

# *St. Augustine Catholic Church*

*April 14, 2024*

*3rd Sunday of Easter*



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## Spiritual Food for The Journey...



### WHY ARE YOU TROUBLED?

This weekend as we continue in our celebration of Easter, we find Jesus again appearing to his disciples. As we look to the 24th chapter of Luke's Gospel we find that the disciples who recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist, have returned from Emmaus and they "*recounted what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread*". As they are speaking, Jesus again appears to them. What is striking here is that Jesus appears in His timing, when He decides. You see if you're like me you want things done in your time frame, according to your will and way. You decide the who, when, what and where. Well, you see church Jesus does not conform to our timetable but rather He acts in accordance with His will and plan.

The resurrection is the central truth of our Catholic faith. *Jesus is truly Risen; He is Risen indeed.* The reality of this truth the Gospel tells us today is cause for "**incredulous**" joy. This incredulous means something that is unbelievable has happened, the unknown, and unheard of has taken place. You see Jesus not only does the undoable, He does the unthinkable and inconceivable, the undefinable and it is for this reason that the disciples are joyful and amazed.



You see they had no real reference to go on. In the ancient world it was believed that when you died, that was it you returned to the earth. There was also the belief that when you died your body and soul separated and your soul went to "*Shol*". This Jesus who comes into their midst shows that He is alive by eating with them, it is really the Master and Lord, just as He ate with them at the Last Supper. He shows them ghosts can't eat, but He does, because He is Risen.

All that said, so "why are you troubled." Jesus the Risen One is here in our midst, He is here in each heart that accepts Him and believes in Him, He is here in our gathering. Jesus is even here in the midst of our fear, sadness, and pain. We are to be a living testimony that proclaims the incredulous, that believes the unbelievable, conceives the inconceivable, that does the undoable. We proclaim to all around us that we together, "can transform dark days into bright tomorrows."

**REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR**

## PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-April 21, 2024

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 ~ An Act of Healing*

*1 John 3:1-2 ~ We are Children of God*

*John 10:11-18 ~ Jesus is the Good Shephard*

*happy anniversary*

- ◆ *Roderick and Sheila Branch—4/16*
- ◆ *Mitchell and Denise Wooten—4/17*
- ◆ *Joseph and Toya McLaurin—4/20*



*Anne Gibson, London Pickens —4/14*

*Beverly Bond, Dorothy Exum — 4/16*

*Kenneth Carpenter, Daniel Ekah—4/17*

*Verna Green—4/18*

*Terrell Carpenter, David Green, Hasting*

*Stewart—4/20*



### *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., Oliver Peyton, 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 14 ~ Bernadina Kehn**

**April 15 ~ Edward A. Whittherspoon, Roosevelt Smith, Barbara Phillips, Cora Beteet**

**April 16 ~ Eliza Green, Sherry Jones**

**April 17 ~ Curtis Williams, Juanita Peyton**

**April 18 ~ Georgia Easley, Mildred Lewis, Solomon Kimbrough, Corine Johnson, Jacquelyn Walker, James Gordon**

**April 19 ~ Rosie L. Taylor**

**April 20 ~ Selma Cumby**





# Announcements



**On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM in the gym with St. Monica Sodality presenting their 2024 Spring Concert featuring the exciting and inspiring Cordova High 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!!**

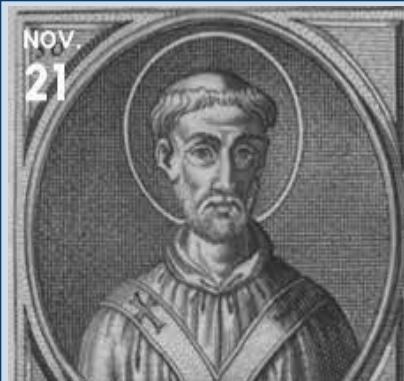
**Celebrate mom this year with the KPC, Ladies Auxiliary at their Mother's Day Spring Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9 a.m. in the Gym. Ladies wear your fancy hats, pearls, and gloves for "The Hat Parade!" Enter to win door prizes! Tickets will be available for sale in the narthex April 6 - 7, and 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 Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will present a service award to an outstanding lady in our parish for her service to the Church, Community and Mankind. This award will be presented at the Mother's Breakfast. Nomination forms will be located on a table in the Narthex.**

**Issues related particularly to our more seasoned community. Lets talk about them. It will be held on the last Wednesday or Thursday of each month in Mizicko Hall. Everyone is invited. The 1st meeting will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, with Mass at 12:00pm and a light lunch after Mass. The 1st topic will be "What to do with my stuff and whom do I want to make decisions on my behalf." Wills, Living Wills, Guardianships and more. This class will be facilitated by Mrs. Ruby Wharton. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please contact the church office.**

**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. This gift will support our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund to secure continued funding 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 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 St. Augustine. Make Your Gift out to "St Augustine Church" in the Memo place the "Archbishop Lyke "G" Drive.**

*Blessing the Installation of our New  
Fence*





## ***Pope St. Gelasius I***

Pope St. Gelasius I has been remembered as the most prolific writer while serving as the head of the Catholic Church for at least its first five centuries. Pope St. Gelasius has been remembered as the pope who spelled out the political authority of the pontiffs for the next thousand years of ecclesiastical and secular history, especially in the geographical boundaries that formerly comprised the late Western Roman Empire.

Gelasius worked for many years in Rome as an assistant to his predecessor [Pope Felix III](#). St. Gelasius was so accomplished a writer for the day that Felix kept him busy drafting papal documents in his service. In fact, both before and during his papacy term, Gelasius I wrote so many documents that he became known as the most prolific writer of the church's leaders for the next five centuries at least.

Of his surviving writings from over 1,500 years ago, we still have many of his over 100 treatises and letters. In one of these, he famously stated that "There are two powers by which this world is chiefly ruled: the sacred authority of the priesthood and the authority of kings." This key declaration would define the authority of the papacy for many centuries to come.

Pope Gelasius was tireless in his efforts to combat what he saw as heresy on all fronts. In the still surviving East of the Roman Empire, he battled with the Patriarch of Constantinople concerning the dual nature of Christ as both divine and human at once.

Pope Gelasius was only the Roman pontiff for four short years. He was already 82 years old when he ascended to the office of the papacy in succeeding his predecessor Pope Felix III. It was not a great shock four years later when he died naturally of old age at a respectable 86.

### ***MASS TIMES***

#### ***Weekday***

***Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday***

***12PM Chapel***

#### ***Weekend***

***Saturday Vigil 4PM***

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

