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### Spiritual Food for The Journey...



The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; <u>Psalm 89:3</u>).

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28-45:1, <u>4</u>).

God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see <u>2 Samuel 7:14–15</u>; <u>Psalm 2:7–9</u>). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see <u>Revelation 22:16</u>).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see <u>Wisdom 16:6–7</u>; <u>Numbers 21:9</u>). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

### REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR

## TINY BLESSINGS

HEALTHY BABY AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM A Ministry of



**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**:

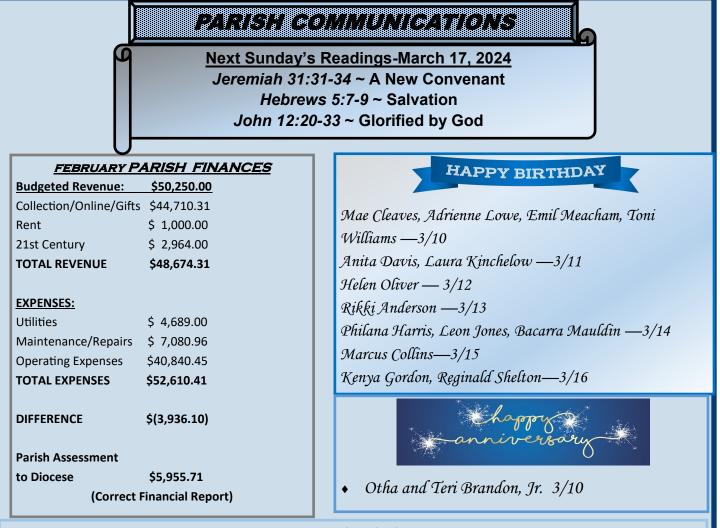
FORMULA \*\* must be IN DATE DIAPERS (all sizes) and WIPES CAR SEATS AND STROLLERS\*\*MUST BE NEW BABY CLOTHING AND BLANKETS

Donations can be dropped off at 1325 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis TN 38104 Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm or email volunteer@ccwtn.org to make arrangements

### VERY REVEREND ADAM OLESZCZUK



Very Reverend Adam Oleszczuk, SVD will visit St Augustine Parish from March 22-24th. He will participate in our Palm Sunday Mass. Please welcome the Provincial Superior for the Chicago Province as he comes to journey with us to accompany our Lord Jesus as we recall and celebrate His Passion, Death and Resurrection.



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 10 ~ Ernest Withers, Jr., Aaron Cox, Frances Adams
- March 11 ~ Henry Johnson, Mary H. Jones, Septima Bartholomew, Donald Warren
- March 12 ~ Allie Bond, Jr.
- March 14 ~ Bernadina Kehn
- March 15 ~ Edward A. Whiterspoon, Roosevelt Smith, Barbara Phillips, Cora Beteet
- March 16 ~ Eliza Green, Sherry Jones







Don't forget we will only have 1 Mass on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and 1 Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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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.

Come and support our children on March 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be celebrating and participating in the Liturgy on Easter Sunday at 10am.

The 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. Signups are in the Narthex or on the St. Augustine Church app.

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

"Men Who Cook" is this Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Join the men in the gym to chow down on some serious good food. We hope to see you there.

Dr. Leo Davis will be the featured organist in New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall on Sunday, March 17, 2024 in "Mozart Requiem," with Dr Jeffrey Murdock, conductor. Congratulations Leo.

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# ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH EASTER EGGHUNT

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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SIGN UP IN NARTHEX OR ON ST. AUGUSTINECHURCH APP

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### St. Augustine Catholic Church 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.



### Sister Mary Charlotte Marshall, O.S.P.,

Sister Mary Charlotte, who served as superior general of her religious community from 1981 to 1989, died Feb. 23. She was 96 and had served 80 years in consecrated life.

In addition to serving as superior general, she was her order's secretary general 1967-77 and served as director of evangelization at St. Gregory the Great in Baltimore in the 2000s.

The Memphis, Tenn., native was the eldest of three children, entering the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1944.

In addition to her mission in Baltimore, she served in Minnesota, Louisiana, Michigan and New York. She also was principal at St. Benedict the Moor in Washington, D.C.

### <u>MASS TIMES</u>

<u>Weekday</u> Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday 12PM Chapel

> <u>1st Friday</u> 10:30 AM Chapel



Weekend Saturday Vigil 4PM Sunday 8AM and 11AM

