



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM

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The Feast of St Augustine of Hippo

In the midst of the chaos that already exists in our nation and in the world, The Episcopal Church of Saint James of Jerusalem is extremely saddened by the shooting of innocent lives at Annunciation Catholic Elementary School in Minnesota. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the victims, their families, and to Clergy and Staff of Annunciation Catholic Church and School.

We cry out to God, when will this senseless violence end? When will we shout out enough is enough? When will these weapons of war be turned into branches of peace?

As we stand with the people of Minnesota in rightful outrage that such a horrific act of violence has taken place; we stand in prayer to the God who calls us to be merciful and beg our God to shelter us under the protection of God's everlasting love.

We also stand in our commitment to continue our work to prevent the reoccurrence of such tragedies.

May the God of all love and compassion surround us, and especially the people of Annunciation parish, with the strength to face the days ahead.

In the hope for an end to gun violence, we offer our prayers and our pledge to fight for the peace that the world cannot give.

The Rev. Michael F Delaney, CSA

*Vicar*

*Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's Providence.*

St. Augustine of Hippo