

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

First Sunday of Advent

Advent: Begging for God's Intervention

Every year we re-start the liturgical seasons with our celebration of Advent beginning with the Old Testament prophesies about the coming hopes of a future Messiah that would ultimately be fulfilled with the birth of Jesus Christ.

On this First Sunday of Advent we are exhorted to "Be on the watch!" But the message of the scriptures today is not so much about looking out for God who could sneak up on you at any moment and catch you doing wrong. In fact the Prophet Isaiah in the first reading says just the opposite: "**Would that you (God) would meet us doing right and mindful of you in our ways!**" (Isaiah 63) The whole idea is that precisely because we do not know when Christ will return – today, tomorrow, next year, or the next century – we should decide that **if it is today**, then I will make sure that he will find me doing what is right! In other words, decide that today will be the day that God "catches you" doing what it right and just and kind and merciful and generous and compassionate and courteous, selfless and pleasing in his sight!

If you agree that this sounds right but need some motivation to jump into the spirit of this season, then take a second look at the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Psalmist today! First the Psalmist: "**Lord MAKE us turn to you; Let us see your face and we shall be saved!**" Or, "**O Shepherd of Israel, hearken! Rouse your power and come to save us!**" Or, "**Look down from heaven...Take care of this vine...then we will no longer withdraw from you!**" Isaiah prays in a similar urgent vain: "**You are our Father, Redeemer Lord...Rend the heavens and come down! Why do you let us wander from your ways, Oh Lord? Return for the sake of your servants!**" These are the urgent, even desperate cries of those who have exhausted their own efforts to get right with God. They are making no promises to do right "next time" but crying out for God's personal intervention into their situation. And this is the point of Advent: Asking God to intervene; begging him to enter into your life in a new and deeper way. It is a time of sobering up and coming to our senses and declaring that you are not going one more day cheating yourself out of the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. "Enough is enough Lord! Please come and change my life!"

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BE WATCHFUL!



Sunday, December 3, 2017

Scripture Readings

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 64: 2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec	4	Ann McClintock Woodson	-Deceased
Tues	Dec	5	Aemecheta Uguly	-Living
Wed	Dec	6	Paul Andrew Barry	-Deceased
Thurs	Dec	7	Tracey Quarells4	-Living
Fri	Dec	8	Howard Kilgore	- Living

Attendance

776



BIBLE STUDY

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



2017

Saint Augustine Toy Drive

Please support our Annual Toy Drive . You can purchase a toy for a child, give a donation and volunteering your time. Please see the flyer in your bulletin.



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1st Sunday In Advent

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SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year for grades Pre-K3,

Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Director of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org.



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"A Christmas Carol 2017"
Friday December 22, 2017

Tickets

Adults: \$10.00

Senior Citizens: & Alumni: \$7.00

Children: (ages 5-12): \$5.00

For ticket and more information please call the School Office at 202-667-2608



PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday, December 3 at 11:30

Gingras Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room

From our Pastor, Fr. Pat: "For many years now I have been dreaming about starting a Prayer Group but, wasn't sure when or how. I am now convinced that the time to do so is NOW and I'm equally confident that God will show me how! So, do you have passion for prayer? Have you found yourself of late, praying more frequently and regularly for others and for circumstance in the world today? Have you found that you have a burning desire within you to learn how to pray more effectively and consistently? If your answer "YES" to any of these questions then I definitely want to meet with you. As an active parish with a variety of ministries it is critically important that our efforts be supported undergirded and sustained with regular and intentional prayer...and THAT'S where you come in! If you are interested in learning more about Prayer Ministry, please add your name to the SIGN UP on the sheet on the Ushers' Table after Mass

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Althea Black
Frances Brooks
Charles Brown
Norma Brown
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Billy Chesley
Delores Chisley
Ollie Mae Clark
Monique Clarke
Ernestine Coghill Howard
Amy-Lou Daley
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Cathryn Gartmann
Charles Gathers
Rev Bob Gilliam
Butler Grant
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
Kenya Jenkins
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Danielle Joy
Paul Joy
Howard Kilgore
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
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Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCrory
James McNa
Sylvia Monroe
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Evelyn Morgan
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Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Gunny David Pauley
Cecilia Penero
Audrey Plaskett
Theresa Purcell
Gladys Quarells
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Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams



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

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The Saint Augustine Holy Name Society

Is sponsoring an educational series for anyone interested in examining and becoming better informed about the current Presidential Administration's policies and practices in light of **Catholic Social Teaching**. The monthly series is entitled: **The Trump Administration vs. the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church**. The first Discussion Session will take place on **Monday December 4th at 7pm at Ancient Rivers Restaurant** (14th and V St- one block from the church. Light refreshments will served. Bring a notepad and a friend. You can't engage if you're not informed.

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

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