

St. Augustine Catholic Church

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...



Lent bids us to return to the innocence of our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see [Hosea 2:20](#); [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)). We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see [Mark 1:11](#); [Luke 3:38](#)), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see [Genesis 2:19–20](#)), being served by angels (see [Ezekiel 28:12–14](#)). Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see [Romans 5:12–14, 17–20](#)), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the “gospel of God” that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God’s kingdom. In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see [Colossians 1:13–14](#)). We were made children of God, new creations (see [2 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Galatians 4:3–7](#)).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see [1 Corinthians 10:1–4, 9,13](#); [Deuteronomy 8:2, 16](#)).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today’s Psalm (see [John 14:6](#)). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see [Psalm 78:25](#); [Wisdom 16:20](#)), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

-Dr Scott Hahn

REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-February 25, 2024

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 ~ Abraham Obeyed God

Romans 8:31b-34 ~ God's Faithfulness

Mark 9:2-10 ~ Jesus is Transfigured



- ◆ *Hasting and Elizabeth Stewart, Sr.— 2/22*
- ◆ *Tom and Valerie Thomas—2/23*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Woods —2/18

Stephanie Chambers —2/19

Rosaland Crawford — 2/20

Brenda Banks, Johnetta Matirne, Jean Smith —2/21

Elsie Bailey, Charles Bolden, Kellon Lomax —2/23

Jesse Clemons, Andrew Terry, Jr., Maygen Walker, Rayven Walker—2/24

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 18 ~ Barbara Jean Brooks Armstrong, Gloria Woods, Charles Brown

February 19 ~ Stephen Orlando Boone, Thomas Donald

February 20 ~ Emma Purdy, Gerald Dewalt

February 21 ~ Waddell Fisher, Marie Brown, Dorothy Johnson, James Oliver

February 22 ~ Bang Long, Jr., Stein Williams, Jr., Charles Bolton, Leslie Taylor, Samuel Provost

February 23 ~ Anna Strong, Robert Harris, Alvin M. King., Edward Bolton, Booker Mayfield

February 24 ~ Cleveland Hofstetten, Alma Childs, Mollie McCright





Announcements

Mrs. Elizabeth Chiawa passed away. She was the mother of Fr. Francis Chiawa. Please keep Mrs. Chiawa in your prayers and may the soul of Elizabeth Chiawa and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in eternal peace.

A sign up sheet for Holy Thursday Night Watch is in the Narthex. This is an opportunity for you to be present with the Lord.

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

Check out the auction items online for our Faith Filled Hearts Gala by visiting the St. Augustine website. Other auction items will be available for bids at the gala.

There will be no Mass on Monday, February 19th. We will be closed in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th.

There will be a men's club rep in the narthex after each Mass to receive your assessments. Assessments are \$100.00. You may also see Joe Brown or Steve Chambers in the gym if you miss the men in the narthex. Also, men sign up for men who cook and the men's day choir. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

FR. STEPHAN PREPARING FOR LENT





*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.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

The **Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP)** is a Catholic women's religious institute founded by Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, and James Nicholas Joubert in 1829 in Baltimore, Maryland for the education of girls of African descent. It was the first permanent community of Black Catholic sisters in the United States. The Oblate Sisters were free women of color who sought to provide Baltimore's African American population with education and "a corps of teachers from its own ranks." The congregation is also a member of the Women of Providence in Collaboration.

Mary Lange was chosen superior, and Father Joubert was appointed director. Pope Gregory XVI approved the institute on 2 October 1831 under the title of Oblate Sisters of Providence. The sisters opened other Catholic schools for African American girls in the city as well as teaching adult women in evening classes and opened a home for widows. The sisters educated youth and nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832. They provided a home for orphans and sheltered the elderly. The sisters took in washing, ironing and mending to care for the "children of the house". The organization did not consider "previous condition of servitude a liability for Oblate membership" and eight of the forty women who joined in the antebellum years (1828-1860) had been slaves.

By 1910 the sisters conducted schools and orphanages at Baltimore, Washington, Leavenworth, St. Louis, and Normandy, Missouri. Eventually the institute founded schools in eighteen states. Some missions only lasted a few years while others endured and changed with the needs of the community. By the 1950s there were over 300 Oblate Sisters of Providence teaching and caring for African American children. The Oblates had missions in the Dominican Republic and opened missions in Costa Rica in 1964, where they continue today.

The motherhouse remained on Chase Street in Baltimore until a new motherhouse was built in 1961 at 701 Gun Rd. in southwest Baltimore County. It is called Our Lady of Mount Providence and remains the motherhouse today. Several missions operated on the motherhouse property including Mt. Providence Junior College from 1963-1966. The sisters began a Child Development Center and Reading and Math Center in 1972 on the motherhouse property. The sisters continue to operate St. Francis Academy on Chase Street in Baltimore.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

