


FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The Kingdom: A Work in Progress!

God sees us not only as we are, but as we can be. Like a construction site, the architect has already envisioned the finished product while everyone else sees only mounds of dirt and stacks of steel and concrete. Sometimes, we get frustrated with our fellow church members (especially, our leaders) because they are supposed to "know better!" This is true. Yet when Jesus describes the Kingdom of God on earth, surprisingly he describes it in terms of a field containing both wheat and weeds. The Church is holy and yet made up of sinners; entrusted with God's truth and yet not always honest in her dealings with others; a dispenser of God's mercy and yet too often afraid to embrace her own when they fall. How frustrating when this happens! Why is God so patient to allow this to continue? Why allow wheat and weeds to commingle in this field called the Kingdom? One person summed it up very well to a disgruntled parishioner who was ready to leave her church in anger at a fellow parishioner's behavior: *"If you find the perfect church, why would they let you in and spoil everything?"* Needy people go to hospitals. They also come to church. ***This is a problem only when they don't want to get well!*** Parishioners should always see themselves as a "building still under construction," not an abandoned lot! God hasn't given up on you! The church on earth is a spiritual hospital. People struggling with impatience, pride, unforgiveness, selfishness, addictions, broken hearts, broken relationships, physical maladies, bad attitudes, etc., all come to church. We shouldn't be surprised to meet them there. Nor should we be surprised that we fit in so well!

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
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**The tax collectors
and prostitutes
will precede
you into the
KINGDOM OF GOD.**

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 25, 2011

Scripture Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Times

EZ 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Mt 21:28-32

27th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Is 5: 1-7

Phil 4: 6-9

Mt 21:33-43



Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep	26	Florence Matthews	- Living
Tues	Sep	27	Chester Jones	- Living
Wed	Sep	28	Milton Best	- Living
Thurs	Sep	29	Margaret Burgan	- Living
Fri	Sep	30	Eleanor Johnson	- Living

Attendance 903



RCIA, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process whereby persons discerning whether they are called to embrace fully the Catholic faith gather to learn about the Scriptures and teachings of the Catholic Church and at the same time, come together to discover where and how God is present in their lives. Adults who complete this process receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at Easter.

Any one 18 years of age and older, unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholic, but without further religious training or sacraments can sign up. A new RCIA class will meet the 2nd & 3rd Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm in the 1419 V St NW starting September 16, 2011.

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN #9670

26h Sunday of Ordinary Time

THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2011, SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR POOR OF THE PARISH
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011 SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine Catholic School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year for grades Pre-K through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact the school office at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@staug-dc.org.



Sunday School has begun for children Pre-K-through high school who do not attend catholic school. Sunday School meets every Sunday after the 10:00am Mass in the school. Registration for this year ENDS on September 25, 2011.



Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Gingras Center. The discussion is being led by Deacon Kelly



SAVE THE DATE --

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011
10AM to 3PM**

**HEALTH MINISTRY'S ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR
ST. AUGUSTINE ROOM**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011
ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
9AM to 3PM — GINGRAS CENTER.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Here is Father PJ's address:

Chaplain Basic Officer Leaders Course (Class # 11-003)
Captain Paul John T. Camiring
USACHCS
10100 Lee Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090
Fr_PJ@hotmail.com

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

John Adams, Sr.	Delores V. Greene	Cordelia Pruitt
Sylvia X Allen	Tammie Grillo	Connie Ray
Angelina Arnold	Mary Howard	Alice Rush
Vera I Austin	Patricia Herndon	Lisa Rivera
Joan Barber	Gail Bethea Jackson	Ruby Roberts
Nora Basey	Eleanor Johnson	Lydia Scurlock
Milton Best	Chester Jones	Mary E. Smith
Evelyn Bezell	Dorothy Joy	Delores Sweeney
Beulah Bridges	Neetis Keels	Juanita Towns
Thomas Brock	Francis Kelly	Selma Twitty
Eric Brown	Mattie Keels	Lillie White
Margaret Burgan	Sedonia Labele	Mary Whitman
Andrew Burton	Louisa Lee	Virginia Winston
Agnes Carey	Keats Labule	Shirley Woodson
Elizabeth Carter	Martha Lonon	Lozzie York
Phillip Cephas	Catherine Mason	
Ollie Clark	Florence Matthews	
Vincent Clarke, Sr	Lussia Matthews	
Dorsey Davis	Edna Mills	
John Harris	Joyce Morton	
Pauline Dines	Albert Nellums	
Pat Dodson	Jullius Oben	
Susan Epps	Coralys Passapera	
Charles Gathers	Angela Piepers	



Pray For Our Dead

Pastoral Council Corner

Desiree Grant - Chairperson
Donovan Anderson - Vice chairperson
Doris Coles - Secretary
Earline Davis - Parliamentarian
**Pastoral Council Meetings area held every
3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:00 AM in the Gingras Center.**

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

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

TELL US OF PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK OR IN DISTRESS
NEW MEMBERSHIP FORMS: AVAILABLE AT THE USHERS TABLE
IN THE BOOKSTORE: FR. PAT'S HOMILIES
RCIA INFORMATION: SEE BULLETIN COVER
PHOTOGRAPHY AT MASS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED
PARK FREE SUNDAYS 9AM-4PM
REEVES CENTER, U STREET AT 14TH ST. NW
ENTER ON U STREET

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS? RCIA MEETS SUNDAYS AT 9:00 – 11:30 CONTACT FR. P.J. CAMIRING AT 202-265-1470 OR SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.

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