

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Times

### Do You Have a Heart Condition?

Heart Disease is a broad term used to describe a range of diseases that affect the heart. It's also a leading cause of death in this country. The psalm for today speaks of another type of heart ailment that is a leading cause of spiritual death: the hardened heart. The psalm exhorts us: **"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts"**. When is the last time you had a checkup; a spiritual cardiogram? Do you know the condition of your heart?

Like Moses, God calls us to be prophets who not only speak, but live, his message of truth, love and salvation. He calls us to **"adhere"** to his will **"without distraction"** (1 Corinthians 7:35). But you have to have the heart for such a mission. When we discover that our hearts are not right; that there are spiritual abnormalities or irregularities present, then we must be willing to undergo emergency surgery at the hands of the most gifted Surgeon. His hospital may be the Mass, the confessional, a session with your spiritual director, or your prayer corner at home. His scalpel is a double-edged sword, and the Surgeon is the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). We must "lie on the table" as it were, in a position of trusting surrender and take his Word to heart. It will change us, heal us, deliver us and prepare us if we let it. This surgery is to re-shape our hearts to be more like the heart of Jesus.

Jesus' heart was anything but hardened when it came to his relationship to his heavenly Father. This is why God's work through him was so effective, powerful and unmistakable. **"What is this...? He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him!"** the people exclaimed (Mark 1:27). God's work in and through us, as members of the Church, can be no less powerful and effective if our ears are attuned to his voice and our hearts are receptive to his will. **"I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, and he will perform even greater works..."** (John 14:12). This is to me, one the most astonishing verses in the New Testament: that we could perform even greater works than Jesus did! Jesus knows his Daddy pretty well! God can even outdo himself in someone with a willing heart. Is this you? Are you that someone? How's your heart?

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He speaks with  
**AUTHORITY**

Sunday, February 1, 2015

### Scripture Readings

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jb 7: 1-4, 6,7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Feb	2	Royal Robinson	- Living
Tues	Feb	3	Richard B. Fowler	- Living
Wed	Feb	4	Barbara Ferguson	- Living
Thurs	Feb	5	Charlene Gordon	- Living
Fri	Feb	6	Frances Gulston	- Living

Attendance

1135



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

*First Friday Devotion*  
Friday, February 6, 2015



8:15 am Mass  
12:10 pm Mass  
6-7pm Adorations  
Benediction 7:15pm  
Mass 7:30pm

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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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](mailto: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.



### National Day of Prayer

Today, Sunday February 1, 2015 we celebrate the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for the prayer.



### SHARE Packages

SHARE Packages for the month of February are now on sale at the Ushers' Table.

### It's That Time of Year Again!



Yes, it's Girl Scout Cookie Time! Troop 3859 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies beginning the weekend of February 14-15, 2015 after all Masses. Cookies are still \$4.00 per box. The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches Girl Scouts skills to grow into leaders in their own life, in business, and in the world. We thank Saint Augustine Parish for their continued support of Girl Scouting.

## 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 Hinckley  
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

### Sincere Thank You!

Joyce and I extend our thanks for all the love and support you gave us with the passing of my father, Frank. Your personal wishes, cards, prayers, visits, blessings, gifts, assistance, and donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor mean so much to us and to Dad's entire family. Know that you are in our prayers. Let us continue to celebrate the gift of life and of our faith. *Love Never Fails.* (1st Corinthians 13:8) Deacon Richard F. Kelly



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**SUNDAYS FROM 9AM-4PM**  
**REEVES CENTER**  
**U STREET AT 14TH STREET NW**  
**ENTER ON U STREET**

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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 more.

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