

St. Augustine Catholic Church

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...



THIS WEEKEND TOGETHER WE INITIATE A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we celebrate and gather as a Eucharistic Assembly, it is within this context that we celebrate the unique gift of blackness and our gift to the nation and to our church. Black History is American History and we remember, commemorate and celebrate the contributions that Black people have contributed to make this nation the great nation it has become. We never forget the hardships of the past, the evil and degradation of slavery, yet we also remember and honor the resilience, strength and creative ability to transform dark days into bright tomorrows. We recall that men and women of the African Diaspora, whether brought here through the slave trade, or by choice seeking freedom and opportunity have contributed greatly in the fields of Science, Literature, The Arts, Law, Social Justice, Civil Rights and Athleticism, entrepreneurial development and religion. Women and men have used their God given talents to seek to make our nation better, stronger and a place we can all call home, belonging and seeking to build a better community.

In this weeks Gospel we find Jesus with the three close disciples, James, John and Peter at Peter's mother in-law's house. She is sick with a fever. They tell Jesus about her. Here we find the subject for our reflection, "Tell Jesus" about it. Rooted in our History as an African American People is our faith and trust in Jesus. Our traditional religions were stripped from us through the middle passage, yet our encounter with Jesus, the one true God has become and is the very life force that enables us to thrive through pain and struggle, through the hate, disparity and degradation. Still we rise. In the words of Maya Angelo....

Still I Rise

BY MAYA ANGELOU

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.....

.....Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

We know that like the disciples it is ultimately through our faith in the Nazarene, the Son of God, Jesus the living God that we rise. Just as when they told Jesus about Peter's mother in law, He touched her and she rose and served them, so to as a people Jesus has touched us, and we rise. We rise to bring light out of darkness, to build love in the face of hate, to create opportunity out of disenfranchisement, to create life out of death and destruction.

Like Jesus prayer has always been our stronghold. The advancement of the oppressed has its roots in the church. Like the synagogue the church is where we came together to pray, to be nourished and experience the power of unity through community. Through shared prayer and communion a common vision was developed to pave the path ahead.

Let us turn to Jesus, allow Him to touch our lives so we to may continue to rise.

REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-February 11, 2024
Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 ~ The Law is Given to Moses
1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1 ~ Imitate Christ
Mark 1:40-45 ~ Jesus Cures

JANUARY PARISH FINANCES

Budgeted Revenue:	\$50,250.00
Collection/Online/Gifts	\$35,210.12
Rent	\$ 1,000.00
21st Century	\$ 9,994.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$46,204.12
EXPENSES:	
Utilities	\$ 2,987.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 3,545.60
Operating Expenses	\$49,515.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$56,047.99
DIFFERENCE	\$ (9,843.87)
Parish Assessment to Diocese	\$9,374.50



Trey Love, Opal Mayfield —2/5
Evelyn McNeal, Carolyn Neal —2/6
Will Parr, III, Janet Thompson — 2/7
Ryan Casey —2/8
Zachery Merritt, Joyce Reed —2/10



◆ *KC & Lorraine Chandler —2/8*

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, Ben Wells, Eric Wells, Bertharene Young, Joyce Young, Joseph Young

LORD, MAY OUR DEARLY DEPARTED REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE

February 5 ~ Loretta Preston, Willie Jones, Beverly Whitlow
February 6 ~ Alberta Pipion, Robert Hines, Sr.
February 7 ~ Mary Reed, Rita Myers, Mae Perrie
February 8 ~ Lloyd Weddington, Betty Todd
February 9 ~ Irene Wadlington, Lloyd Lee Foster Hall
February 10 ~ Florence Everson, Lorenzo Kemp, Don Andrew Lee



Announcements

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Food Pantry on Saturday, February 10th from 9:00am until 11:00am.

Stop by the table in the Narthex and support Maygen Walker, our NAACP representative.

We are in need of Sacristans. If you are able and willing to volunteer, please call the Church office with your contact information.

Counters are needed on Sundays. Call the Church office if you are able to volunteer.

The 2024 Faith Filled Hearts Gala is fast approaching. If you have not purchased your tickets, please do so today. This fund raising initiative is in support of St. Augustine Church. Tickets will not be sold at the door, so stop procrastinating. Don't sit on the sidelines and hear about it from someone else, buy your ticket today.

Pastoral Council

Celestine Evans—President

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Laura Mayfield

Laz Owens—Liturgy Committee

Valerie Snipes—Ex Officio Finance Council

Maygen Walker—Youth Group

St. Augustine Leadership Team
presents

Mardi Heart 2024

Saturday, February 10

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

W.P. Porter Gymnasium

1169 Kerr Avenue

Memphis, TN 38106

Eight Person Reserved Table

\$140

Individual Tickets:

\$15 advance; \$20 event day

Deadline for table sales Sunday, 02/03/24

Music! Door Prizes! Food! Cash Bar!

Dress: Comfortable, Classy, & Casual



*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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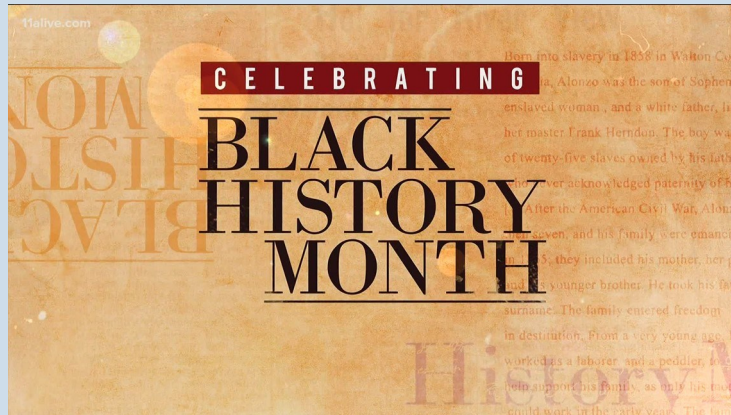


For Door

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.



The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be “Negro History Week.” This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which Black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

At the time of Negro History Week’s launch, Woodson contended that the teaching of black history was essential to ensure the physical and intellectual survival of the race within broader society:

“If a race has no history and no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world and is in danger of being exterminated. The American Indian left no continuous record. He did not appreciate the value of tradition and where is he today? The Hebrew keenly appreciated the value of tradition as is attested by the Bible itself. In spite of worldwide persecution, therefore, he is a great factor in our civilization.”

Negro History Week was met with enthusiastic response. It prompted the creation of black history clubs, an increase in interest among teachers and interest from progressive whites. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday.

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Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

