

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## All Is Not As It Appears!

The Gospel today used to really bug me! Here's a mother, distraught by her daughter's tormented state, pleading to Jesus for help. Jesus just ignores her! The mother pleads further until the Lord finally speaks. But when he does, he infers that she is like a dog unworthy to eat the master's food! Then, the disciples roundly dismiss the woman with the "loving" suggestion, "Lord, get rid of her; she keeps pestering us!" The woman persists. **Finally**, Jesus speaks a word of hope and the woman's daughter is healed. Whew! Was Jesus having a bad day or what? Well, all is not as it appears. Years ago, I received a great insight into this Gospel while reading it with a priest friend. After reading it, Fr. Jim paused and said to me somberly, "Patrick, sometimes in life it seems like even God is against us!" Of course, the operative word here is "seems". Maybe you have never felt this way, but chances are that that day is coming. Moses once asked God to kill him because life was so miserable. Job wished he had never been born. Even Jesus asked, "My God, why have you abandoned me!" Of course, God hadn't abandoned him at all ~ *but it sure did feel like it!* The Lord wants us to be prepared for these moments by having us learn from this gloriously stubborn woman who refused to walk away from Jesus **even when it seemed** he could care less. In fact, **nobody cared more about her needs**. It may be a fact that you **feel** alone, but in fact your feelings do not speak the truth. The truth is, God is with you ~ and is the truth that will make you free to follow Jesus in all circumstances!



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You of **GREAT FAITH!**  
What you want  
will be  
done for  
you.



20th Sunday In Ordinary Time August 14, 2011

### Scripture Readings

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Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

21st Sunday in Ordinary Times

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20




### Mass Intentions

Mon	August 8.	Eric Brown	- Living
Tues	August 9	Nora Basey	- Living
Wed	August 10	Cynthia Wilkins	- Living
Thurs	August 11	John Collins	- Living
Fri	August 12	Elizabeth Duncan	- Living

Attendance 828

Bible Study is on vacation. It will return in September

  
*Farewell*  
Our dear Father PJ is leaving Saint Augustine to become a Chaplain in the US Army. Father PJ will serve his last Masses here on the weekend of August 27-28. There will be a farewell reception for Father PJ on Sunday, August 28 following all Masses. We are asking all parishioners and ministries to assist in giving Father PJ the send-off he deserves. Please save the date, and stay tuned for further information.

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

**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011 SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011 SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR CHURCH 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](mailto: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. We will begin registration for Sunday School on Sunday, August 7th. 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.

We are in need of several Sunday School teachers and assistants for this new year. If you are interested and want to help children learn about their Catholic faith, please contact Deacon Kelly (571-236-7777) or Althea Davis. Previous teaching experience is not required.

All new teachers and assistants will have to meet the Archdiocesan requirements for Protecting Our Children, which include completing a volunteer application, attending a three-hour workshop, and being fingerprinted. We will help you with each step of that process.



**St Augustine Catholic Church Team Hope** will host "Walk in The Park" Summer 2011 on Saturday August 27, 2011 from 11:00AM until 2:00pm at Franklin Square Par at 14th and K Street NW. Team Hope will serve meals, provide needed items and reach out to those in need. For more information see the bulletin or email: [staugustineteamhope@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineteamhope@gmail.com).

### **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	Lillie White
Andrew Burton	Sedonia Labee	Mary Whitman
Agnes Carey	Louisa Lee	Virginia Winston
Elizabeth Carter	Keats Labule	Shirley Wooden
Phillip Cephas	Martha Lonon	Lozzie York
Ollie Clark	Catherine Mason	
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*

**Margaret Wallace**

### **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.