

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Third Sunday In Ordinary Times

It's Me God, At Your Service!

When God chose to create the heavens and the earth he made men and women his crowning achievement. He's been preoccupied with us ever since! Of all of God's creation, human beings are the only part of it that he made capable of entering into a relationship with Him. Put another way, while God loves all that he has made, human beings are the only part of creation that can love him in return...or not. When people ask, "Why did God give us free will by which we can inflict such suffering and cruelty on one another?" They are operating from the wrong premise. God didn't make us free so we would do evil; he made us free that we might choose the good. Since God is the first and highest good, then we can conclude that God gave us free will with the desire that we might love Him first and foremost. But whether we will live our lives to fulfill His desires or live only to satisfy our own, is precisely our choice to make.

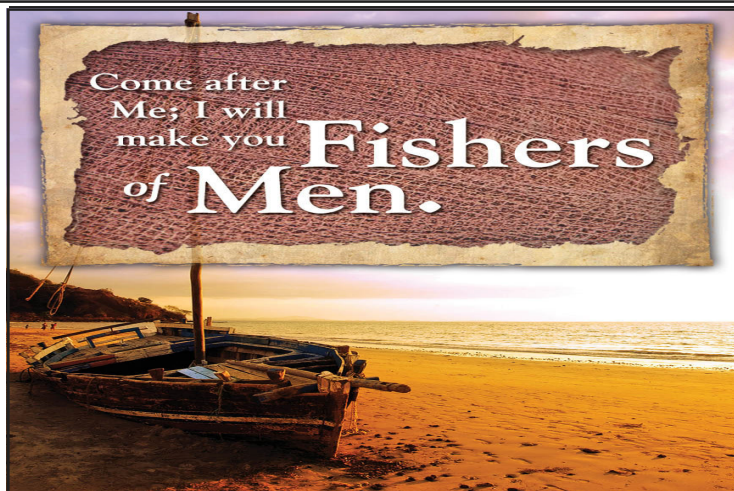
So, "the word of the Lord came to Jonah" instructing him to go to the people of Nineveh to warn them of their impending doom. Jonah had other plans and told God, "No!" He decided to take a cruise instead. It was at this point that all hell broke loose. A storm broke out, a crisis ensued. His dream vacation quickly became a nightmare...for him and for those around him! Everyone on the boat was in danger of drowning for no fault of their own. So, Jonah filled the crew in: "For I know that this great storm has come upon you because of me" (Jonah 1:12).

God called Jonah to join him in the mission to save the people of Nineveh. His "no" brought disaster to himself and others. Later his "yes" would bring blessing and deliverance. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples to join him in his saving mission. Their "yes" would not be easy nor come without great sacrifice. But after more than 2000 years people are still benefitting from their willingness to accept Jesus' invitation to follow him. When we freely chose to put our lives at the service of God's will, God's way, God's word and God's work; when we make God and the building of his Kingdom our daily preoccupation, then we become a saint-in-progress rather than a disaster in the making!

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Sunday, January 25, 2015

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:15

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan	26	Florence Matthews	- Living
Tues	Jan	27	Charles Edwards	- Living
Wed	Jan	28	Kevin Toland	- Living
Thurs	Jan	29	Philip Cephas	- Living
Fri	Jan	30	Elizabeth Carter	- Living

Attendance



Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.

SAVE THE DATE — January 25-31, 2015



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Saint Augustine School
celebrates
Catholic Schools Week
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information.

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE PARISH POOR FUND
NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

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Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2014-2015 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact the School Office at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org



Cardinal's Appeal 2015 A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese **to deliver needed ministries and services.**

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
William Barksdale
Frances Brooks
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Roscoe Campbell
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Vincent Clarke, Sr.
Annie Cole
Tommie Cunningham
Pauline Dines
Susan Epps
Charles Edwards
Richard B. Fowler
Barbara Ferguson
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Thelma Givens
Charlene Gordon
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston
Grace Hansberry
Brian Harvey

John Harris
Patricia Herndon
Jeanne Hincley
Deborah Jackson
Betty Johnson
Eleanor Johnson
Paul Joy
Benjamin Kilgore
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Edna Mills
James McNamara
Leona Miller
Sylvia Monroe
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Theresa Purcell
George Queen
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Fran Robertson
Lisa Rivera
Ruby Roberts
Lydia Raynor

Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
Kathleen Simms
George Simmons
Mary Smith
Zedekiah Smith
Donnie Stewart
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Esperanza Walker
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Shantell Whitaker
Lillie White
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



Please 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.



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