

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Third Sunday in Lent

“Lord, Make Yourself at Home!”

Today we read the Ten Commandments. Some of us – at least in practice – often treat them as the “Ten Suggestions”! The truth is that even the best of us struggle to let God be in charge and are reluctant at times to acknowledge his authority in and over our lives. Today’s Gospel illustrates this: God’s people find keeping the Sabbath most inconvenient and believe that they have far better things to do with their time than spend it worship God! Jesus, in no uncertain terms, challenges this notion when he arrives to the Temple (or as he calls it: “*My Father’s House*”!) and encounters the money changers and others looking to make a few extra bucks for themselves. Jesus decides enough is enough. It is God’s right to receive and our duty (and our salvation) to offer God the thanks and praise (worship) that is his due. God’s Temple must be respected and its true dignity restored. After all, God Temple is Holy. And guess what? You are that Temple! The **zeal** that spontaneously consumes Jesus with shocking resolve is not for a Temple of brick and mortar but for temples of flesh and blood formed by His hands: You and me. So, let us be clear: God’s interest is not in fighting *against* you. No, He wants to fight for you!

So, today you are invited to end the resistance! Call off the rebellion. Let God in; let Him take charge. Let him go to battle for you! But this requires you to acknowledge your sinful ways and repent of them. When you allow this healthy remorse to affect you then the process of renewal and “**Temple restoration**” can begin. And what gets renewed? Your baptism; that is, your graced identity as a child of God. This Lent God wants to help you resume living out your baptism. He wants to restore what you became that great day when you were born again by water and the Holy Spirit: the day you became God’s Holy Temple! So, the next time you recognize Christ knocking on the door of your heart you can lower the shades and pretend that no one is at home or you can open the door and say, “*Come on in, Lord, and make yourself at home!*”

Father Patrick A Smith ©2012 [Originally titled: “Relent, Repent, Renew”]

See Fr. Pat’s Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>



Sunday, March 8, 2015

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13:16

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16

Eph 2: 4-10

Jn 3:14-21



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	9	Fuanmbai Turay	- Deceased
Tues	Mar	10	Esperanza Walker	- Living
Wed	Mar	11	Cecilia Kondo	- Deceased
Thurs	Mar	12	Angelina Arnold	- Living
Fri	Mar	13	Willis Thomas	- Living

Attendance 737



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



*Saint Augustine Lenten Mission will
be held on
March 9-11, 2015 at 7pm
in the Church. For more information
see the insert in the bulletin*

*A Lenten Repast will be held in the
School Cafeteria at 6pm.*

3rd Sunday of Lent

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR RENOVATION FUND
 NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR POOR FUND

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

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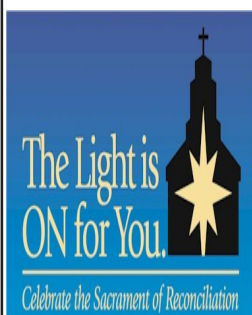
Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2015-2016 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

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr. Beatrice Alexander Donovan Anderson William Barksdale Frances Brooks Mary Burgan Williams Burgan Andrew Burton Angela Callighan 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 Emily Hill Jeanne Hincley Deborah Jackson 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	Doris Silas Gertina Simms Kathleen Simms George Simmons Mary Smith Zedekiah Smith Donnie Stewart Willis Thomas Angela Tilghman Juanita Towns Selma Twitty Hayden Vaughn Lillian Vaughn Terry Vaughn Esperanza Walker Shirley Ward Betty Washington Lillie White Bernice Williams Teresa Wilkinson Lozzie York
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The Light is On You!
 During Lent all Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese will be open for confessions and quiet prayer every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Church.



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.



Stations of The Cross

Every Friday after the 12:10 pm Mass and at 7:30pm in the Church.



Congratulations to the Saint Augustine Boys JV Basketball Team!
 They won the City Championship two years in a row!



Girl Scout Cookie Time!
 The Saint Augustine Girl Scout Troop 3859 will be selling cookies after all Masses for the next four weeks. Please support our troop.



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

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 more.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS?
 RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.

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