

St. Augustine Catholic Church

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...



This greeting of Christ is much needed in our world today. As we see the great suffering in our world, we see a longing for Peace. As the wars in the Sudan, Ukraine, Palestine and the violence escalates in Haiti, we witness the horrors of human beings inhumanity to others. To see people simply seeking a better life, striving to break the bonds of poverty, hunger and death being dehumanized and considered animals and yet, at the same time being exploited for their labor and used as pawns in political warfare, we cry out for Peace. As we tune into leaders who promote hate and or death we ask ourselves how did we revert back to our history? The same words used in past cases for the genocide of a people are being again raised. We find ourselves very much afraid of what lies ahead. Simply hiding away in our comfort and delusion will never bring about the Peace our cities, our nation and our world seeks. He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

**History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.”
Martin Luther King Jr.**

This week in the Gospel of John we find the 11 in the upper room, in fear and in terror hiding. They have just witnessed the execution of their leader and they clamor in fear and trepidation. In the midst of this crippling fear Jesus comes to them and says, "Peace Be With You!" Jesus speaks to us in our fear and offers us peace. We can think globally and act in the voting box, we can act locally and stand, serve and embrace those on the peripheries. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said, "receive the Holy Spirit". This is the power given to them not to hide in darkness but move them to action. To speak against the evil and darkness and give them the authority to right the wrongs, to speak truth to power, to reconcile those who are broken and to be agents for justice and restoration of a deeply divided world.

Our believing in the rising of Jesus from the dead, our hope in the power of the resurrection must impel us to move out of the darkness of fear into the light of Peace, Hope and Love. Our celebration is not done so in a vacuum. Yes, we speak out against the injustice and evil of terrorists attacks whether it be Hamas or [Hezbollah](#), the Israeli military. Whether it be foreign terrorist, or home-grown terrorist here in our own nation, to violent gangs in Haiti or even senseless violence by children in our own cities. We cannot celebrate our faith in a void, our communities, our cities, our nation needs us to create avenues for dialogue, build bridges to bring peoples together to address our problems and to tear down walls that seek to divide us.

**“We must come to see that
the end we seek is a society at
peace with itself, a society that
can live with its conscience.”**

—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.




REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS


Next Sunday's Readings-April 14, 2024
Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19 ~ Peter Preaches
1 John 2:1-5a ~ Keep His Commandments
Luke 24:35-48 ~ Jesus Appears

MARCH PARISH FINANCES

Budgeted Revenue:	\$50,250.00
Collection/Online/Gifts	\$61,480.08
Rent	\$ 1,000.00
21st Century	\$ 4,469.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$66,949.08
EXPENSES:	
Utilities	\$ 4,573.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 5,754.16
Operating Expenses	\$63,638.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$73,965.46
DIFFERENCE	\$(7,016.38)
Parish Assessment to Diocese	\$6,899.17



Debbie Ayers, Magnolia Butler —4/10
DeAndrea Taylor, Theodore Terry — 4/11



Prayer for Healing...

Foster Adams, Gloria Alsandor, Harold Adams Beamon, Annie Beck, Gerald Bond, Eugene Brassell, Gwen Collins, Patricia Cowart, Tina Crawford, Robert Crowley, Raye Dudley, 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 7 ~ Willie M. Ray, Laura E. Mott, Essie M. Wiggins Berry, Steven Harris**
- April 8 ~ Beatrice White, Pinkie Baldwin, Aggie J. Anderson**
- April 10 ~ Ernest Withers, Jr., Aaron Cox, Frances Adams**
- April 11 ~ Henry Johnson, Mary H. Jones, Septima Barrtholomew, Donald Warren**
- April 12 ~ Allie Bond, Jr.**





Announcements



The funeral services for Mr. Thomas Dixon are as follows: 11:00am on Friday, April 12th at St. Augustine. The wake will be at M.J. Edwards on Stage Rd on Thursday, April 11th from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. We will not have a noon Mass on Friday, April 12th.

The 2024 Jazz Brunch will take place April 14th 12:30pm in the church's gymnasium. There will be a tasty menu, refreshing drinks and live music. Tickets can be purchased in the Narthex at the end of each mass. \$25 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Hope to see everyone there!

There's music in the air and that music will be here at St. Augustine, Sunday, April 28th @ 3:00 PM in the W P Porter Gymnasium with St. Monica Sodality presenting their 2024 spectacular Spring Concert featuring the illustrious, exciting, and inspiring Cordova High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Adrian Maclin, and a creative, unique, talented pianist. Also, we will be paying tribute to four of our dedicated members who are no longer able to function with us. We know you do not want to miss this exciting and momentous occasion so gather your relatives, friends and visitors, and start planning to attend. Tickets are \$10.00, and can be purchased from any St. Monica member. Refreshments will be served immediately after the program. We hope to see you there!!

Celebrate Mom this year with the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary at their Mother's Day Spring Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9 a.m. in the Gym. Ladies wear your fancy hat, pearls, and gloves for "The Hat Parade!" Enter to win door prizes! Tickets will be available for sale in the narthex April 6 - 7, and April 13 - 14. Tickets are \$20 each. Tickets may also be purchased from any member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Ads and patrons for the program / souvenir booklet will also be available. Full page is \$50. Half page is \$25. Patrons are \$5. We look forward to seeing you there!

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/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. 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 St. Augustine. Make Your Gift out to "St Augustine Church" in the Memo place the "Archbishop Lyke "G" Drive.

Easter at St. Augustine





St. Peter of Alexandria

St Peter's birth and early life is largely known. He is believed to have grown up under the tutelage of Archbishop Theonas, Peter's predecessor as Archbishop of Alexandria. Peter led the Catechetical School of Alexandria which at the time was the center of theology of the Church. Peter was chosen as the Archbishop of Alexandria in the year 300 upon the death of his mentor, Theonas.

Three years later, in 303, the persecutions of Roman Emperor Diocletian began. With the rise of the persecutions, Peter established rules in Alexandria for the re-admittance, after appropriate **penance**, to the church of those who lapsed from the faith. His rules brought opposition from those extremists, led by **Meletius**, Bishop of Lycopolis, who thought them too lenient. In 306, Peter was forced to leave Alexandria due to renewal of the persecutions by the Romans. During the time he was in hiding, Meletius usurped Peter position as **bishop** of Alexandria and began to consecrate his followers as bishops, even to **sees** of standing bishops who were in prison for defending their Faith. Among Meletius' **ordinations** was that of Arius, the future **heretic**, who denied the divinity of Christ. Upon his return to Alexandria, Peter anathematized and excommunicated Arius after he refused to correct his position and submit to the truth.

In 311, Peter returned to Alexandria during a pause in the persecutions, but was soon arrested and sentenced to death. Upon hearing of his sentence, a large number of people, expressing their outrage, assembled at the gate of the prison where he was held. To avoid a riot, with its resulting bloodshed, Peter suggested to the Roman authorities that they secrete him through the back of the prison so he might be taken away secretly to execution. His executioners took Peter from the prison in the dark of night to the place where St. **Mark** had been martyred and, there, Peter was beheaded. Tradition notes that on that night a pious virgin heard a voice from the heaven declaring, "**Peter** was the first among the Apostles; Peter is the last of the Alexandrian martyrs."

During the time of Peter's life as archbishop he nurtured the Church of Alexandria, seeing it strengthen and grow in spite of the persecutions. After his execution, his people gathered at the place of his death where they collected his body and head and proceeded to the **cathedral**. At the cathedral they dressed him in his bishop's vestments and sat him on his throne at the high place in the **altar**. During his life St. Peter always sat on a footstool next to the throne as he would never sit on it. He once explained he did not dare sit on the throne because whenever he approached his throne he saw a heavenly light shining on it and sensed the presence of a divine power.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

