

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is your relationship with God for sale?

What is your relationship with God worth to you? This is the question at the heart of the Gospel today. In speaking about the value of the Kingdom of God, Jesus says that it is **“like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field”**. He then speaks of a merchant who searches for and finds a **pearl of great price** and sells all that he has and buys it. Everyone treasures something. Actually most people treasure many things: their health, their children, their home, their job, their parents, their spouse, best friend, their retirement savings, their car, their boat, or their new 95-inch HD/Internet TV with Heart-Pounding UE Megabass Speakers and 360 degree surround sound!

So, what do you treasure the most? The persons described in the parable that discovered the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price were clearly willingly to **forfeit all they currently had** to possess the Treasure of treasures that they found! What is the treasure in your life that you have found and decided that you cannot live without? What is the pearl in your life that you have concluded is worth forfeiting everything to have or to keep? Think long and hard before you answer because there is a follow-up question: Was your answer, God? In other words, is God and your relationship with him your greatest treasure **or is your relationship with God one of the many possessions that you might be willing to give up to have what you really want out of life?** If you are not sure then compare yourself to the psalmist speaking to us today through Psalm 119. He is sure: **“Oh Lord...the law of your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces...; your law is my delight. For I love your commands more than gold, however fine... Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them...”**

These are the words of a person who has fallen madly in love with God. When he found God, the Lord swept him off his feet! He discovered the Treasure above all other treasures; the Pearl of great price. How about you? Has God swept you off your feet yet? Would you even let him if He tried?

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FATHER PAT'S SERMON PODCAST

He sold all he owned
and bought the field.



Sunday, July 30, 2017

Scripture Readings

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

The Transfiguration Of The Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	July	31	Elsilee S. DesBordes	- Deceased
Tues	Aug	1	Butler Grant	- Living
Wed	Aug	2	Cheryl Reynolds	- Living
Thurs	Aug	3	Alfred Cyrus Chase	- Living
Fri	Aug	4	Harriett Parker	- Living

Attendance

746

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is on vacation until September. Stay tuned for the return date.



SAVE THE DATE
NAME TAG SUNDAY
August 5-6, 2017

Get ready for our upcoming Name Tag Weekend Aug 5 & 6! Bring your own or we will provide one for you as we continue calling each other by name and building our faith community.



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NO SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR 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



SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD NEEDS TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS

Are you interested in religious education? Do you like working with young people? There are openings for teachers and teacher assistants in grades Pre-K to teens. All teachers must complete Virtus training. If you think you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the Church Office at 202-265-1470.



AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA BOOK CLUB

August 16 & 23, 2017

We will be reading *Americanah* by Ngozi Chimamanda Adichie which examines a Black girl growing up in the U.S. and Nigeria. Meetings will be held in Gingras Center from 6:45-8:30pm. For more information, contact Lydia Curtis at maceda@aol.com.



THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

August 18 — 7-9:30pm
August 19 — 9am-3:30pm

If you missed this powerful discernment workshop at St. Augustine, another workshop is being held at St. Bernadette Church in Springfield, VA for \$35.00. Please see the flyer for more information.



THE MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEED YOU!

The Ministers of Hospitality—the Ushers—are looking for a few good men and women aged 18 and older to join this dedicated ministry of the Church. Please see any Usher after Mass for details.

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
 Billy Chesley
 Delores Chisley
 Ollie Mae Clark
 Ernestine Coghill Howard
 Emy-Lou Daley
 Pauline Dines
 Theola Douglas
 Susan Epps
 Barbara Ferguson
 Julie Fish
 Toni Fisher
 Richard B. Fowler
 Daniel Galloway
 Inez Gaskins
 Charles Gathers
 Rev Bob Gilliam
 Butler Grant
 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
 Danielle Joy
 Paul Joy
 Sedonia Labee
 Keats Labule
 Raymond Lane
 Louisa Lee
 Mary Leonard
 Rev. Malanga
 Bernadette Mahoney
 Lita Majors
 Catherine Mason
 Florence Matthews
 Floyd McCrory
 James McNamara
 Rick Middleton
 Sylvia Monroe
 Arnetia Montague
 Evelyn Morgan
 Alpha Nacnas
 Julius Oben
 Colelle Ogbey
 Eileen Ogu

Harriet Parker
 Marguerite Parker
 Gunny David Pauley
 Cecilia Penero
 Audrey Plaskett
 Theresa Purcell
 Samiya Rajah
 Ze'La Rajah
 Cheryl Reynolds
 Ashley Redhead, Jr.
 Royal Robinson
 Ruth Robinson
 Lisa Rivera
 Gertina Simms
 Alise Simmons
 Mary Smith
 Zedekiah Smith
 Donnie Stewart
 Don Strong
 Mary Helen Swann
 Willis Thomas
 Juanita Towns
 Selma Twitty
 Hayden Vaughn
 Lillian Vaughn
 Terry Vaughn
 Shirley Ward
 Betty Washington
 Elliot Weaver
 Cynthia Wilkins
 Bernice Williams
 Teresa Wilkinson
 Lozzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Beth Nelson Rogers (Sister of Mary Wilburn)



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

U STREET AT 14TH ST NW

Enter on U Street

Please see an Usher after Mass for a Reeves Center Parking Coupon

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— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990**