

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

Do You Know Your Date of Hire?

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God's ways are not our ways, or his thoughts our thoughts. Sometimes God's ways can seem inexplicable or downright baffling.

This may have been your reaction when you listened to today's parable from Matthew's Gospel describing the unexpected actions of the generous landowner and the hired workers. Those who were hired before dawn and those who arrived one hour before closing time got the exact same pay! This, of course, seems unfair. But the purpose of Jesus' parable was not to present to his disciples an employee's manual of best practices and guidelines for human resource policies! Parables are useful literary tools to shed light, by way of analogy, on a greater and more profound truth.

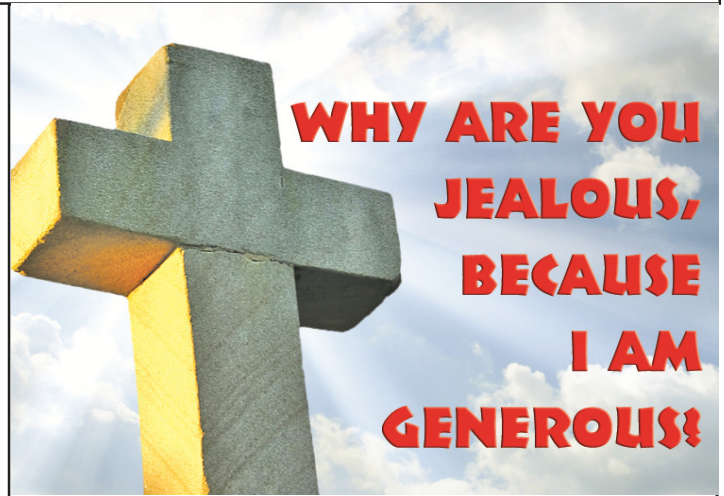
So, what are the profound truths behind today's parable? I see at least three. The first is **God's generosity** especially when it comes to offering the gift of salvation. The same salvation first offered to the original descendants of Abraham in the Old Testament (the pre-dawn hires) is, in Christ, now being offered to the Gentiles who have no historical connection to Abraham or the promised blessings (cf. salary) – these are the late hires. The second truth is that **God's unmerited favor and mercy**. The parable would be even clearer if it stated that the amount each worker received was the equivalent of 10 year's salary! Whether one worked a full day or one hour, ALL would realize that NONE of them deserved what they received as compensation! Salvation is an unearned gift.

Finally, the parable's use of the term "hired" reminds us that we were not "sent" to this earth to work for ourselves. **All human beings** created in God's image **were meant to work for God**. Is this how you see yourself... living, working, and existing for God's sake, God's purposes and God's glory? Imagine being a business owner with employees that, although receiving a check every two weeks, were literally unaware that they worked for you? In God's case it's not employees at issue but his own children. You are one of them! Don't opt out of God's will and purpose for your life. Seek it out till you find it! After all, God is the most generous, benevolent, compassionate, forgiving and awe-inspiring Trinity of Persons that you could ever offer your life in service to. So, offer it...and be prepared to be amazed at all your life turns out to be!

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FATHER PAT'S SERMON PODCAST



Sunday, September 24, 2017

Scripture Readings

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Mt 21:28-32



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep	25	Louise Charles	- Living
Tues	Sep	26	Earline Linkins	- Living
Wed	Sep	27	Erika Sharon McManus	- Living
Thurs	Sep	28	Kenya Jenkins	- Living
Fri	Sep	29	Harriet Parker	- Living

Attendance 784



BIBLE STUDY

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



Girl Scouts.

GIRL SCOUT TROUP 3859

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

4th Annual "Read to Lead" Book Drive

Sunday September 24, 2017

10am - 6pm

Busboys and Poets Restaurant

2021 14th Street NW

Those who purchase books will receive 15% Off their total purchases.



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL
CAMPAIGN # 20000 +
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**THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH POOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL.**

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.



INTO THE DEEP
A Young Adult Retreat for
Discerning Faith in Daily Life
October 13-14, 2017

ADW Pastoral Center

5001 Eastern Ave, Hyattsville, MD

Featuring talks on daily prayer, discernment and how to listen to the voice of God

Lead by Fr. Mark Ivany and Msgr. Robert Panke

Cost \$20:00

SAVE THE DATE — Saturday, October 7, 2017

**The 4th annual
African Diaspora Day
Festival and Mass**

Saint Augustine Catholic Church
Mass—10:30am

Msgr. Ray East, Celebrant

Festival — 12:30pm—4:30pm

Gingras Parking Lot

Admission is Free



FOR A SURGE IN PRAYER
A Six Session Course on Prayer
October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18

The Secular Carmelite Community of Frederick, MD will present a fresh understanding of an active prayer life and an increased awareness of the need for prayer in the lives of all Christians. The sessions will be held on Saturday Mornings from 9:30– 11:30am in the Gingras Center. To RSVP please contact Dawn Keller at dmk6353@gamil.com.

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 Hincley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Kenya Jenkins
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Danielle Joy
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Elнора Lindsey
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
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



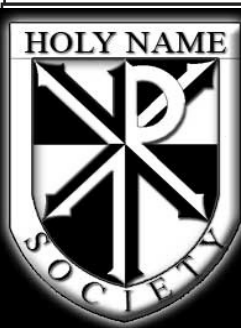
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



Save The Date
Holy Name Day of
Recollection
Saturday October 28, 2017
10:00am - 4:00pm
All men are welcome
Place to be determined

**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**