

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Every Stone Counts in God's Spiritual House!

In the scriptures this Sunday we are exhorted by St. Peter in the following words: ***“Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house!”*** Just as there are no two stones exactly alike, there are no two believers exactly alike either – many members, one Body. Yet in the case of living stones, we are invited to entrust ourselves to the masterful hands of the Divine Mason who in turn incorporates us into the Body of Christ fully alive! This is not new. More than 20 centuries ago, Jesus Christ began a special and unique building project. He describes it in Matthew 16:18: ***“I will build my church”***. Did you ever wonder what material he wants to use to complete this project? That would be US! Peter continues: ***“let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”***

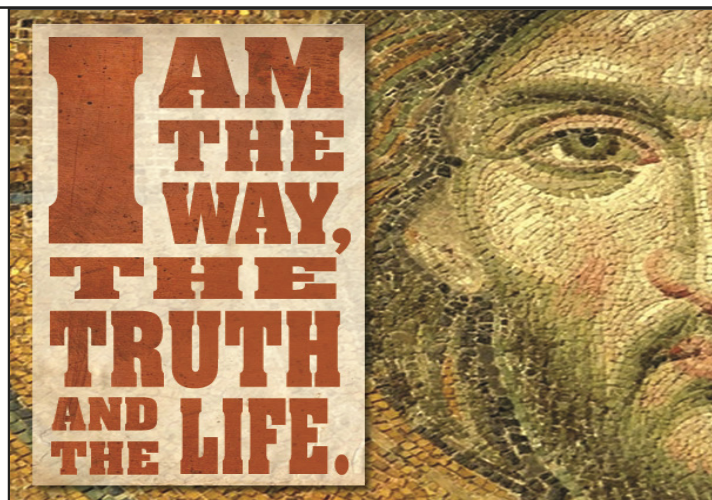
Later on he says: ***“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood...”*** When you were baptized you were also given a share in the **priestly**, prophetic and kingly mission of Christ. Priesthood, then, is not simply the privilege and calling of the ordained minister but the baptized! In the Old Testament the priest was the one designated to offer sacrifices to God on behalf of the people. Gradually this concept would be expanded by the prophets (esp. Isaiah) and ultimately revolutionized and fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Instead of the priest simply being seen as the one who offers something outside of himself to be sacrificed, the priest himself would be the sacrifice that is offered.

So, are you ready to accept your priestly identity? Are you ready to place more than what you HAVE on the altar this Sunday? Will you take the further step of **offering yourself** along with the bread and the wine that is processed up the aisle? Are you ready to let God break you down, build you up, polish off the edges and fit you in to HIS saving plan for you and the world? When you say yes to being a living stone to be used to build his spiritual house on earth (the Church), then you can look forward to dwelling in your Father's House for all eternity!

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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, May 14, 2017

Scripture Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	15	Lozzie York	- Living
Tues	May	16	Ann M. Woodson	- Deceased
Wed	May	17	Roderick X. Seth	- Deceased
Thurs	May	18	Geraldine Bailey	- Deceased
Fri	May	19	Bernice Williams	- Living

Attendance 1200



BIBLE STUDY

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



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



5th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's Second Collection is for Our Church Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generous support.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for the Trinity Dome.

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



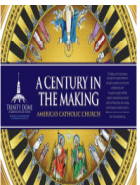
Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins,

Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org.



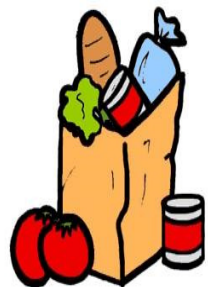
2017 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS Sunday, June 25, 2017 — 2:00pm

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarians Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the Parish Office with the names of the jubilarians are needed by May 15, 2017.



OUR MOTHER'S DAY GIFT TO MARY Donate to the Trinity Dome—May 14

Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we also remember Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. In the new Trinity Dome that displays the crown jewel of the mosaics at the Basilica of the Nation Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Mary's place in the story of salvation is celebrated as we see her depicted with the Holy Trinity and a procession of saints. Today with our own mothers, we celebrate Mary as the spiritual mother of each person who, through Baptism, becomes a member of the body of her son, Jesus Christ. You are invited to support this beautiful celebration of our faith by participating in the second collection today. Learn more at TrinityDome.org



SHARE

SHARE packages are on sale at the Ushers' table

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Althea Black
Frances Brooks
Charles Brown
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
James Griffiths
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 Labee
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

Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Audrey Plaskett
Theresa Purcell
Samiya Rajah
Ze'La Rajah
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Gertina Simms
Alise 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 Williams
Lozzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Roderick X. Seth

Geraldine Bailey



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.



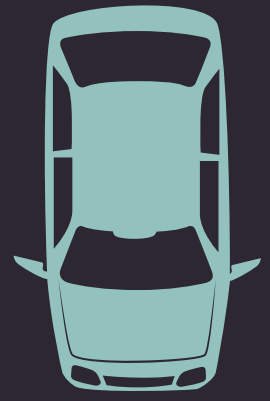
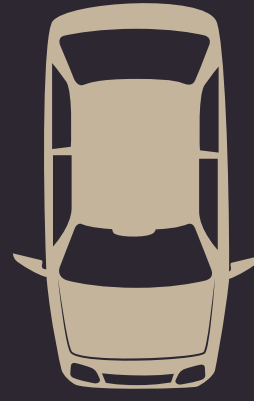
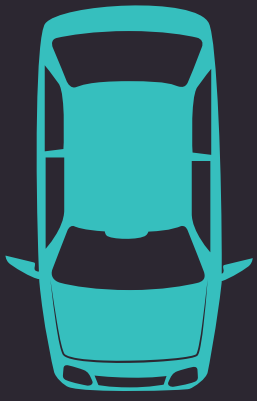
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FROM 9am — 4pm
REEVES CENTER U
STREET AT 14TH ST NW
Enter on U Street

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

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. ▼



FREE

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

St. Augustine partners with U Street Parking to provide Sunday church attendees free parking. The garage is located in the Reeves Center garage. The Reeves Center is on U street near the intersection of 14th and U Streets NW.

To help the garage attendants identify St. Augustine attendees, a validation system will begin on May 14.

TO PARK FOR FREE ON SUNDAYS...

1. Enter the garage on U Street.
2. You will receive a ticket upon entry.
3. After Mass, ask an usher for a pass.
4. Present your ticket and pass to the garage attendant.*

* YOU WILL BE CHARGED A FEE, IF YOU DO NOT PRESENT THE PASS.

