

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Wisdom is not a Fool's Paradise

God said to the Prophet Isaiah: **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways"** (55:8-9). We clearly see the truth of this in Jesus's Sermon on the Mount.

For instance, today we read in the 5th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew: **"Do not resist evil"**, **"Turn the other cheek"**, and **"Love your enemies!"** The average person hears these words and is left baffled. No wonder St. Paul says in today's second reading: **"The wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God."** (1 Corinthians 3). We may be smart but God is the source of all wisdom. Jesus's words give us a desperately needed guide to end the insanity of our broken and volatile human relations. Human wisdom says "an eye for an eye". Ah, now THAT will surely result in world peace, don't you think?! Martin Luther King once said that an eye for an eye will just leave the whole world blind! He went on to say that darkness cannot conquer darkness, only light can do that and hate cannot conquer hate, only love can do that. Is this a call to pacifism? No. Are these the words of a fool or Godly wisdom? Let's look more closely.

Jesus said, **"Do not resist evil"**. Translation: Don't fight evil on its own terms. Don't let the evil behavior of others bring you down to their level. Jesus resisted the forces of darkness **all the time** and he did it brilliantly by staying true to who he was no matter what. Don't fight lies with more lies, instead, expose them and seek the truth, tell the truth, then stand up for the truth! Another example: **"Turn the other cheek"** is to challenge the unjust offender to backhand you – a gesture so insulting that it would bring shame to the perpetrator from any onlookers. The same is true for one that would **demand not only your cloak but also your tunic** – leaving you publically naked while witnesses glare and say, "What kind of man would so humiliate another person; shame on him!" **"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"**. Don't let anyone **turn your heart** to hate. When you do you've just contracted their spiritual disease! In the face of evil we must **"Fight the good fight of faith"** (1 Tim 6:12) leaving room for even our enemies to have a change of heart and be saved.

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So be perfect, just
as your heavenly
Father is perfect.

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Scripture Readings

7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

8th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15

1 Cor 4: 1-5

Mt 6:24-34



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

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| Mon | Feb | 20 | Cynthia Wilkins | - Living |
| Tues | Feb | 21 | Jacques Piziou | - Deceased |
| Wed | Feb | 22 | Carolyn Fouch | - Living |
| Thurs | Feb | 23 | George Queen | - Deceased |
| Fri | Feb | 24 | Alvin Combs | - Deceased |

Attendance

785

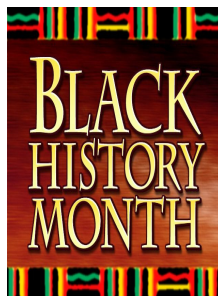


BIBLE STUDY

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

Sunday, February 26, 2017



Please join us for our Annual Black History Month Concert on Sunday, February 26th at 5 pm in the Church. We will present "God's Trombone" by James Weldon Johnson featuring our St. Augustine Choir, Dance Ministry and Lectors. Admission is free.



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Poor of the Parish.
 Next Sunday's Second Collection is for the Church in the Developing World. Thank you for your continued support.

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 2017-2018 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.or



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Young Adults... **Begin Lent with a Retreat this year! On Saturday, March 11, 2017.** To get the most out of Lent this year prayerfully considering joining your fellow Young Adults on a day of prayer, fellowship, faith and insightful presentations to help you grow closer to the Lord this Lent. Bring a friend, a smile and an open heart on Saturday March 11. More information will follow about this wonderful opportunity to **grow closer to God and his will in your life!**



LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING



Saturday, February 25

Training for new and veteran Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion will be held from 10:00am - 11:30am. Training for new and veteran lectors will be held from 11:30am - 1pm. Both trainings will be held in the Church.

SAVE THE DATE — Saturday, April 22 SODALITY SPRING LUNCHEON Celebrating 125 Years



The Sodality of Saint Augustine will celebrate 125 years of service with a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Washington Navy Yard from 12:00pm—3:00pm. The theme is "A Legacy of Faith - Living a Marian Way of Life. The guest speaker is Sister Jamie Phelps, OP, PhD. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please see Cynthia Morris for tickets.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| Gwendolyn Adams | Louise Harrison | Eileen Ogu |
| John Adams, Sr. | Grace Hansberry | Harriet Parker |
| Beatrice Alexander | Brian Harvey | Marguerite Parker |
| Francis Arnold | John Harris | Audrey Plaskett |
| Ronald Ausbrooks | Patricia Herndon | Theresa Purcell |
| William Barksdale | Emily Hill | Ashley Redhead, Jr. |
| Althea Black | Jeanne Hinckley | Royal Robinson |
| Frances Brooks | Deborah Jackson | Lisa Rivera |
| Norma Brown | Charles Jackson | Doris Silas |
| Williams Burgan | Marlene Jackson | Gertina Simms |
| Andrew Burton | Malcom Jamison | Alise Simmons |
| Angela Callighan | Eleanor Johnson | George Simmons |
| Elizabeth Carter | Paul Joy | Mary Smith |
| Phillip Cephas | Sedonia Labele | Zedekiah Smith |
| Ollie Mae Clark | Keats Labule | Donnie Stewart |
| Ernestine Coghill-Howard | Raymond Lane | Don Strong |
| Karen Dickerson | Louisa Lee | Willis Thomas |
| Pauline Dines | Mary Leonard | Juanita Towns |
| Theola Douglas | Bernadette Mahoney | Selma Twitty |
| Susan Epps | Lita Majors | Hayden Vaughn |
| Barbara Ferguson | Catherine Mason | Lillian Vaughn |
| Julie Fish | Florence Matthews | Terry Vaughn |
| Toni Fisher | Floyd McCory | Shirley Ward |
| Carolyn Fouch | James McNamara | Betty Washington |
| Richard B. Fowler | Rick Middleton | William Waters |
| Daniel Galloway | Sylvia Monroe | Elliot Weaver |
| Inez Gaskins | Arnetia Montague | Cynthia Wilkins |
| Charles Gathers | Alpha Nacnas | Bernice Williams |
| Rev Charles Green | Evelyn Norris | Teresa Wilkinson |
| Valencia Green | Julius Oben | Lozzie York |
| Robert Greenfield | Colelle Ogbey | |
| Frances Gulston | | |

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
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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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