

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### What Do You Believe Christ Can Achieve?

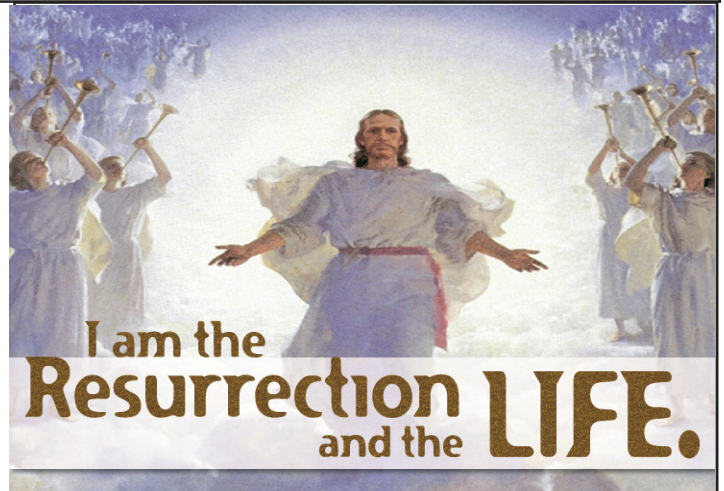
Someone once said that those who say “I can!” and those who say, “I can’t!” usually both turn out to be correct! There is an undeniable connection between what we believe and what we achieve. This is no less true than when it comes to faith in Jesus Christ. What HE can and will achieve in your life will largely be determined by the degree to which you put faith in him. Maybe you have struggled to overcome vices, defeatist attitudes, and crippling beliefs that have consistently stifled your progress in the pursuit of holiness as a Christian and wholeness as a human being. You have tried to change, grow and learn to live a different and better life but too often feel you have failed miserably. Maybe you have! But you would do well to take a cue from Martha who in her grief first exclaimed: “*Lord, if only you have been here...*” only to follow up with an expression of indomitable faith “*but even now I know...!*” Yes, even now, she said, four days after her brother’s death she still believed there was something that Jesus could do to restore her hope. What do you believe Christ can achieve? Do you believe he has an answer even for hopeless situations? Remember, this is the same God who promised the prophet Ezekiel: “*I will open your graves and have you rise from them!*” (Ezekiel 37).

“*Do you believe?*” is the question that Jesus asks Martha and Mary and everyone who considers the invitation to be one of his disciples. This is the question that will be posed and repeated thousands of times at Easter Vigil celebrations all over the world as men and women and young people are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. This question will be repeatedly asked of us when we renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Our claims about Jesus, for some, seem unbelievable. But as disciples of Jesus Christ our outlook is not limited to conventional wisdom of what is or is not possible. Once you align yourself with God through faith you discover the ability to see the invisible, to expect the incredible, to reach the unreachable, to move the unmovable, to conquer the unbeatable and to achieve the impossible! Most would have said that there was nothing more impressive than to see a dead man respond to the word of Jesus’ command. But I dare say that it is even more impressive when the living do so!

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Sunday, April 2, 2017

### Scripture Readings

5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr	3	Bernice Sesody	- Deceased
Tues	Apr	4	Talia Buonpanc	- Deceased
Wed	Apr	5	Catherine Mason	- Living
Thurs	Apr	6	Charles Brown	- Living
Fri	Apr	7	John Harris	- Living

Attendance

965



### 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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**Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

**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.**

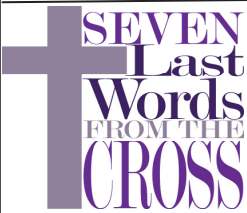
**St. Augustine School** *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*      **SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL**      **INFORMATION: 202-667-2608**

## *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](mailto:admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org).



**SAVE THE DATE  
Friday, April 14, 2016**

**The Music Ministry  
presents**

**“THE SEVEN LAST WORDS”  
6:00PM  
in the Church**



**Ushers  
Needed**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A MINISTRY?**

Are you looking for another way to serve God? Do you like helping others? Well, the Saint Augustine Ministers of Hospitality is the ministry for you. Male and female Ushers are needed in every age group: teens, young adults, adults or seniors. See **Robert Joy** or any Usher before or after Mass for more information on how you can join one of the oldest ministries in the Church.



**SAVE THE DATE  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**Lenten Reconciliation Service  
with Confession  
in the Church**

## **Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound**

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



**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.**



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FROM 9am — 4pm  
REEVES CENTER U  
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*Enter on U Street***

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