

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Rise and Go to your Father!

After officiating a wedding recently, a member of the wedding party came up to me and said that something I mentioned during my homily struck him deeply. I simply explained that “Fear of the Lord” doesn’t mean being afraid of God but being both in profound awe of him and “head-over-heels” in love with him at the same time! One who fears God finds it impossible to adequately express in words just how amazing God is! “Fear of the Lord” is the result of realizing that God is SO good and true that the very LAST thing that you would ever want to do is anything to offend, disrespect, harm, hurt or betray him. Before parting the man said to me in a soft voice, I wonder how different my relationship with God would be today if someone had explained that to me when I was a boy. I wonder what his life will become now that he knows!

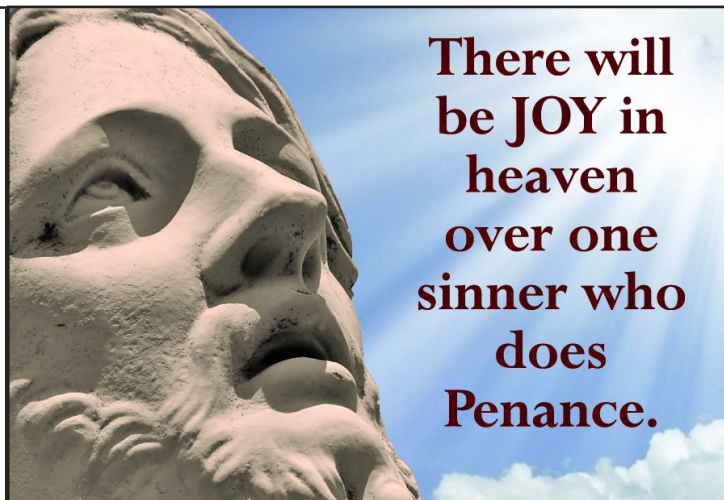
The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son from today’s Gospel set the record straight that God NEVER wants us to be afraid to come to him. Awareness of our sinfulness will undoubtedly make us timid and doubtful before an All-Holy God (See Isaiah 6:5) but we must remember that it is precisely our sinfulness that draws him to us! When a paramedic shows up at the scene of a crisis, she doesn’t frantically go looking for those who don’t need assistance! Those most in need get all of the attention – including the estranged son who has strayed, gone missing, and is now looking for a way back into his father’s heart.

Jesus has made way back to God and it begins with the humble admission that we have sinned against him, broken his commandments, ignored his voice, disregarded his counsel and resisted his many attempts to reach out to us and get our attention. These were all ways that we foolishly defied God’s love. But despite our stubbornness, his love has endured to this very moment! It is time to wake up and come to our senses! It’s time to rise and return to your Father!

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See Fr. Pat’s Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS  
SEE WEB PAGE FOR FATHER PAT’S SERMON NOTES AND LISTEN TO FATHER PAT’S SERMON PODCAST



There will  
be **JOY** in  
heaven  
over one  
sinner who  
does  
**Penance.**

Sunday, September 11, 2016

### Scripture Readings

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tim 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32, or 15:1-10

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am: 8 4-7

1 Tim 2: 1-8

Lk 16: 1-13 or 16:10-13



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

|       |     |    |                 |            |
|-------|-----|----|-----------------|------------|
| Mon   | Sep | 12 | Toni Fisher     | - Living   |
| Tues  | Sep | 13 | Catherine Mason | - Living   |
| Wed   | Sep | 14 | John Collins    | - Deceased |
| Thurs | Sep | 15 | Phil Gibson     | - Living   |
| Fri   | Sep | 16 | Lozzie York     | - Living   |

Attendance 839



### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.

SAVE THE DATE:

### BOOK DRIVE — September 16-18



Mark your calendars for Girl Scout Troop 3859’s **Third Annual Read to Lead Book Drive**, Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Politics and Prose Bookstore (2021 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW) located in Busboys and Poets at the 14<sup>th</sup> and V Streets location.

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



This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Catholic University. Thank you for your continued support.  
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for Church Renovations.

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 2016-2017 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](mailto:admissions@saintaugustine-dc).

## Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams  
John Adams, Sr.  
Beatrice Alexander  
Francis Arnold  
Ronald Ausbrooks  
William Barksdale  
Valerie Barrows  
Althea Black  
Frances Brooks  
Mary Burgan  
Williams Burgan  
Andrew Burton  
Angela Callighan  
Elizabeth Carter  
Phillip Cephas  
Ollie Mae Clark  
Pauline Dines  
Theola Douglas  
Ann Lane Dressler  
Susan Epps  
Barbara Ferguson  
Toni Fisher  
Richard B. Fowler  
Daniel Galloway  
Inez Gaskins  
Charles Gathers  
Phil Gibson  
Rev Charles Green  
Valencia Green  
Robert Greenfield  
Frances Gulston  
Louise Harrison  
Grace Hansberry

Brian Harvey  
John Harris  
Patricia Herndon  
Emily Hill  
Jeanne Hinckley  
Deborah Jackson  
Charles Jackson  
Marlene Jackson  
Malcom Jamison  
Faye Jones  
Paul Joy  
Sedonia Labee  
Keats Labule  
Raymond Lane  
Louisa Lee  
Mary Leonard  
Hugh Lonon  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Lita Majors  
Catherine Mason  
Thomas P Massenburg, Sr.  
Florence Matthews  
Floyd McCoy  
James McNamara  
Sylvia Monroe  
Arnetia Montague  
Alpha Nacnas  
Bernice Nolan  
Evelyn Norris  
Julius Oben  
Colelle Ogbey  
Eileen Ogu  
Harriet Parker

Marguerite Parker  
Audrey Plaskett  
Theresa Purcell  
George Queen  
Ashley Redhead, Jr.  
Royal Robinson  
Lisa Rivera  
Doris Silas  
Gertina Simms  
Aise Simmons  
George Simmons  
Mary Smith  
Zedekiah Smith  
Donnie Stewart  
Willis Thomas  
Juanita Towns  
Selma Twitty  
Hayden Vaughn  
Lillian Vaughn  
Terry Vaughn  
Esperanza Walker  
Shirley Ward  
Betty Washington  
Elliot Weaver  
Lillie White  
Cynthia Wilkins  
Bernice Williams  
Teresa Wilkins  
Lozzie York



### SHARE

SHARE packages are now on sale at the Ushers' Table. See the Share Representative.



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC...

Registration for RCIA is being held after all Mass this weekend. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, need the Sacrament of First Communion, Confirmation or are a returning Catholic, this class is for you. For more information, please call the church office at 202-265-1470.



### AFTERCARE VOLUTEERS NEEDED

Every year Saint Augustine School has had an extensive Aftercare Program. We are open to new ideas and are in need of assistance and or new coaches. The Aftercare Program meets Monday-Friday from 3:30pm-6:00pm in the school. All volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS training as well as undergo a background check. For additional information please contact Ms Cropper at 202-667-2608. Below is a current listing of activities.

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Art               | Flag Football    | Robotics Club |
| Audio-Visual Club | Girl Scouts      | Sign Language |
| Ballet            | Liturgical Dance | Soccer Club   |
| Band              | Mock Trail       | Spelling Bee  |
| Basketball        | Poetry Club      | Tap Dance     |
| Chess             | Pom Squad        | Tennis Club   |
| Drama             | Pre-Engineering  | Yearbook Club |
| Fencing           | Reading Circle   |               |

### 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  
REEVES CENTER



### Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

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

### UNITED WAY / CFC

If you work for the federal government, please consider supporting St. Augustine Catholic School (CFC #20000) with a pledge during this open enrollment season. If you work for an organization that participates in the United Way workplace giving program, please consider supporting our parish school (United Way #9670). Thank you for your generosity. Please contact Bill Murray, the school's development officer, at 240-418-5427 or [bmurray@saintaugustine-dc.org](mailto:bmurray@saintaugustine-dc.org) with any questions or concerns.



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS?  
RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.**

▼ SEE GINGRAS CENTER BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF AVAILABLE EMPLOYMENT, YOUTH AND ADULT OPPORTUNITIES. ▼