

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your "YES" Costs; but "NO" Cost more!

Do you ever feel like your hopes and dreams are focused on one thing while most of your time and energy are invested in something else? We want to be better spouses, better siblings, better parents, better sons and daughters, better students, better leaders, better employees, better citizens, better parishioners, better followers of Jesus. We want all of these things yet find ourselves doing little to nothing to become better. For many if not most people life is about being in a perpetual state of dissatisfaction and disappointment! But it doesn't have to be this way. God meant for your life to be so much more.

Like the land and Zebulon and Naphtali, a land described as being in a perpetual state of anguish, gloom, darkness, and distress, God has in mind a very different future for you than the present state of things. The same was true of Simon Peter, his brother Andrew and the two sons of the fisherman, Zebedee. But in order for them to discover and experience what life could really be; the life God had in mind for them, they would have to let go of the life they were currently clinging to. Their nets, their boats, and their ties to family would have to take a back seat to a new life in service of God and His Kingdom!

But most people don't feel free to leave certain things behind because those things have come to define them. Others aren't free to leave their comfort zones or to take the risk of stepping into the unknown of what following Jesus will actually entail. Yet in today's Gospel we see that some do exactly that after meeting Jesus for themselves. Simon Peter and Andrew and the sons of Zebedee immediately dropped their nets believing that **not** to do so would result in them missing out on an opportunity of a lifetime. Even Jesus left Nazareth, his home town and his life as a carpenter, and would never return there to live. Your salvation and mine mattered too much to him. Saving our lives was worth losing his own. For in the end when it comes to deciding whether to answer the call to follow Jesus, the most important question is not what will I lose if I say "yes", but what do I forfeit when I say "no"!

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Sunday, January 22, 2017

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3;3:12-13

1Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan	23	Douglas Choate	- Deceased
Tues	Jan	17	Bonnie Ray	- Deceased
Wed	Jan	18	Marguerite Parker	- Living
Thurs	Jan	19	Elliot Weaver	- Living
Fri	Jan	20	James Mc Namara	- Living

Attendance

931



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



YOUTH RALLY & MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 27, 2017

Verizon Center and the DC Armory
7:30am Rally and Confessions
9:30am Mass
YouthRallyAndMass.org for tickets

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2016-2017 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Althea Black
Frances Brooks
Norma Brown
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Ollie Mae Clark
Ernestine Coghill-Howard
Karen Dickerson
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Rev Charles Green
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston
Louise Harrison
Grace Hansberry
Brian Harvey

John Harris
Patricia Herndon
Emily Hill
Jeanne Hinckley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labale
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCory
James McNamara
Rick Middleton
Sylvia Monroe
Arnetta Montague
Alpha Nacras
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Audrey Plaskett
Theresa Purcell
George Queen

Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
Alise Simmons
George Simmons
Mary Smith
Zedekiah Smith
Donnie Stewart
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
William Waters
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Sabra Witcher
Lizzie York



SAVE THE DATE — CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 29—February 5

Saint Augustine School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning January 29, 2017 - February 5, 2017. More information to follow with planned activities.



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Mary Burgan
Aloysius C. Okoro (Brother of Sister Bibiana Okoro)
Bonnie Ray



KNITTING FOR MANDELA

Saint Augustine Girl Scouts
Troup 3859 presents
Knitting & Crocheting for Mandela
Saturday, February 4, 2017
9:30am—1:00pm
1419 V Street NW

Basement conference Room
Donate yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles.
Crocheting and Knitting lessons will be available



SHARE

SHARE packages will be available for pick up on Saturday, January 28, 2017 in the School Cafeteria.



CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE SMALLWOOD!!

Mr. Smallwood received the Archdiocese of Washington *2017 Manifesting the Kingdom Award* for his dedicated service to Saint Augustine Parish on January 5 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



**PARK FREE
SUNDAY**
FROM 9am — 4pm
REEVES CENTER

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and Choir CDs

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS?
RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.

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