

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel

The word "gospel" means "good news" yet in today's first reading from the Book of Job, we hear words like slavery, misery, drudgery, and talk of troubled and restlessness nights. In other words, not so good news! Job is clearly having a bad day! He actually sounds down-right depressed. And he is not the only one.

How many of us know someone who is recently and suddenly unemployed? How many of us know someone who's seriously ill; or mourning the recent passing of a parent, spouse or child? Many people facing a difficult time seek solace in sleep and instead, like Job, find the night dragging on without relief. Sometimes they turn to more desperate measures like drugs, alcohol, unhealthy sexual activity or fantasy to escape the depressing reality of the present. After a moment's respite, reality returns - often with a vengeance.

There is another way. When we find ourselves feeling powerless and vulnerable because of life's circumstances we must choose to make ourselves **more** vulnerable to the care of God... and others! So, how does one do that?! Being "*vulnerable to God*" means **you must pray** daily! Jesus needed to! Being "*vulnerable to others*" means **you must share** what you are going through with a trusted friend. Job was isolated and alone; exactly where the devil wanted him. He will give you a thousand excuses why you *shouldn't* leave this space. Don't fall for any of these lies.

The truth is this: *The Lord heals the broken hearted* (Psalm 147) and *hears the cry of the poor* (Psalm 34). This is the reason that when God called the Apostle Paul to preach this Good News, he didn't give him much of a choice: "*an obligation has been imposed on me and woe to me if I do not preach it*"! (1 Cor. 9:16). God doesn't play when it comes to your life and well-being. Woe to Paul and woe to us if we, who have received the message of hope, fail to share it with others.

We must tell the Jobs of the world that there is a Savior who heals, a God who cares and a hope that endures. Actually, it would be best if we just **showed** them instead.

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## Scripture Readings

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Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45



### Mass Intentions

Mon	Feb	6	Frances Brooks	- Living
Tues	Feb	7	Esther Jackson	- Living
Wed	Feb	8	Inez Gaskins	- Living
Thurs	Feb	9	Mary Spruielle	- Living
Fri	Feb	10	Lozzie York	- Living

Attendance 1173



**Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Gingras Center basement conference room. Deacon Kelly and Brother Francis are leading the discussion on the Gospel of Mark. The infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke will be the next class discussion.**



### Bless Palm Collection

**We will be collecting blessed Palm from last year's Palm Sunday to burn for Ashes for Ash Wednesday. There are baskets in the entrances to the church in which you can deposit your old palm. The final day for collecting palm will be Sunday, February 19, 2012.**



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THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012 SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL  
 NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012 SECOND COLLECTION 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 2012-2013 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](mailto:admissions@staug-dc.org).**



### NEED PRAYER

*Saint Augustine Young Adult Association has formed a prayer group that meets on the fourth Saturday of each month to pray for parishioners' needs. Beginning next Sunday prayer cards will be distributed in the church pews. If you need prayer, please fill out a prayer request card and place it in the prayer receptacle box in the back of the Church.*



### SENIORS SAVE THE DATE IT'S BACK

*Diva and Gents Senior Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 in the Social Hall of Augustana Church located at 1511 V St NW from 4:00-8:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for Senior's 60 and older. Tickets are being sold in the back of the Church after Mass.*



*Volunteers are needed on Sundays for our Sound Ministry. If you are interested, please call the Church office 202-265-1470 for more information.*



*Share Packages for the month of February are now on sale at the Ushers' table. Please consider buying a package or donating a package to someone in need.*



*Today Sunday, February 5, 2012, we celebrate the National Day of Prayer For the African American African Family.*

### Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

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



### Pray For Our Dead

**Pastoral Council Meetings area held every 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM in the Gingras Center Meetings are open to all parishioners.**



**Bishop McNamara High School Presents a Night of Jazz, Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 6pm-11pm. Featuring Special Guest Soloist, Fred Hughes and the Fabulous Bishop McNamara Jazz Band! Come enjoy a Silent Auction, Dinner, Dancing and Great Music! Tickets: \$65.00 Per Person/ Early Bird Special: Purchase tickets before January 25th for \$55.00. Tickets may be purchased on line at [www.bmhs.org](http://www.bmhs.org) or contact Marybeth Morgan at 301-735-8401 or [morganm@bmhs.org](mailto:morganm@bmhs.org).**

### Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa, Master Card (\$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 More

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