

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Don't Be Afraid to Make the Climb

A few years ago I watched a fascinating short video about an 11 year-old rock climber named Brooke. Let me first say that born and raised in Washington, D.C., it should come as no surprise that I didn't have many opportunities to learn about or be engaged in rock climbing! But after watching the inspiring video I got a glimpse of what it is that actually drives people to want to master the art of rock or mountain climbing. The experience of facing what looks like an overwhelming if not insurmountable challenge and then through skill, strength and raw determination conquering and overcoming that challenge is pretty exhilarating!

It dawned on me that entering into the Lenten Season can be a similarly triumphant experience if entered into with the right attitude. For far too many people Lent is the dreaded season that gets reduced to allowing God to alter our diets instead of the more exciting experience of giving God permission to transform our lives. When Jesus invited Peter, James and John to accompany him up the largest mountain in the hemisphere, they jumped at the chance not because they had nothing better to do but because that had no one better to do it with. When we see Lent as an opportunity to journey with Jesus to a higher plain, a spectacular view and a more meaningful life, we should jump at the chance! Lent is an invitation to follow Jesus "uphill"; to face the mountains in our lives and believe with confidence that, with him, we can actually overcome them.

Several names are mentioned in the scriptures today and what they all have in common is that they are all people that God called to do something that they all believed was beyond their ability. Abram, Elijah, Moses, Peter, James, John and we could add Sarah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Mary were men and women who, for the most part, had fairly ordinary beginnings. But each of them at a defining moment in their lives said "yes" to God's invitation to climb up and out of their comfort zones and into an extraordinary life. So, this Lent, be bold! Get engaged. Say "Yes!" to Jesus' invitation to make the climb so you don't miss out on the amazing view of Jesus... and the new you!

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Sunday, March 12, 2017

## Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

3rd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 1&:1-9



## 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	13	Cornelia Rajah	- Deceased
Tues	Mar	14	Doris Silas	- Deceased
Wed	Mar	15	Mary Louise Adams	- Living
Thurs	Mar	16	George Simmons	- Living
Fri	Mar	17	Royal Robinson	- Living

Attendance

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## BIBLE STUDY

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



## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

“The Lord never tires of forgiving you”  
-Pope Francis

Experience the life-changing power of confession  
this Lent. Confession in the church every  
Wednesday from 6:30pm –8:00pm during Lent



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Second Sunday Of Lent

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our 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 2017-2018 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.



CAREER DAY

Career Day: We are seeking speakers for our St. Augustine School Career Day on Friday, March 17 from 9 am - 12 Noon. Please contact Bill Murray at bmurray@saintaugustine-dc.org or 240-418-5427 by March 14.



SAVE THE DATE SODALITY SPRING LUNCHEON Saturday, April 22, 2017

Celebrating 125 Years

The Sodality of Saint Augustine will celebrate 125 years of service with a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Washington Navy Yard from 12:00pm—3:00pm. The theme is "A Legacy of Faith - Living a Marian Way of Life". The guest speaker is Sister Jamie Phelps, OP, PhD. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please see Cynthia Morris for tickets.



THE ANNUAL LENT MISSION March 15-17, 2017

This Year's Mission will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 through Friday March 17, 2017. The Speaker for the three day mission will be Father Christopher Seith, Associate Pastor from Our Lady of Mercy. All are welcome and encourage to invite family and friends to join you at our Lent Mission. Please see the flyer in this weeks bulletin for more information.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

- Names of the sick and homebound: Gwendolyn Adams, John Adams, Sr., Beatrice Alexander, Francis Arnold, Ronald Ausbrooks, William Barksdale, Althea Black, Frances Brooks, Norma Brown, Williams Burgan, Andrew Burton, Angela Callighan, Elizabeth Carter, Phillip Cephas, Ollie Mae Clark, Ernestine Coghill Howard, Pauline Dines, Theola Douglas, Susan Epps, Barbara Ferguson, Julie Fish, Toni Fisher, Carolyn Fouch, Richard B. Fowler, Daniel Galloway, Inez Gaskins, Charles Gathers, 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, Eleanor Johnson, Paul Joy, Sedonia Labebe, Keats Labule, Raymond Lane, Louisa Lee, Mary Leonard, Bernadette Mahoney, Lita Majors, Catherine Mason, Florence Matthews, Floyd McCory, James McNamara, Rick Middleton, Sylvia Monroe, Arnetia Montague, Alpha Nacnas, Evelyn Norris, Julius Oben, Colelle Ogbey, Eileen Ogu, Harriet Parker, Marguerite Parker, Audrey Plaskett, Theresa Purcell, Ashley Redhead, Jr., Royal Robinson, Lisa Rivera, Gertina Simms, Alise Simmons, George Simmons, Mary Smith, Zedekiah Smith, Donnie Stewart, Don Strong, Willis Thomas, Juanita Towns, Selma Twitty, Hayden Vaughn, Lillian Vaughn, Terry Vaughn, Shirley Ward, Betty Washington, Elliot Weaver, Cynthia Wilkins, Bernice Williams, Teresa Wilkison, Lizzie York



Pray for Our Dead

Cynthia Cooper ( Daughter of Roslyn Holmes)



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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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

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