

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

God's Mercy is Our Mission!

Saint John Chrysostom once said that no single thing makes us look more like God than when we forgive others. If this is true then unforgiveness has the opposite effect; namely, looking least like God. Pope Francis likes to stress our Christian vocation to be **Missionary Disciples**. It is precisely in this context and through this lens that we must understand Jesus' bold and revolutionary teaching on forgiveness.

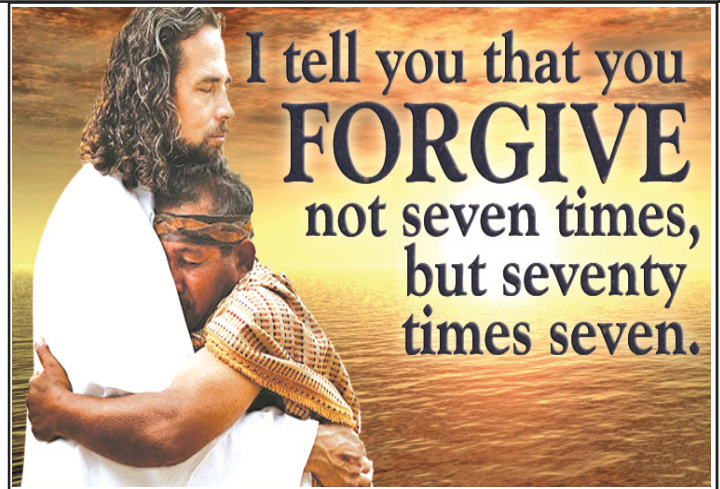
Forgiving others can be very difficult and sometimes even feel impossible! There is a perfectly good reason for this feeling: **Sometimes forgiveness is impossible!** Just ask Holocaust survivor Corrie Ten Boom who after giving a speech in a church about Christ's mercy was approached by an elderly man whom she recognized as the former S.S. guard who stood at the gas chamber door of the Nazi Concentration camp where her parents and sister were killed – a fate she narrowly escaped. He came up to her after her talk beaming, bowing and thanking her for her powerful words moments earlier and then shared of the joy of Christ's mercy he had since discovered in his relationship with Jesus Christ! Then he stretched out his hand to shake hers. In her own words: *"And I who had preached so often to the people... (about) the need to forgive, kept my hands at my side... I tried to smile, I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. So, I breathed a silent prayer: 'Lord Jesus, I cannot forgive him. Give me Your forgiveness'. As I took his hand, the most incredible thing happened...into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me...And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness...that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself"*.

The scriptures tell us that God is rich in mercy and radically generous in sharing it. Therefore, if you find yourself unable to forgive, know this: **The problem lies not in your inability to give mercy but in your inability or unwillingness to receive it from Christ.** Instead of sulking in your own guilt, confess your sins and accept his forgiveness for you. Instead of sitting powerless over your hurt and anger, go to the Source of all mercy and ASK again but this time for another poor soul who – just like you – doesn't deserve it in the least, but who may need it the most!

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Sunday, September 17, 2017

Scripture Readings

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep	18	Willis Thomas	- Living
Tues	Sep	19	Lillian Vaughn	- Living
Wed	Sep	20	Jayla Smith	- Living
Thurs	Sep	21	Sylvia Monroe	- Living
Fri	Sep	22	Catherine Mason	- Living

Attendance

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BIBLE STUDY

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



20th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Mother of Africa Chapel Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, September 17, 2017
2:00pm

Saint Augustine Gospel Choir will be singing



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 +
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THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH POOR.

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner

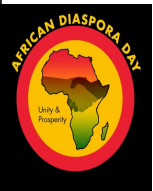


Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year for grades

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.

SCHOOL DONORS NEEDED — We are seeking four donors who would commit to giving \$25,000 to support Saint Augustine Catholic School over five years to supplement 16 current pledged donors who are fulfilling this commitment. Last year, we were very successful with more than \$451,000 given by individuals and foundations to support our parish school, and we invite you to discuss with Fr. Pat after Mass, call him at 202-265-1470, or via e-mail: fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE — Saturday, October 7, 2017
The 4th annual African Diaspora Day



Festival and Mass

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Mass—10:30am

Festival - 12:30pm—4:30pm

Admission is Free

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD



The 2017-18 School year begins on Sunday, September 10 after the 10am Mass. Sunday School/CCD is designed for children to learn more about the Catholic faith and to receive their sacraments. All children aged 4 through high school are welcome. Please come register your child today.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Sunday September 17, 2017 at 2:15pm



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Join today and let TOASTMASTERS help you to become a better speaker and presenter; communicate with confidence; develop your leadership skills; and listen effectively. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere in the Gingras Center 1st floor Conference Room.

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
Ernestine Coghill Howard
Emy-Lou Daley
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
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 Hincley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Danielle Joy
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Elnora Lindsey
Rev. Malanga
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCrory
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Juanita Towns
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Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



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
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U STREET AT 14TH ST NW
Enter on U Street

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Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and Choir CDs

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