

# *St. Augustine Catholic Church*

*March 31, 2024*

*Easter Sunday*



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## **Spiritual Food for The Journey...**



If You're Looking for Jesus, "He Ain't Here"

There is an innate attribute that I've always had and that is being a detective, looking at the smallest clues to solve a mystery. I can even remember back in High School reading the Nancy Drew Mysteries and the Fr. Brown Mysteries. Well today as we celebrate Easter it is busy and it is confusing. Jesus' disciples are running around trying to figure out where Jesus is and what has happened to Him. Today is a day of great rejoicing because the mystery is solved, the empty tomb is the clue. The Angel telling us as He did the Disciples, if Your looking for

Jesus in the tomb, amongst the Dead He is not here. He is Alive. Jesus is here and present to us right now. We see and experience Him in the gathering of rejoicing men, women and children this morning, we see Jesus in the priest who leads us, we hear Jesus in the Word that is proclaimed and shared, we experience Jesus in the most special and intimate way in the Eucharist. Jesus is Risen and this Rising is not only cause for Joy, but it is cause for sure and certain hope.

Hope is believing and expecting something that you cannot fully see nor understand. You see this morning Jesus' resurrection gives us hope for living today. Because of Jesus' resurrection we have power in our lives. We have power of the challenges that we face and the hardships we bear. We have power over our doubts and fears. Because Jesus is Risen from the dead both individually and collectively power is give to us. We need this power on the daily! There is so much evil, deceit and lies, misguided and deceptive. Whether you are Young or Old we all face tough moments in life. But the resurrection reminds us that Jesus is here and among Us!

As we turn to the future to the weeks and months ahead as we continuously watch the events of our life, our community, our nation and our world, we remain strengthened by the truth that Christ is Risen, He is Alive and He is among us. Let us direct our attention to first seeing and growing in our relationship with Him, and as he continues to be present to us, to speak to us and strengthen us with His power we need not worry about tomorrow. There is Victory for our Lives today. My children, my sisters and my brothers Jesus leads and guides us, His Resurrection Power over our lives.



"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.  
Behold the place where they laid him.  
But go and tell his disciples"

The direction given to the women who encountered the empty tomb is also for us. They are directed to Go and tell the disciples. We too are called to go and tell others about the love and power of the resurrected Lord. Jesus has the ability to continue to touch lives, transform unjust situations to reflect His true Kingdom. Justice, Liberation and Freedom comes first and foremost from the Power of our Resurrected Lord. Our walking the neighborhood, our inviting the youth, our cleaning up this city, or desire to transform unjust systems to create opportunities for equality and dignity can only be accomplished through the Power of the Resurrection active in Our Lives.

**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



◆ Wallace and Doretha Dabney 4/2



Pam Jordan —3/31

Zarius Merritt —4/1

Daisy Hodge — 4/3

Gwen Collins, Dennis Jones, Jasmine Jones —4/4

Desota Gilmore—4/6

### *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**

**April 1 ~ Maggie Oliver, Marcus McClendon, Julia Ball, William Elmore, Jr.**

**April 2 ~ Herman Masters, Mary Jones**

**April 3 ~ Allura G. Tate**

**April 4 ~ A. W. Murrell, Robert Yarbrough**

**April 5 ~ John George, George Calloway, Mattie McCoy, Jarvey Cunningham, Clyde Estelle Thompson Barfield, Frederick Shotwell, Elaine Clyburn**

**April 6 ~ Jewell Hulbert, Freda F. Greene, Jimmie Hardy, Colestine Browne, Pauletta Atkins**





# Announcements



**Mr. Henry McDonald passed away. He was the cousin of Dorothy Katoe, Antoinette Katoe, Vittorio Katoe and Donna and Dianna Crawford. Please keep Mr. McDonald and his loved ones in your prayers.**

**Mr. Thomas Dixon passed away this past week. Please keep Mr. Dixon and his family in your prayers.**

**Mrs. Barbara Brown passed away. She was the mother of Ms. Stephanie Brown and the grandmother of Teddrick Boyd. Please keep Mrs. Brown and his family in your prayers.**

**Stop by the table in the Narthex to purchase your ticket to the St. Monica Annual Spring Concert.**

**Don't forget to purchase your ticket to the Youth Group Jazz Brunch.**

**The Archbishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M Memorial "G" Drive**  
**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. June 24<sup>th</sup> 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" Drive.**

*Blessed Are The Children of God*





## ***St. Catherine of Alexandria***

St. Catherine of Alexandria was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. Christian tradition states she was of noble birth, possibly a princess. As a member of the nobility, she was also educated and was an avid scholar. Around the age of fourteen, she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian. Although she was a teenager, she was very intelligent and gifted. When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty. Rather than order her execution, Maxentius summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her. However, Catherine was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Her words were so moving that several of the pagans converted to Christianity and were immediately executed.

Unable to defeat her rhetorically or to intimidate her into giving up her belief, the emperor ordered her to be tortured and imprisoned. Catherine was arrested and scourged. Despite the torture, she did not abandon her faith. Word of her arrest and the power of her faith quickly spread and over 200 people visited her. According to some legends, the emperor's own wife, Valeria Maximilla was converted by Catherine. The emperor eventually executed his own wife over her conversion.

Following her imprisonment, Maxentius made a final attempt to persuade the beautiful Catherine to abandon her faith by proposing marriage to her. This would have made her a powerful empress. Catherine refused, saying she was married to Jesus Christ and that her virginity was dedicated to him.

The emperor angrily ordered her to be executed on a breaking wheel. The breaking wheel is an ancient form of torture where a person's limbs are threaded among the spokes and their bones are shattered by an executioner with a heavy rod. It is a brutal punishment that results in a slow and painful death, normally reserved for the worst criminals.

When Catherine was presented before the wheel, she touched it and a miracle occurred that caused the wheel to shatter. Unable to torture her to death, the emperor simply ordered her beheaded.

### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Weekday**

***Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday***

***12PM Chapel***

#### **1st Friday**

***10:30 AM Chapel***

#### **Weekend**

***Saturday Vigil 4PM***

***Sunday 8AM and 11AM***

