

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

First Sunday of Lent

Did he say "if"?

Saint Augustine spoke most eloquently when he prayed to God: "Lord you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless till they rest in you". Every human heart longs for God. Beneath every desire for pleasure, intimacy, peace, happiness, joy, affirmation, validation, meaning and purpose is a mysterious force drawing us toward the preeminent version of that for which we long. In other words, God is the "par excellence" reality of everything our heart seeks! He who is the God of gods and the King of kings is also the Joy of joys, the Pleasure of pleasures and the Prince of Peace! Nothing can compete!

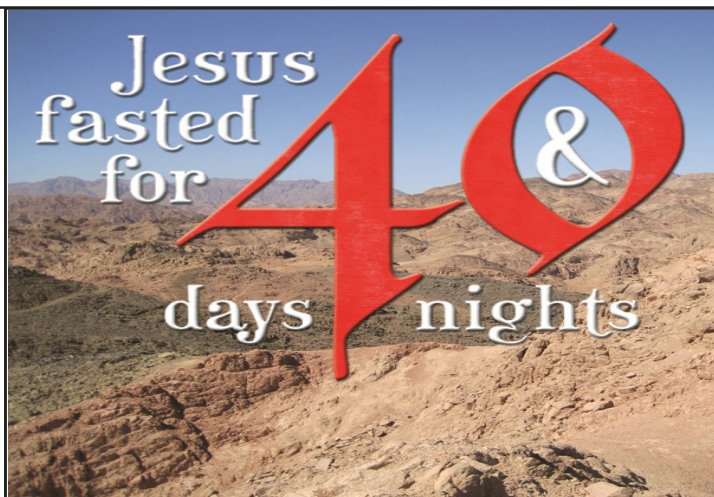
But we see in the Book of Genesis and the Gospel that many will try! God is not the only one after your heart. You are in high demand! One debate the devil has never had with God is about the value of even one human life. Whether it be Adam and Eve or Mary and Joseph or Jesus of Nazareth. God was willing to pay the ultimate price to save your life and Satan is willing to do everything within his power to destroy your life just to spite Him. This the bible describes as "*the envy of the devil*" (Wisdom 2:24). At the center of this human and celestial battle between sin and sanctity, good and evil, heaven and hell... is YOU. In the end, one side gets to walk away with the coveted prize: Your Soul.

Last Sunday I suggested that before you decide what you are going to give up or take on for Lent, that you first decide where you want to END up when the journey is over! Decide who you want to become! Today I would take it even further. Decide whose hands you want to entrust your soul. The devil's first attempt to undermine Jesus and his mission was to sow seeds of doubt about his identity as God's Son. It is a brilliant strategy because it is out of one's self-identity that everything else flows. This Lent, don't play the devil's game. Accept with certainty your identity as a Child of God and commit to live a life consistent with who he says you already are! No "if", "ands" or "buts"!

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

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Sunday, March 5, 2017

Scripture Readings

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3: 1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12., 17-19

Mt 4: 1-11

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	6	Tom German	- Deceased
Tues	Mar	7	Desiree Grant	- Deceased
Wed	Mar	8	Harriett Parker	- Living
Thurs	Mar	9	Catherine Mason	- Living
Fri	Mar	10	Paul Joy	- Living

Attendance



BIBLE STUDY

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



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

"The Lord never tires of forgiving you"
-Pope Francis

Experience the life-changing power of confession
this Lent. Confession in the church every
Wednesday from 6:30pm -8:00pm during Lent



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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish School.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations. 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.org.



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!**



SAVE THE DATE Saturday, April 22, 2017

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.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3859

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after each Mass on Saturdays and Sundays in the back of the Church until the end of March 2017.

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
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Carolyn Fouch
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 Labele
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCory
James McNamara
Rick Middleton
Sylvia Monroe
Arnetia Montague
Alpha Nacnas
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker

Marguerite Parker
Audrey Plaskett
Theresa Purcell
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Gertina Simms
Alise Simmons
George Simmons
Mary Smith
Zedekiah Smith
Donnie Stewart
Don Strong
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkison
Lozzie York



Pray for Our Dead

Maurice Cotton, Maurice Dunbar, Leon Carrington and Tom German



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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Enter on U Street

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

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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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