

St. Augustine Catholic Church

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...



When we make Jesus first in our life:

- Our relationship is eternal- it does not die or change with circumstances.
- There is no abandonment- no instability - no fickleness- no uncertainty
- We are not dependent on anyone or anything else for our worth

This weekend we gather with the Christian Church around the world to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but also we recall His passion, suffering and death. As we gather we wave our palm branches, we sing our Hosanna song we remember that what Jesus did, He did for us and for all humanity for all time. Jesus willingly, decisively, and intentionally enters into this moment of His own free will to save us from sin and death. There is no one to fault for Jesus passion and death, this was the plan and purpose for which Jesus came to set us free to bring liberation.

In this weeks celebrations, I invite you to place Jesus first and foremost in your life. Placing Jesus first in our lives over all others and everything else will truly set us free. So often we put others and things first. We put our spouses and children first, we put our jobs and careers first. We put our need for money, wealth and pleasure first.

What we fail to understand is that when we place Jesus first, make Him our number one priority, all the concerns and worries get resolved. Placing Him first above all else opens up for us the ability to have all our needs met. (John 10:10) Jesus tells us that he came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Our lives are out of order and dysfunctional because He is not first. The life that is in order puts Him above all else.

Look at your life as you seek to control, as you work and hustle to make things right and it seems that no matter how hard you try it just isn't right. If we stop, let go and reorder our lives placing the desire and need for Him first, we will find ourselves back on track. We can start by beginning and ending our day in prayer. When seeking to start anew, put Jesus first.

We are so deeply grateful for His unselfish act of offering His very life for our sake, simply putting Him first recognizing His great love for us we will see our lives change. Think about what will happen to all the negative and destructive things that are happening. The violence, the hate, the constant suffering, if only we put Him first. Jesus desires that we live and walk in joy, prosperity and fulfillment. Look at what is happening in our parish community, as we pray, as we turn and seek Him, as we shift our focus from the distractions of life, we see Jesus ordering our lives in accordance with His plan for us.

REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-March 31, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43 ~ Peter Preaches

Colossians 3:1-4 ~ Celebrate

John 20:1-9 ~ The Stone has been Moved



◆ *Joyce and Josef Young 3/26*



Helen Cooke, Josef Young —3/24

Boniface Cheki, Asia Holt —3/25

Louise Allen, Annie Terrell — 3/27

Jacqueline Mitchell —3/28

Donna Warren, Andre Wharton—3/30



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 24 ~ Idella Williams, Frances Laws, John Rainey

March 25 ~ Elisha Ward, Helen Bolden, James Rogers

March 26 ~ Bobbie McDonald

March 27 ~ LaVerne Samuels, Christine Robinson

March 28 ~ Robert Hoof, William Sweet

March 29 ~ Thomasine Stevens

March 30 ~ Marion Taylor, Sydney McDonald, Howard Harper, Jr.





Announcements



Robert W. Moore passed March 19, 2024. He was the husband of Vicky Moore. Please keep Mr. Moore his loved ones and friends in your prayers.

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.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th from 12pm-2pm. Volunteers are also needed. Signups are in the Narthex or on the St. Augustine Church app.

Please remember to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal. It doesn't matter how small the amount; we just want 100% participation.

St. Monica is having their annual Spring Concert, Sunday, April 28th 2024 @ 3 P.M. We are so elated and excited to have the privilege of presenting the illustrious, inspiring, dynamic, Cordova High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Adrian Maclin. Our Spring Concert will be held in the W P Porter Gymnasium. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any St. Monica member. Our proceeds are donated to the Church. You have the date, time, place, and the price, so gather all of your relatives, friends, and visitors and bring them to this amazing and exhilarating concert. Refreshments will be served immediately after the program.

Thank You to The Men of Saint Augustine, for your contributions to the success of our triumphant return to Men's Month. The Men and Boys Prayer Break was welcomed back with enthusiasm. Men Who Cook proved to be a rousing success, with over 40 Saint Augustine "Chefs" sharing their culinary delights. Men's Day, featuring one of our most robust Men's Choirs, left all who attended glowing with admiration and anticipation for our future. Stop by the Men's table in the Narthex to drop off your assessment. Assessment is \$100.00 per Brother (you are not limited to that, however). Thank You to Our St. Augustine Family, for the unwavering support you always lend to our many endeavors. Without YOU, there is no "US".

The Archbishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M Memorial "G"

We would like to invite 100 members to make a financial gift of \$1,000. Please note that the number is not limited to 100. One Hundred families and or individuals is our goal. This gift will support our 21st Century Fund to secure continued funding support for our Capital Improvements and Repairs and the future of St. Augustine Parish. As we address needs that have been long standing, we need to keep funding up providing ongoing revenue. We would like to invite the 100 members to make their \$1,000 restricted gift by June 24th. June 24th is the Ordination Anniversary of the Late Archbishop Lyke, and we would have a celebration for the contributors to the "G" Foundation to commemorate his life and dedication to St. Augustine and his leadership in the African American Catholic community. Let's keep the momentum going, and let's come together for the benefit and good in securing the future for our Spiritual Home here at Saint Augustine Parish. Make Your Gift out to "St Augustine Church" in the Memo place the "Archbishop Lyke "G" Foundation.

OFFICE BLESSING





Chrism Mass

The Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception

March 26 | 7:00 pm



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.



James P. Lyke, OFM, PhD

James Patterson Lyke was born on February 18, 1939 in Chicago, IL – the youngest of seven children born to Amos and Ora Lyke. He grew up in Wentworth Gardens, a public housing project on Chicago’s Southside. From these modest environs, he went on to become a Franciscan friar, a Catholic priest, a teacher, a pastor, a bishop of the Church, and at the time of his untimely death in late 1992, he was the highest ranking African American in the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

He attended St. George Catholic School and his desire to become a Catholic grew so strong that he eventually brought his Baptist mother and all but one of his siblings into the faith. After entering the Franciscan Order, he was ordained a Catholic priest on June 24, 1966. His first assignment was in Cleveland, Ohio, where he taught at Padua High School. While in Cleveland, Father Lyke was also active in the community and led the local Operation Breadbasket efforts for civil rights. After the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King in Memphis, TN, he requested to be sent to Memphis, where he served for nine years as pastor at St. Thomas Church (now St. Augustine). He was the first African American Catholic priest to serve in the state of Tennessee. He served as president of the National Office for Black Catholics and was a close advisor to Bishop Carroll Dozier. Also while at St. Thomas, Father Lyke became the first African American chaplain for Marriage Encounter. He authored the filmstrip marriage enrichment program, “Black Married Love.”

In 1977, he was assigned as chaplain of the Newman Center at Grambling University. The assignment turned out to be short-lived. Pope John Paul II called him to the episcopacy as auxiliary bishop of Cleveland, OH. He served as the Urban Vicar there until 1990, when he became the Apostolic Administrator for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. On June 24, 1991, James P. Lyke, OFM, Ph.D. was installed as the fifth bishop and fourth archbishop of Atlanta, GA.

Archbishop Lyke also coordinated an outstanding committee of African American liturgists and musicians in the production and publication of the highly regarded African American Catholic hymnal, “Lead Me, Guide Me” in 1986.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

