

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

First Sunday of Lent

Did he say "if"?

Saint Augustine spoke most eloquently when he prayed to God: "Lord you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless till they rest in you". Every human heart longs for God. Beneath every desire for pleasure, intimacy, peace, happiness, joy, affirmation, validation, meaning and purpose is a mysterious force drawing us toward the preeminent version of that for which we long. In other words, God is the "par excellence" reality of everything our heart seeks! He who is the God of gods and the King of kings is also the Joy of joys, the Pleasure of pleasures and the Prince of Peace! Nothing can compete!

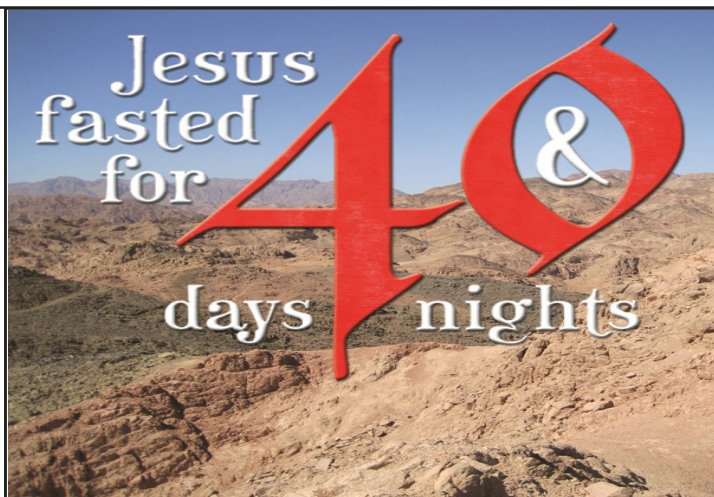
But we see in the Book of Genesis and the Gospel that many will try! God is not the only one after your heart. You are in high demand! One debate the devil has never had with God is about the value of even one human life. Whether it be Adam and Eve or Mary and Joseph or Jesus of Nazareth. God was willing to pay the ultimate price to save your life and Satan is willing to do everything within his power to destroy your life just to spite Him. This the bible describes as "*the envy of the devil*" (Wisdom 2:24). At the center of this human and celestial battle between sin and sanctity, good and evil, heaven and hell... is YOU. In the end, one side gets to walk away with the coveted prize: Your Soul.

Last Sunday I suggested that before you decide what you are going to give up or take on for Lent, that you first decide where you want to END up when the journey is over! Decide who you want to become! Today I would take it even further. Decide whose hands you want to entrust your soul. The devil's first attempt to undermine Jesus and his mission was to sow seeds of doubt about his identity as God's Son. It is a brilliant strategy because it is out of one's self-identity that everything else flows. This Lent, don't play the devil's game. Accept with certainty your identity as a Child of God and commit to live a life consistent with who he says you already are! No "if", "ands" or "buts"!

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

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Sunday, March 5, 2017

Scripture Readings

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3: 1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12., 17-19

Mt 4: 1-11

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	6	Tom German	- Deceased
Tues	Mar	7	Desiree Grant	- Deceased
Wed	Mar	8	Harriett Parker	- Living
Thurs	Mar	9	Catherine Mason	- Living
Fri	Mar	10	Paul Joy	- Living

Attendance



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



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish School.
 Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations. 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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT



Young Adults... **Begin Lent with a Retreat this year! On Saturday, March 11, 2017.** To get the most out of Lent this year prayerfully considering joining

your fellow Young Adults on a day of prayer, fellowship, faith and insightful presentations to help you grow closer to the Lord this Lent. Bring a friend, a smile and an open heart on Saturday March 11. More information will follow about this wonderful opportunity to **grow closer to God and his will in your life!**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 22, 2017



SODALITY SPRING LUNCHEON
 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.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3859

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after each Mass on Saturdays and Sundays in the back of the Church until the end of March 2017.

Please Pray for Our Sick & 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 Labele
 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



Maurice Cotton, Maurice Dunbar, Leon Carrington and Tom German

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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 FROM 9am — 4pm
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Enter on U Street

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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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