

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus's Spiritual GPS

Jesus continues the "Sermon on the Mount" which essentially captures the heart of all that he taught and did. This is why I call it **Jesus's GPS!** That is, a Spiritual Global Positioning System for his disciples. Every GPS is designed to tell you at least three things (1) your current location, (2) your destination, and (3) the route to reach the desired end.

Today's portion of the sermon addresses several topics that affect both our lives personally and the impact that our lives have on others. For instance, Jesus speaks of the importance of knowing and keeping God's commandments; of not harboring anger in our hearts but instead seeking reconciliation with our brother or sister. He also speaks about the command not to commit adultery but goes even further in condemning the practice of reducing other people to objects of our own gratification or looking at them with lust. Jesus also reaffirms the permanent nature of a Godly marriage by rejecting the all too common practice in his day of men callously "dismissing their wives" for something better! Finally, the Lord warns against the common practice of taking false oaths which is not just lying but invoking God's name to give credibility to the lie!

But rather than seeing the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus's "laundry list of demands" for all who choose to be one of his followers, it's important we read them as something much deeper, more profound and consequently, life-altering. Jesus' sermon is both a mirror and a guide (GPS). The truth of his words contained in the sermon serve as a flood light that reveals our real selves – the good, the bad and the ugly! Like the lighted mirror in your bathroom, it exposes the hidden truths easily missed in an unreflective life; a life lacking honest introspection. But besides revealing (1) who and where we are now, the sermon guides us (2) to where we ought to be and (3) reveals the path to get there. We learn how our God thinks and sees things and why we should think and see our world and our lives just like God does...because it's true! If we decide to be good students (disciples) of so great a Teacher not only will we know our "position" and purpose in this world but we can be confident that God will faithfully guide us to our eternal destination!

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Sunday, February 12, 2017

Scripture Readings

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Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Feb	11	Don Strong	- Living
Tues	Feb	12	Frances Taft	- Deceased
Wed	Feb	13	Gwendolyn Adams	- Living
Thurs	Feb	14	Sabra Witcher	- Deceased
Fri	Feb	15	Harriet Parker	- Living

Attendance 975

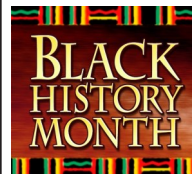
BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

Sunday, February 12, 2017



The Black History Committee will host Historian C.R. Gibbs to speak on the topic "Journey to Justice: The continuing Quest for Equality and Freedom" in the Saint Augustine Room in the School at 2:45 after the 12:30 Mass.



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This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for Poor of the Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

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.org



RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

Saint Augustine is starting up an Inquiry Sessions for those who might be interested in becoming Catholic. These are sessions that take place for six weeks in which we reflect on who Jesus Christ is and how he may be calling me to a deeper relationship with him. These Inquiry sessions are open to any person who may have never been baptized; for a baptized Christian of another faith who may now be considering the Catholic Faith and for any Catholic who may have been baptized but did not receive their other sacraments of initiation i.e. Eucharist and Confirmation. These sessions will begin on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 11:30am in the First Floor Conference Room in the Gingras Center (1419 V Street).



SAVE THE DATE— SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 50th Anniversary celebration for Fr. Raymond Kemp

This May, St. Augustine friend and former pastor, Fr. Raymond Kemp will celebrate 50 years as a priest. Join us on **Sunday, May 7** at the **12:30 p.m. Mass** when we celebrate this occasion with Fr. Kemp. A celebration reception will follow Mass. Look for details in the coming weeks on how to share stories, photos, and well wishes.

To commemorate this anniversary, Fr. Kemp would like to encourage contributions to the Saint Augustine Catholic School, and to a special fund that would ensure financial assistance to those who desire to attend the school. Make your tax-deductible contributions to Saint Augustine's Parish Scholarship Fund, 1419 V Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| Gwendolyn Adams | Louise Harrison | Eileen Ogu |
| John Adams, Sr. | Grace Hansberry | Harriet Parker |
| Beatrice Alexander | Brian Harvey | Marguerite Parker |
| Francis Arnold | John Harris | Audrey Plaskett |
| Ronald Ausbrooks | Patricia Herndon | Theresa Purcell |
| William Barksdale | Emily Hill | George Queen |
| Althea Black | Jeanne Hinckley | Ashley Redhead, Jr. |
| Frances Brooks | Deborah Jackson | Royal Robinson |
| Norma Brown | Charles Jackson | Lisa Rivera |
| Williams Burgan | Marlene Jackson | Doris Silas |
| Andrew Burton | Malcom Jamison | Gertina Simms |
| Angela Callighan | Eleanor Johnson | Alise Simmons |
| Elizabeth Carter | Paul Joy | George Simmons |
| Phillip Cephas | Sedonia Labee | Mary Smith |
| Ollie Mae Clark | Keats Labule | Zedekiah Smith |
| Ernestine Coghill-Howard | Raymond Lane | Donnie Stewart |
| Karen Dickerson | Louisa Lee | Don Strong |
| Pauline Dines | Mary Leonard | Willis Thomas |
| Theola Douglas | Bernadette Mahoney | Juanita Towns |
| Susan Epps | Lita Majors | Selma Twitty |
| Barbara Ferguson | Catherine Mason | Hayden Vaughn |
| Julie Fish | Florence Matthews | Lillian Vaughn |
| Toni Fisher | Floyd McCory | Terry Vaughn |
| Carolyn Fouch | James McNamara | Shirley Ward |
| Richard B. Fowler | Rick Middleton | Betty Washington |
| Daniel Galloway | Sylvia Monroe | William Waters |
| Inez Gaskins | Arnetia Montague | Elliot Weaver |
| Charles Gathers | Alpha Nacnas | Cynthia Wilkins |
| Rev Charles Green | Evelyn Norris | Bernice Williams |
| Valencia Green | Julius Oben | Teresa Wilkinson |
| Robert Greenfield | Colelle Ogbey | Lozzie York |
| Frances Gulston | | |



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.



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**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.**

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