

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Ninetieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

When Jesus Commands You to Walk on Water, Do it!

The disciples were never more secure than when Jesus was in their midst. In the face of what would normally be scary, insecure or otherwise overwhelming circumstances – whether it be an unexpected thunderstorm or a crowd of over 15 thousand hungry people in need of being fed – if Jesus was there, there was no need to panic; no need to doubt because in the end, it would all work out!

So, we can certainly imagine that it was not with any great enthusiasm that the disciples complied with Jesus' command to "get into a boat and proceed to the other side" (Matt 14:22) – without him! Maybe that's why the scriptures say that Jesus "made them" get into the boat! When Jesus told them to go on ahead while he stays back to pray, we could easily imagine them saying something like, "Hey, Lord, we don't mind waiting for you. You just go on and chat with your Daddy in Heaven and we'll just hang out, maybe stop by a Starbucks and pick up a Latte or Cappuccino..." But Jesus insisted: "Get in the boat and meet me on the other side!" So what was the problem? Well, if you go back six chapters earlier in this same Gospel you'll notice that the last time that they went sailing a treacherous storm arose and they nearly drowned but for Jesus promptly putting the storm in its place with a word of command: "Quiet!" he said, "Be Still!" They didn't want to go out on the sea if Jesus was not going with them!

I remember not wanting to ride a bike without training wheels for the first time, but my mother insisted and I learned to ride the same day. I didn't want to jump in the deep water at the pool, but my swimming instructor made me do it and I discovered I could stay above the water without sinking. The moral is this: The only way you grow stronger in your faith is by practicing it! Jesus made them get in the boat and face their worst fear, the storm. He commanded Peter to get out of the boat and conquer the raging waters by literally walking over them. Only by facing the impossible situation do we discover first-hand that God can do the impossible! So, go where Jesus sends you and do what he tells you so that you too could be utterly amazed at what Christ is capable of in those who put their trust in him!

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Command me to come
to you over the waters.



Sunday, August 13, 2017

Scripture Readings

19th Sunday In Ordinary Times

1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

20TH Sunday In Ordinary Times

Is 56 1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Aug	14	Mary Carter	- Deceased
Tues	Aug	15	Annie Mae Clair	- Deceased
Wed	Aug	16	Gail Grant	- Living
Thurs	Aug	17	Angelina Arnold	- Living
Fri	Aug	18	Marcus Davis	- Living

Attendance 857

BIBLE STUDY



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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MAY Tuesday, August 15, 2017

The Solemnity is
a Holy Day of obligation.

Masses will be held at

8:10am

12:10pm

7:00pm

All Masses are held in the Church.



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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

If you think you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the Church Office at 202-265-1470.



SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD REGISTRATION

For 2017-18

COMING SOON



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!

How You Can Serve

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



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

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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990