

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The Feast Epiphany of The Lord

A Severe Case of “Christo-phobia”!

The first announcement of the birth of Christ was a lot like the announcement of a new pregnancy. Some responded with ecstatic jubilation and others with horrific shock. When Herod received reports that a Savior was to be born in Bethlehem, his reaction was not “Comfort and Joy” but “Terror and Dread”! Realizing that his worst fears were realized, Herod acted immediately to neutralize this threat: And no child in Bethlehem less than two years old would be safe!

It would be easy for us to focus only on the fact that Herod was a bit of a paranoid mad man (ok, more than just a bit), but it is just as important for us to realize how much we are just like him. Why was he so afraid of the child born in a manger? He was afraid because by all reports, that child would grow up to be a King! But Judea already had a King... Herod! He knew that two Kings could not reign at the same time. One would have to go and Herod decided that it was going to be the other guy!

To the degree that you insist that you must remain in charge of your life, your future, your plans, etc... to that degree you too, like Herod, will find yourself battling with the Christ Child for your right to the seat on the throne of your heart. So, how far are you willing to go to win the battle? Herod's case of what one bishop recently called, “Christo-phobia” (the fear of Christ) was so severe that it would be a battle to the death. Herod would lose. Christ would win. You should take note.

Just as millions of mothers and fathers who first reacted to the reality of pregnancy with fear and dread, now point to the child they brought to birth as the greatest thing that every happen to them, so will we experience the Joy of letting Christ reign as Lord in our lives. We too will discover that we have nothing to fear when we, like the Magi, bow before him and give him homage and then “rise up in splendor” to announce to the world that our Light has come!

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Happy Feast of the Epiphany!



Sunday, January 7, 2018

Scripture Readings

The Epiphany of The Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2: 1-12

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Times

1 Sm 3:3b-10-19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan	8	Beatrice Alexander	-Living
Tues	Jan	9	Philip Cephas	-Living
Wed	Jan	10	Gertina Sims	-Living
Thurs	Jan	11	Frances Gulston	-Living
Fri	Jan	12	Mary Smith	-Living

Attendance

830



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on
Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CELEBRATION — Saturday, January 13, 2018

Join us for a movie screening, discussion and liturgy celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The movie screening will be of “13th” a Netflix documentary by Ava DuVernay. The film explores the “intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States”.

Movie Screening: 1:30 – 3:30 PM, Rosemont Room

Discussion: 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Rosemont Room

Praise and worship: 4:30 PM Featuring
Archdiocese of Washington Gospel Mass Choir

Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM — Celebrant, Most Reverend Roy Campbell
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington



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Feast of The Epiphany

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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.



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END OF YEAR DONATION

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www.staug-dc.org or post marked by December 31, 2017 count toward your 2017 tax return. You can mail donations to Fr. Patrick Smith, Pastor, at Saint Augustine, 1419 V Street NW, Washington, DC 20009



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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
Monique Clarke
Ernestine Coghill Howard
Emy-Lou Daley
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Cathryn Gartmann
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
Eden Ingram
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Charles Jackson
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Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
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Juanita Towns
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Lillian Vaughn
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Betty Washington
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Virgil Lofty, Catherine Mason, Royal Robinson,
Darrin E Tanner (*brother of Tracey Tanner*)



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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