

St. Augustine Catholic Church

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in The Divine Word:

Grace and Peace be yours from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Six months ago, we began a journey together. As we walked through this time, we began a beautiful trek together listening, sharing, and learning along the way. During the journey, we said farewell to beloved members, daughters, and sons of our Saint Augustine family. We also saw many faces of those who had been away returning. We've seen great beauty in the joy of reconnecting and restoring old relationships separated by the pandemic, or simply by circumstances that prevented us from coming back and we had not been home for a long time.

Through this letter I want to personally as your Pastor, welcome you home to the Father's house. Home is where family belongs. We recall the place where we were nurtured and formed in our faith. We remember this is the place where our developmental learning began. We recall the days of our childhood as we reminisced with a parishioner as he saw his old high school freshmen classroom being cleaned and restored to prepare and make ready for the children to attend the 2024 Parish Religious Education program. Home too is where we feel loved and experience a deep sense of belonging, togetherness, and peace.

Saint Augustine is much more than simply a church building; it is our spiritual home. It is here that we experience the power of God's grace through sacramental signs and expressions. It is here that we celebrate our faith and culture, authentically Catholic and unapologetically African American. It is here that we celebrate milestones in our lives. It is here that we honor and commemorate the lives of our family members who have lead exemplary lives leaving behind a great legacy of faith, hope and excellence to rise to a new morning, breaking the way for a new day dawning to a future filled with hope.

This week we begin the Lenten Season and prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter. Now is the time like none other to return home. It is a beautiful time to remember our past remaining deeply rooted in where we've come from, living with powerful loving tenacity to become who God is calling us to be for our future. Let the experience of the warmth and love of this your spiritual home be both a reminder and an encouragement that there is no place like Home!

Home is where the heart is! What a blessing it is to be a part of this spiritual home as we honor women and men of distinction through our "Faith Filled Hearts" Lifetime Achievements Awards. Those that we honor have touched our lives as a family and enriched our spiritual home with their presence, love, and dedicated commitment to service and living lively faith. We are reminded that "our hearts will not find rest until they rest in thee oh Lord". St Augustine of Hippo

If you have been away, allow me to both invite you home and welcome you back to the spiritual home where it all began, from your baptism to your early primary education. It is here where you first experienced a deep and powerful connection with Christ as you received His body and blood in communion. Reconnect again, experience to power and dynamic joy to strengthen you to be spirit filled Catholics alive for Christ and seeking to share His good news. Allow yourselves to be God's vessels for others to experience God's love and grace as you did.

Welcome Back to the Father's House!

REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-February 18, 2024

Genesis 9:8-15 ~ Covenant with Moses

1 Peter 3:18-22 ~ We are Saved through Christ

Mark 1:12-15 ~ Jesus is Tempted



- ◆ *Lazzari and Karen Owens— 2/14*
- ◆ *Glenn and Leonia Adams—2/14*
- ◆ *Willie and Patricia Buchanan—2/16*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cynthia Cain-Miller, Xzashia Couch —2/11

Raven Collins, Marvin Housley, Trinton Nering —2/12

Mitchell Wooten — 2/13

Valerie Thomas, Angeliques Thompson —2/14

Teri Brandon, Veronica Colins, Colastus Spearman,

Reinhold Taylor, Jr. —2/15

Rocio Parr, Sharon Thompson—2/16

Crystal Biddle—2/17

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, Charl 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 11 ~ Malinda Campbell

February 12 ~ Audrey L. Gordon, Anderson Carter (AC) Taylor, Jr., Georgia Saunders

February 13 ~ Robert Bolden, Robert Wright

February 14 ~ Archie Taylor, David Harper, Laura Newton, Emma Brown, Stefan "Toby" Johnson, Raymond House, Irma Wilhite, Estalyn Ross, Mildred A. Turner

February 15 ~ Allegra Turner

February 16 ~ Earline Haywood, Lloyd Redmond

February 17 ~ Alberta Ridgley, Irby Fogleman, Sr., Betty Jean Rounds



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Announcements

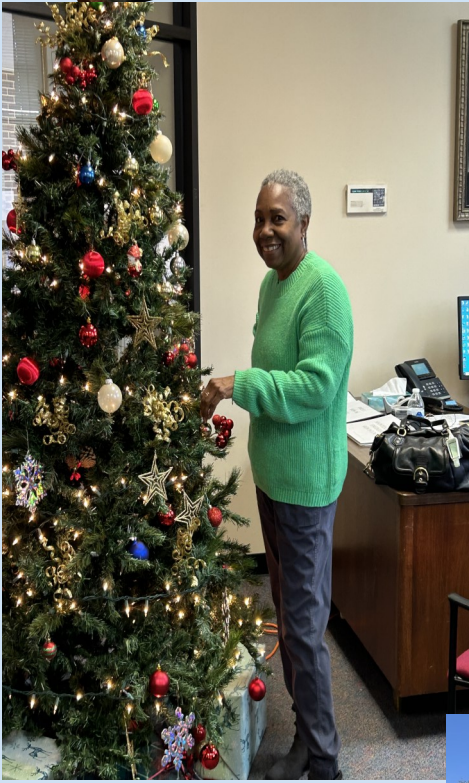
Stop by the table in the Narthex and support Maygen Walker, our NAACP representative.

Volunteers are still needed for Sacristan and counters on the weekends. If you are able and willing to volunteer, please call the Church office with your contact information.

We still have tickets available for the 2024 Faith Filled Hearts Gala. The deadline to purchase tickets is this Wednesday, February 14th. This will allow us to have a final count prior to the event. Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

The Women's Month Committee 2023 would like to thank everyone for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for connecting, replenishing, restoring, and igniting the fire of our faith together. The Women of St. Augustine in Action with Strength and Courage collected and made a donation in the amount of \$17,000.00 to the church.

PARISH & COMMUNITY





*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

Scan



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.



POPE ST. VICTOR I

Also known as Pope Saint Victor, Pope Victor I was the 14th leader of the Church. Born in Africa, Victor was the son of a man named Felix and an unnamed mother. He continued to use his given name after becoming the pope and inspired two other men to also use the name, Victor. Before becoming the pope, Victor was a bishop. He likely worked in Leptis Magna, which was an ancient city in the Carthage region. He may have spent some time in Tripolitania too. The Church does not know much else about his early life.

One of the main acts associated with Pope Victor is the work he did to free the persecuted. The emperor at the time was against Christians and sent them to work in the mines in Sardinia. Victor believed that those men deserved the right to their freedom and demanded their release. He then welcomed them back into the Church.

During the second century, many people in the West celebrated Easter on Sunday. In the East, they chose different days to celebrate this holiday. Victor unified all the churches when he declared that they should celebrate Easter on Sunday, which is a practice that the Church still uses. The pope initially attempted to excommunicate those who celebrated Easter on different days or prevent them from attending Church. It was only after a bishop from Gaul encouraged him to think about his followers that Victor set the new day for Easter.

Early Church records indicate that Pope Victor I was a martyr, which is one of the reasons why he is recognized as a saint. Each of the 13 popes who came before him were martyrs, and several later popes were also martyred. It makes sense that Victor was also martyred as he was the leader of the Christians who faced opposition from many. No records exist to show where he was buried or what happened to his relics.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

