

# Atlanta Catholics March for Justice

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On Thursday, June 11, 2020, Catholics from parishes across the Archdiocese of Atlanta united in solidarity with the black community to peacefully and prayerfully march through the streets of downtown Atlanta to raise their collective voices against racial injustice and the sin of racism.

The faithful congregated outside of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where a short prayer service was led by Archbishop Hartmayer and others before they processed through the downtown area. They stopped and prayed a moment of prayer at Atlanta City Hall and the Georgia State Capitol. The march ended at Centennial Olympic Park for final prayers and a symbolic period of 8 minutes and 46 seconds in sacred silence to honor those who have lost their lives in the ongoing fight for racial equality in the United States.

The Church has often been at the forefront of the call for social justice. We must speak up for the most vulnerable among us. We must engage in the work for justice.

[Click here](#) to read more on racial justice from the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

We ask you to take a moment to think about what you can do during this time. Perhaps you weren't available to march with fellow Catholics on June 11<sup>th</sup>, but we ask you, if you see something, say something. If you have a question about anyone's experience in a racial situation, ask. Read about efforts from organizations such as the [NAACP](#).

With prayer, commitment and hearts on fire for Jesus, we will get past this and be a better world because of and in spite of structural racism. And what a blessing it is to be part of a universal church, our church, the Catholic church that is determined to have the conversation, speak against racism and social injustice.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution captured pictures from the march. [Click here](#) as you may see members from Sacred Heart who participated in this movement. Here is a link of pics from [AJC online](#) if interested.

Pictures from the march:

