

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is your relationship with God for sale?

What is your relationship with God worth to you? This is the question at the heart of the Gospel today. In speaking about the value of the Kingdom of God, Jesus says that it is **“like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field”**. He then speaks of a merchant who searches for and finds a **pearl of great price** and sells all that he has and buys it. Everyone treasures something. Actually most people treasure many things: their health, their children, their home, their job, their parents, their spouse, best friend, their retirement savings, their car, their boat, or their new 95-inch HD/Internet TV with Heart-Pounding UE Megabass Speakers and 360 degree surround sound!

So, what do you treasure the most? The persons described in the parable that discovered the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price were clearly willingly to **forfeit all they currently had** to possess the Treasure of treasures that they found! What is the treasure in your life that you have found and decided that you cannot live without? What is the pearl in your life that you have concluded is worth forfeiting everything to have or to keep? Think long and hard before you answer because there is a follow-up question: Was your answer, God? In other words, is God and your relationship with him your greatest treasure **or is your relationship with God one of the many possessions that you might be willing to give up to have what you really want out of life?** If you are not sure then compare yourself to the psalmist speaking to us today through Psalm 119. He IS sure: **“Oh Lord...the law of your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces...; your law is my delight. For I love your commands more than gold, however fine... Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them...”**

These are the words of a person who has fallen madly in love with God. When he found God, the Lord swept him off his feet! He discovered the Treasure above all other treasures; the Pearl of great price. How about you? Has God swept you off your feet yet? Would you even let him if He tried?

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He sold all he owned
and bought the field.



Sunday, July 30, 2017

Scripture Readings

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

The Transfiguration Of The Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	July	31	Elsilee S. DesBordes	- Deceased
Tues	Aug	1	Butler Grant	- Living
Wed	Aug	2	Cheryl Reynolds	- Living
Thurs	Aug	3	Alfred Cyrus Chase	- Living
Fri	Aug	4	Harriett Parker	- Living

Attendance 746

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is on vacation until September. Stay tuned for the return date.



SAVE THE DATE
NAME TAG SUNDAY
August 5-6, 2017

Get ready for our upcoming Name Tag Weekend Aug 5 & 6! Bring your own or we will provide one for you as we continue calling each other by name and building our faith community.



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NO SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR 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



SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD NEEDS TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS

Are you interested in religious education? Do you like working with young people? There are openings for teachers and teacher assistants in grades Pre-K to teens. All teachers must complete Virtus training. If you think you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the Church Office at 202-265-1470.



AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA BOOK CLUB

August 16 & 23, 2017

We will be reading *Americanah* by Ngozi Chimamanda Adichie which examines a Black girl growing up in the U.S. and Nigeria. Meetings will be held in Gingras Center from 6:45-8:30pm. For more information, contact Lydia Curtis at maceda@aol.com.



THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

August 18 — 7-9:30pm
August 19 — 9am-3:30pm

If you missed this powerful discernment workshop at St. Augustine, another workshop is being held at St. Bernadette Church in Springfield, VA for \$35.00. Please see the flyer for more information.



THE MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEED YOU!

How You Can Serve
 The Ministers of Hospitality—the Ushers—are looking for a few good men and women aged 18 and older to join this dedicated ministry of the Church. Please see any Usher after Mass for details.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Beth Nelson Rogers (Sister of Mary Wilburn)



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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 RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990**