

# *St. Augustine Catholic Church*

*March 3, 2024*

*3rd Sunday of Lent*



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*Spiritual Food for The Journey...*



Rise up Black Men, and take your stand. Reach up black men and women and pull all nature's knowledge to you. Turn ye around and make a conquest of everything North and South, East and West. And then we you have wrought well, you will have merited God's blessing, you will become God's chosen people and naturally you'll become leaders of the world.

— *Marcus Garvey* —

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## **BLACK MEN, STEP UP AND TAKE YOUR PLACE**

Black Men, Black Boys, My Brothers we are reminded today in this Prayer Breakfast that You are needed, you are valued and that Your Lives Matter. Black Men take your Place, Your daughters and Sons need You, Your community and your People Need You. In the midst of the Social Crisis, we face here in our city and nation, it requires that We step Up. We cannot wait for someone to fix Us. Our families need us to Rise Up beyond Self Destruction, if Fallen, we need to build a common brotherhood that seeks to Lift one another Up!

Black men we have always been a part of our story as African American People, some good and some challenging. Far before the names of Black and their stories were written for them and at times by them.

Let this be a time and place providing space for growth and healing as we seek to write a new Chapter shaping our own future that a new page be turned. During these times of daily unrest from views of Black men being killed, abused, protesting, and peacefully kneeling we must not forget to celebrate Our Joy, Our Strength and Our Power, Black men making the world smile, Black Men making a difference in our world, leaving a legacy of Hope Behind and spreading countless affirmations that Black Men are significant and vital to the survival and advancement of our nation and our world!

As we walk our street and drive through our neighborhoods, we seem to be lost, wandering, aimlessly. So often I ask myself, what can be done? How can we move beyond the self-destruction and rise to reconstruction and revitalization.

There is a vital and crucial individual in the scriptures.

Let's Look at Matthew 15: 21 And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. 22 And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). Since Cyrene is located in Northern Africa, it seems at least very plausible that Simon was a man of color.

Although Simon disappears from the story as quickly as he appears, the example is extremely powerful. On the most important day in world events, in all time past, he literally carries the cross of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of World. He Helps Jesus!

In America, it's easy for those who don't experience systematic racism to forget how prevalent it really is. It's easy to ignore what makes us uncomfortable, or to choose our news sources based on what we want to hear, and not what we need to hear. Simon sets a powerful example we are all called to Follow . Even Christ accepted help carrying his cross. Our brothers and sisters of color have been carrying a heavy burden for hundreds of years. Now is the time for us to help shoulder it. We need not wait for a passing Roman soldier to prompt Us into action. The is here and Now Black Men to Step Up and Take Your Rightful Place. This Parish Needs You, this Community Needs You, The men and women aimlessly walking these streets needs you! In Galatians, Paul, an early church leader, says exactly the same thing. "Carry each other's burdens," he writes, "and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

**REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR**

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*2024 Faith Filled Hearts Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala*



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# PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

*Next Sunday's Readings-March 10, 2024*  
**2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 ~ Captivity**  
**Ephesians 2:4-10 ~ Do the Work of the Lord**  
**John 3:14-21 ~ Jesus, the Son of Man**

**FEBRUARY PARISH FINANCES**

<b>Budgeted Revenue:</b>	<b>\$50,250.00</b>
Collection/Online/Gifts	\$49,157.31
Rent	\$ 1,000.00
21st Century	\$ 2,964.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$53,121.31</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Utilities	\$ 4,689.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 7,080.96
Operating Expenses	\$55,779.94
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$67,549.90</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$(14,428.59)</b>
Parish Assessment to Diocese	<b>\$5,955.71</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Nevada Gates, Antonio Harris —3/3*  
*Virginia Carruitero, Twjuana Holliday —3/4*  
*Eric Collins, Brenda Reeves, Harry Sinclair, III — 3/6*  
*Wallace Dabney, Renita Ramsey, Onnie Wadley —3/7*  
*Chelsea Boyd, George Owens, Beverly Taylor, William Terrell, Denise Wooten—3/9*



*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**

- March 3** ~ **Lucious Davis, Russell Gregory, David Edingburg, B. D. Bernard Gantt, Kennel Venson, Jr.**
- March 4** ~ **Minerva Hancock**
- March 6** ~ **Peter Kawalski, Frank Reynolds**
- March 7** ~ **Willie M. Ray, Laura E. Mott, Essie M. Wiggins Berry, Steven Harris**
- March 8** ~ **Beatrice White, Pinkie Baldwin, Aggie J. Anderson**





## Announcements

**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.**

**Rayven Walker will represent St. Augustine in the NAACP Teenager of the Year Contest. This is the last weekend to purchase your memberships. Lets show our support.**

**This year we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a special Children's Liturgy during our 10am mass. Children will participate in ALL parts of the mass and will be invited to listen to Father's homily from a comfortable seat at the altar. There is something for every child to do whether its singing, dancing, clapping, playing a tambourine, or smiling and holding a sign... ALL children are asked to participate. Children's choir rehearsal begins March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please sign your child up today. Signups are in the Narthex or on the St. Augustine Church app.**

**This year our Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm. Parishioners are asked to donate candy and filled or unfilled eggs NLT March 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed for various activities. Signups are in the Narthex or on the St. Augustine Church app.**

**The Lenten schedule is located in the narthex on new easy to read boards for your convenience.**

**Save the Date for the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Mothers Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at 9 a.m., in the gym.**

**Don't forget "Men Who Cook" will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00pm with tickets available for purchase in the Narthex, followed by Men's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.**



# GIVING MADE EASIER



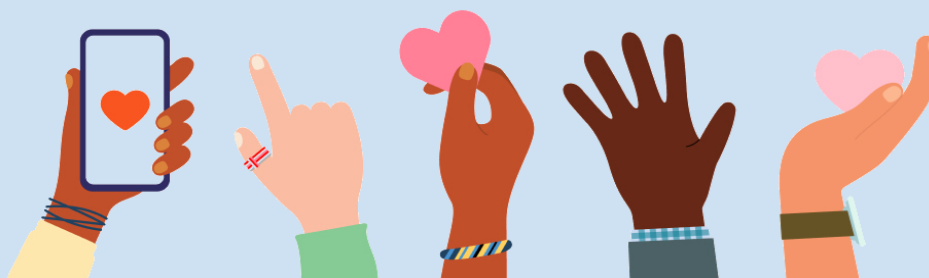
DO YOU WANT AN EASIER WAY TO DONATE AND SUPPORT ST. AUGUSTINE?

DID YOU FORGET TO BRING YOUR DONATION TO CHURCH?

SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE AND FOLLOW THE EASY DIRECTIONS.

IT IS AS EASY AS...

**SCAN. GIVE. DONE**



**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH**

# **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH  
12 PM-2 PM**

Parishoners are asked to donate candy,  
easter trinkets and filled or unfilled  
easter eggs NLT March 24th.  
Collection boxes will be in Narthex

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**SIGN UP IN NARTHEX OR ON ST. AUGUSTINECHURCH APP**





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# Children's Liturgy

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**March 31st @ 10am**

**Calling ALL  
Readers, Singers, Dancers, Sign Holders, Cute Faces  
& People Under 18  
Sign-Up in Narthex or on St. Augustine app  
Rehearsals start March 9th**

**The Blessing of Easter baskets will take place after communion.**

# Pope St. Miltiades

Pope St. Miltiades was the head of the Western Church and bishop of Rome during the years 311 A.D. through 314 A.D. when he died. It was during the papacy of this, Melchiades the African, that the Roman Emperor Constantine ("the Great") proclaimed his history changing Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. providing long-persecuted Christianity with its first legal status in the empire.



Pope Miltiades is also remembered for accepting the gift of the Empress Fausta Palace where the church would later build the Lateran Palace the pontiff's residence and seat of administration.

History does not record the exact year of birth for Pope Miltiades although it does remember that his citizenship was Roman, his ancestry was North African and he was of Berber descent (per the Liber Pontificalis). Miltiades and the Pope Sylvester I who succeeded him were both from the clergy group of the apostate [Pope Marcellinus](#).

After accepting Christianity, Emperor Constantine gave the Empress Fausta Palace to Pope Miltiades. This would become the site of the Lateran Palace the stronghold and seat of power for the Catholic Church administration and the official residence of the popes.

Pope St. Miltiades is remembered for being the pontiff who experienced the peace of the church granted by Constantine. Thanks to an arrangement between Western Emperor Constantine and Eastern Emperor Licinius in February of 313 A.D., this peace expanded to all parts of the Roman Empire. Christians could now worship freely and also received back their confiscated churches and other property.

## *MASS TIMES*

### *Weekday*

*Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday*

*12PM Chapel*

### *1st Friday*

*10:30 AM Chapel*

### *Weekend*

*Saturday Vigil 4PM*

*Sunday 8AM and 11AM*

