

# *PASTORAL REGION ONE*

United in Faith, Hope and Service to the Community  
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**Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick 937-268-6697**

**Weddings, RCIA/RCIC Call the offices 937-268-6697**

**Baptisms:** Do you need your child Baptized Please call the Parish Office at 937 268 6697

**Deacon Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi instructors**

**Regional Confessions:** Saturdays 4pm or by appointment

Send your Bulletin Announcements to:

[admin@unitedinhope.org](mailto:admin@unitedinhope.org) or [info@unitedinhope.org](mailto:info@unitedinhope.org) on Monday

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Venerable Pierre Toussaint

#### PRAYER AND LOVING SERVICE TO OTHERS

Pierre was born in 1766 modern-day Haiti as a slave. Toussaint's master allowed him to be taught how to read and write by his grandmother. In his early 20s, Toussaint, his younger sister, his aunt, and two other house slaves accompanied their master's son to New York City because of political unrest at home. Apprenticed to a local hairdresser, Pierre learned the trade quickly and eventually worked in the homes of rich women in New York City.

When his master died, Toussaint supported his master's widow and the other slaves himself, and was freed shortly before the widow's death in 1807. Four years later, he married Marie Rose Juliette, whose freedom he had purchased. They later adopted Euphémie, his orphaned niece. Both preceded him in death.

Even during his lifetime, Toussaint enjoyed the reputation of an exceptionally devout and charitable person within the Catholic community. Every day he attended the 6:00 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's Church, where he was a pewholder for many years. He also raised funds to build the original St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Toussaint donated to various charities, generously assisting blacks and whites in need. He and his wife opened their home to orphans and educated them. The couple also nursed abandoned people who were suffering from yellow fever. Perhaps his favorite charity was St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, an institution that he often visited. Urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Toussaint responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."

In recognition of Pierre Toussaint's virtuous life, the late Cardinal Terence Cooke introduced Pierre's cause for canonization at the Vatican in 1968. In December 1989, the late Cardinal O'Connor had the remains of Pierre Toussaint transferred from Lower Manhattan to St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan where he is currently buried as the only lay person alongside the former cardinal archbishops of New York City. On December 17, 1997, he was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II.

### Servant of God Julia Greeley

#### DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Denver's Angel of Charity was born into slavery at Hannibal, Missouri, between 1833 and 1848. As a young child,

Julia's right eye was destroyed when a cruel slavemaster's whip, intended for her mother, also caught her.

Freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. She spent whatever she could spare to assist poor families in her neighborhood. When her own resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel, and clothing for the needy. To avoid embarrassing the people she helped, Julia did most of her charitable work under cover of night through dark alleys.

Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she went on foot to every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. She was a daily communicant and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it until her death in 1918.

To the present day, many people have asked that her cause be opened for canonization. This request was finally granted in the Fall of 2016. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia's mortal remains were transferred to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017.

### Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

#### DEEP AND ABIDING LOVE AND FAITH IN GOD

A self-proclaimed "old folks child," Thea Bowman was born Bertha Elizabeth Bowman in 1937, the daughter of a doctor and a teacher. She was raised in Canton, Mississippi. As a child she converted to Catholicism through the influence of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, who taught her and nurtured her faith.

Growing up, Thea listened and learned from the wit and wisdom of family members and those in the community.

Ever precocious, she would ask questions and seek new insights on how her elders lived, thrived and survived.

From them she learned survival skills and coping mechanisms. She was exposed to the richness of the African-American culture: its history and stories, music and songs, customs and rituals, prayers and symbols.

Thea was cognizant that God was indeed the God of the poor and oppressed. Her community instructed her, "If you get, give—if you learn, teach." She developed a deep and abiding love and faith in a God who would make "a way out of no way!"

#### Reminder

St Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

# St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One December 19, 2021

## REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict

Dec. 18 4pm [SB] Regional Confessions  
Dec. 18 4:30pm [SB] Regional Parishioners  
Dec. 19 8:30am [SA] Albert & Belmira Pasquariello  
Dec. 19 10:30am [SB] Peter Tandoh (full recovery)

### Maintenance

St Benedict the Moor Catholic School is looking for a handyman to serve as a part time Maintenance person interested people should send their applications to [jkwofie@stbenedictdayton.org](mailto:jkwofie@stbenedictdayton.org) or [sajares@yahoo.org](mailto:sajares@yahoo.org)

### Religion Teacher

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic is in search for a Religion Teacher. Interested and Qualified persons should send their applications to [jkwofie@stbenedictdayton.org](mailto:jkwofie@stbenedictdayton.org) or [sajares@yahoo.org](mailto:sajares@yahoo.org)



### Liturgical Planning: Advent through Christmas

#### December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve

St Augustine Mass at 4PM

St Benedict Carols at 5:30 and mass at 6PM

#### December 25, 2021

St Augustine - no mass

St Benedict 10:30AM

#### December 26, 2021 Sunday masses as usual

#### January 1, 2022 Saturday

St Benedict mass at 4:30PM

### YOUR STEWARSHIP THANK YOU

#### ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION

Dec 5: \$795.00, IC \$15.00, R/Religious \$15.00

Dec 12: \$840.00, IC \$215.00, R/Religious \$330.00, Mary

Statue \$100.00

#### ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION

Dec 12: Collection \$4,448, Maint. \$658.00, IC \$197,

Flowers \$315, School \$127, R/Religious 260



### ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTERS SCHEDULE

12/19 Emily

12/24 (4 pm) JoAnne

12/26 Patrick

### ST. BENEDICT MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

#### DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reader – Judy Baker

2nd Reader – Danielle Kenny

Petitions – Deacon Ken

Extraordinary Ministers – Deacon Ken, Susan Smith

### Prayer Garden Bench

We are collecting plastic for a second bench for the Marian Garden. Please bring the plastic to church and give it to Marie or Randy Klotz.

Acceptable plastic is grocery bags, case over wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, salt bags, product wrap, retail bags, air pillow cushions, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, and cereal box liners. Bread bags, Ziploc bags, and produce bags are acceptable as long as they are clean and dry. The Prayer Garden will be Dedicated on December 24, 2021 at 3:30pm followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm.

### Astoria Nursing Home

Once again this year, St. Vincent DePaul of St. Augustine's, is sponsoring Christmas gifts for the residents of Astoria Nursing Home. Currently there are approximately 45 residents at the nursing home. Please bring in unwrapped gifts, to include any of the following: blankets, socks with gripper bottoms, puzzle books, coloring books with colored pencils, calendars, stuffed animals, large jigsaw puzzles, cards or games. All items need to be new.

Please bring to the church no later than Sunday 12/19. Thank you.

### Confirmation/First Communion Registration

Is your child or grandchild in the seventh or Eighth grade then it is time for him/her to receive classes for conformation or is the one in second grade or above and has not receive First Communion? Please call 937-268-6697 or 937-855-2289. **There is Class every Sunday after Mass**

### RCIA

There will be no RCIA class until January 9, 2021

### Change in Dial in Number for Rosary

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427

Access Code: 55613

**POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!** - The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in archdiocese-wide meetings taking place in January and February 2022, to discuss how we can collectively better advance the message of salvation. Please consider participating in one these meetings. To learn more and to sign up, please visit [www.catholicaoc.org/synod](http://www.catholicaoc.org/synod).

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