010. At the end of my three-year formation, I graduated with a BA in Philosophy and an Associate degree in Education Science. I came to the USA in 2013 to continue my formation. I was at DWC for a year for the ESL program; then novitiate in 2014 at Techny, IL where I professed my first vows in 2015. At the end of my second year in Theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, I was sent to Brazil (Central Province) for my Overseas Training Program (OTP). Upon my return to the USA in 2019, I continued with my theological studies, at the end of which I earned a double major:

MA in Theology- Interreligious Dialogue with primary focus in Islam and secondary focus in Judaism; and MDiv. I professed my final vows in September 2020 and ordained priest in May 2021 in Chicago. I was assigned by the superior general of the SVD to Chicago Province. My current appointment is DWC where I will be teaching and doing formation work.

Do you have friends and family who have been a part of the St Augustine family? Have you wondered how you can invite others to support St Augustine? As a family, organization or individuals, create an Ad and support St Augustine. On our website or on Facebook, just click on the link to our Silent Auction, click SUPPORTERS, create your Ad and offer support. No Ad is too small whether \$10 or \$1000 show your support for St Augustine and our First Annual "Faith Filled Hearts" Lifetime Achievement Awards. Create an Ad and honor an Honoree. Share with family and friends who are out of town and allow them to support our efforts to Honor Great Women and Men who have left a legacy of Excellence in working to make Memphis a better place for all persons of faith and citizens.

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FAITH FILLED HEARTS



Online Silent Auction

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-January 21, 2024
Jonah 3:1-5,10 ~ God Spared the People
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ~ Paul's Warning
Mark 1:14-20 ~ Jesus Calls His Disciples



- *Littleton and Claudette Seymour*—1/16
- *Arnold and Vivian Harris*—1/19



Sharl Golden, Marcus Thomas—1/14
Renee Bond, Jarvier Farmer, Vertie McNeil, Antoinette Willis—1/15
Rebecca Garcia, Matthew Gooden, Sylvester Hobbs, Gerald Samuel, Mayme Tuggle—1/17
Loyce Cole, Antoinette Katoe, Crystal McKinney—1/18
C'Mon Price—1/19
John Atemkeng, Shirley Austin—1/20

Prayer for Healing...

Foster Adams, Gloria Alsandor, Harold Adams Beamon, Annie Beck, Gerald Bond, Eugene Brassell, Patricia Cowart, Tina Crawford, Robert Crowley, Raye Dudley, Sandra Fitzpatrick, Sharl Golden, David Green, Verna Green, Vivian Harris, Bernice Hayes, Darrell Hollimon, Marvin Housley, Sr., Mae Johnson, Dorothy Katoe, Mary King, Audrey McGhee, Florine McMillan, Hattie Moore, Raymond Moore, Sr., Polk Puryear, Altonette Robinson, Floyd Shavers, Mayme Tuggle, Evelyn Vavasseur, Ben Wells, Eric Wells, Bertharene Young, Joyce Young, Joseph Young

LORD, MAY OUR DEARLY DEPARTED REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE



January 14 ~ Doyle Bradburn, Carolyn Bowen, Eddie Green, Harry Rice
January 15 ~ Willie E. Malone, Odessa Tate
January 16 ~ Carolyn, J. Kinsey Williams
January 17 ~ Lelia Flagg, Rodney Brooks
January 18 ~ Charles Marshall, Sr., Edna Parker, Leona Bonner
January 19 ~ A.J. McKinley Brown, C.B. Drane



***What is Happening at
St. Augustine Church***



Announcements

Ms. Ruth McClinton, died on Monday, January 1st. She was the sister of Mrs. Corene Wells. Mrs. McClinton will be buried on January 10th in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Mr. Clarence Higgins passed away this past week. He was the husband of Mrs. Charlesetta Higgins. The funeral will be held at R. S. Lewis on Walnut Grove on January 23rd at 11:00am. May the souls of Mrs. McClinton and Mr. Higgins and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in eternal peace.

All are invited to the Annual Memorial Mass for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue at 10am. on Monday, January 15, 2024. Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Steib , S.V.D. will be the Celebrant, with music led by St. Augustine's Gospel Choir. A reception will follow in Marian Hall.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of MLK, day.

We are still searching for more volunteers to become Catechists, Sunday counters and Sacristans. Please contact the Church office if you are interested in volunteering.

GET INVOLVED!!

(REV) DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Dr. King's faith and politics were integrated and always focused on how we can live a good life. We must never lose sight that the Church is called to do the same. Let's embody his teachings as a tool to help us remember that we must always work for peace every day and help create equality for all. All are invited to the Annual Memorial Mass for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue at 10am. on Monday, January 15, 2024. Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Steib, S.V.D. will be the Celebrant, with music led by St. Augustine's Gospel Choir. A reception will follow in Marian Hall.

HARLEM

BY LANGSTON HUGHES

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?



*The Parish Community of
St. Augustine Catholic Church
Cordially Invite You to the 2024*

"Faith Filled Hearts"

Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala

Saturday, February 24, 2024
The Great Hall & Conference Center
1900 S. Germantown Rd.
Germantown, TN 38138

Honorees: **The Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, SVD**
The Honorable A.C and Mrs. Ruby Wharton
Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley
Mrs. Bertharene Young and the Late Sullivan Young,
Mrs. Grace Meacham



Rejoicing from the Heart

Mass

Sat. 4PM Vigil Mass

Gala

6PM Cocktails & Silent Auction
7-10PM Dinner--Awards--Dancing

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For Door

Don't Wait—Purchase Your Tickets Now!!

2024 is fast approaching. To ensure that you are seated with your family, go on [www. Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) and search for St. Augustine.

This fundraiser is to support our parish financially. We are a “Beacon of Light” on the hill in South Memphis. This endeavor will help us to continue to flourish and support our parish and the community.



BISHOP JAMES HEALY

James Augustine Healy (April 6, 1830 – August 5, 1900) was an American prelate of the Catholic Church. He was the first known African American to serve as a bishop.

Born into slavery in the Healy family of Georgia, James Healy was the son of a White plantation owner and a mixed-race enslaved woman. He was later freed, educated overseas, and ordained a priest in 1854. He served as Bishop of Portland in Maine from 1875 until his death in 1900.

James Healy was born in Jones County, Georgia, on April 6, 1830. His father, Michael Morris Healy (1796–1850), was a native of County Roscommon, Ireland who became a wealthy cotton planter after settling in Georgia. Healy owned more than 1,500 acres of land near the Ocmulgee River as well as 49 to 60 enslaved people. James's mother was a mixed-race enslaved woman named Mary Eliza (c. 1813–1850), whom Michael had purchased for \$3,700 along with her family. He took Mary Eliza as his common-law wife in 1829.

James was the eldest of their ten children. In his will, Michael Healy referred to his wife as "my trusty woman, Eliza, mother of my...children." Due to the *partus sequitur ventrem* principle in slave law, children inherited the legal status of their mothers; therefore, the Healy children were born into slavery. Michael was unable to directly free his wife and children as manumission required an act of the Georgia General Assembly in exceptional circumstances. Before their deaths a few months apart in 1850, Michael and Eliza Healy had planned to relocate with their youngest children to a northern state that prohibited slavery.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

