

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The maker of heaven and earth,
the SEAS and all that is in them,
Who keeps faith forever.



The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don't Lose Sight of God

In his "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus speaks, on the one hand, of being poor, hungry, mourning, and persecuted, and then in the same breath he speaks of being blessed and having reason to rejoice! What's going on here? The Beatitudes express a profound truth that in the Kingdom of God, all is not always as it seems – there's always more! In the world of God's providence and grace, an apparent failure can later lead to an astounding victory; a set-back can be a set-up for something much better; a road block can be a detour toward the path of success; and a crisis can be an opportunity for much needed growth.

Not losing sight of God is central to the life of beatitude. This is what I mean: If we are not careful life's challenges, persistent fears, daily temptations, difficult people and human weakness all have a way of causing a *spiritual eclipse* that blocks our vision of God's presence; deafens our ears to his voice and rattles our faith in his promises. We start to lose hope, fall into discouragement and even become cynical about life or whether the good we do really matters in the end. To guard against this very real threat we must deliberately place God in our line of sight so that no unforeseen challenge, disappointing results, unexpected crisis, heart breaking tragedy, outrageous injustice, or difficult loss, will ever block our vision of his enduring presence.

If you want to know the blessedness Jesus describes in today's Gospel, there's one more thing you must do: Place yourself at the service of his will, his plan, his Kingdom and his mission – the mission to confront darkness with light, indifference with engagement, lies with truth, and hate with love. If you make the Lord your daily companion, confidant and friend and turn to him without hesitation for guidance and help; if you enter into the sacred dialogue of prayer each day and read or listen to his Word at every opportunity; if you make him the first one you call on in the morning and the last one you speak to before retiring at night, then God will restore your courage every time and let you know first-hand what it means to be blessed in *every* circumstance!

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See Fr. Pat's Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3;3:12-13

1Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

4th Sunday In OrdinaryTime

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan	30	Sabra Witcher	- Living
Tues	Jan	31	Winnifred Duncan	- Deceased
Wed	Feb	1	Francis Arnold	- Living
Thurs	Feb	2	Aloysius Okoro	- Deceased
Fri	Feb	3	Beatrice Alexander	- Living

Attendance 834



BIBLE STUDY

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

Eucharistic



Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Friday, February 3, 2017

8:15am Mass

12:10pm Mass

6:00pm - 7:00pm Adoration

7:00pm - Benediction & Mass

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
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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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29—February 3

Saint Augustine School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning this Sunday January 29, 2017 - Friday February 3, 2017. All are welcome. See the flyer in the bulletin for all the activities or call the school at 202-667-2608.



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



DONATING STOCK / SECURITIES TO BENEFIT ST. AUGUSTINE

Did you know that you can deduct the full market value of any appreciated stock when you donate it to a charity such as St. Augustine?

In December, our parish received its first donated stock gift after we opened a brokerage account last year to enable us to receive such donations. We would like to thank that parishioner for his generous contribution. Please consult a financial advisor for more details about tax benefits. If you would need more information about giving to our church or school, please contact Fr. Pat at fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org or through the Church Office - 202-265-1470.

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 Burton
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 Labule
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 Wilkins
Sabra Witcher
Lizzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



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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