

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Self Accusation: The Key to Progress!

The Scriptures today all concern themselves with the key ingredients necessary for sinners to move forward in faith: *truth and humility*. It takes a big person to admit when he or she is wrong. "Humble Pie" is rarely sweet but it is, nonetheless, a necessary part of the Christian diet. For this reason, we begin every Mass with "*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*" Sin alienates us from each other and God. **Repentance** is the path back to community. God tells the prophet Ezekiel that he must point out to the wicked their sins whether they choose to listen to him or not. It is clear that it is compassion for his people ~ not anger ~ that motivates God. God wants to be close to us and has taken extraordinary steps to make that happen. Nonetheless, our choice to be close to God is still necessary to "close the deal!" **Repentance is a form of self-accusation.** It is a path that does not come natural to us because our pride insists we *excuse* not accuse ourselves! Jesus says, "*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone, if he listens you have won over your brother.*" Gossiping about others' faults and never speaking to the individual at fault is a sin not only against the individual but against the whole community. Refusal to repent of wrongdoing is also a sin against the community. The world says "the truth hurts." Christians say, "The truth will make you free." Truth, at times, may indict you; other times, it will vindicate you. In either case, it must be embraced if we are to move forward as a Christian Community.

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
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IF HE LISTENS TO YOU,



YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER BACK.

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time September 4, 2011

Scripture Readings

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Sr 27:30-28:7

Rom 14: 7-9

Mt 18:21-35



Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep	5	Leon Carrington	- Living
Tues	Sep	6	Andrea Verstrate	- Living
Wed	Sep	7	JoAnn Barber	- Living
Thurs	Sep	8	Beulah Bridges	- Living
Fri	Sep	9	Inez Gaskins	- Living

Attendance 662

Bible Study is on vacation. It will return in September

Share Program



The SHARE Value Package contains a balanced combination of frozen meats, staple items (rice, pasta, beans, etc.), fresh fruits and vegetables. The package is designed to offer an exciting variety of quality food items. You can purchase a package for yourself or donate a package for \$20.00. Share Packages are now on sale at the Usher's table in the back of the church.

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH RENOVATION FUND

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. Eighth Grade and Pre-K are almost filled to capacity. For an application or more information, please contact the school office at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@staug-dc.org.

The Sodality will host a day of Reflection, Recommitment & Renewal on Saturday September 24, 2011 with a Church-wide Pilgrimage to Saint Clement's Island and Museum. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. The bus will depart at 8:00am from the church.

Sunday School returns on September 11. Registration forms will be available in the back of the Church. Registration for this year ENDS on September 25, so please register as soon as possible. We have classes from Pre-K (age 4), K through grade 6, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation, and a Teen program for those already confirmed. Sunday School meets each week in the school immediately after the 10 am Mass.



Toiletry/Gifts for the Sick and Homebound: As you travel this summer, please remember our sick and homebound, and persons living in nursing homes and shelters by donating toiletry items. Those unused complementary items can be packed into your checked luggage and recycled as gifts. A receptacle is at the Ushers' table in the rear of the church for your convenience. The HIV/AIDS and the Sick and Homebound ministries thank you.



Sisters in the Spirit will be sponsoring "Triumph of the Cross a Jazz Breakfast on Saturday, Sept 17, 2011 at Holy Family Church in Hillcrest Heights from 9am to 2pm. Please contact Vivian Rouson for more information.

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

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



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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