

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## Palm Sunday

### The Message in the Broken Jar

There are many characters in the passion story that we read today. There's Peter, Judas, the other disciples, Pilate and the crowds for and against Jesus. There are Scribes and Pharisees, brutal soldiers and even a strange young man who runs away naked into the night. There are the women who came up from Jerusalem and the wealthy man from Arimathea who donates his own tomb for Jesus's burial. Most are not very good examples of the endurance and trust that faith requires. In fact, most fail miserably. However, one passing figure who is barely noticed in the passion narrative is worthy of mention... and imitation. Her name is never mentioned, but her love for Jesus and trust in his words are absolute and unwavering; a striking contrast to all of the others just mentioned.

*"A woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on (Jesus') head."* We are further informed that the oil she had was worth more than 300 days wages: Nearly a year's salary! But she didn't just offer some from the jar to Jesus or even half or even most – no, she broke the jar open. She was not taking anything back home with her. She was surrendering all to him. She was not going to ration her trust; her praise or her commitment to him. She was all in; her mind was made up; there was no turning back from this point on. There would be no "following at a distance" for her, like Peter after Jesus was arrested. There would no empty gesture of friendship for her, like Judas' kiss of friendship that was really just an act... an act of betrayal. For her there would be no grand speeches of loyalty like Peter and the disciples after the Supper that would, in the end, turn out to be fleeting promises that would prove untrue. There would be no running in terror into the night for her, when the cost of discipleship was being collected. There would be no endless round of questioning of the Savior for her, like Pilate, the scribes and the crowds beneath the cross ("Why not save yourself?). No, her jar full of questions was no longer needed. She was thoroughly convinced that Jesus is the Savior for which she longed. Are you convinced yet?

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Sunday, March 29, 2015

### Scripture Readings

Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Easter

Acts 10:34a,37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20: 1-9



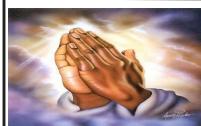
### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	30	Gilbert Parker, Sr.	- Deceased
Tues	Mar	31	Gilbert Parker, Jr.	- Deceased
Wed	Apr	1	Charles Edward	- Living
Thurs	Apr	2	Royal Robinson	- Living
Fri	Apr	3	Carolyn Matthews	- Living

Attendance 927



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



#### FAITH FOUNDATIONS: PRAYER

Need to know more about your faith? Want to grow closer to God? Join us for **Faith Foundations**. Offered through the Archdiocese, we are having at the Parish our next class on **PRAYER**, beginning on April 11 for four consecutive Saturday mornings. In prayer, the Christian humbly raises heart and mind to God as a response of faith and love to Christ who is our salvation. This course is designed to deepen appreciation of nature of Christian prayer and to explore the prayer of Jesus as the perfect model of prayer. So whether you are seeking to be certified as a Catechist, or simply want to know more about your faith for yourself and your family, come join us. Call Mrs. Bea Judon at 202 265-1470 for more details and to sign up.



**Palm Sunday**

**Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for our Parish School. Thank you for continued support.**

**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 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](mailto:admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org)

**Lenten  
Penance  
Service**



### **Lenten Reconciliation Service with Confessions**

*Saint Augustine will hold its Penance Service on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7pm in the Church. We will have several priests present to hear confessions.*



### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3859**

Thanks to the generosity of Saint Augustine parishioners, our troops concluded a very successful cookie season. Troop goals were not only reached but exceeded. Thank you for encouraging our scouts, purchasing cookies and making monetary donations. Cadette Troop 3859 will be delivering the donated cookies to the nuns who reside in the Oblate Sisters of Providence Health Care Unit. See you next cookie season.



### **PLANNED GIVING**

Registered parishioners have recently received a letter and brochure in the mail from the parish, encouraging them to consider naming St. Augustine in their will and estate planning. We've also inserted the brochure in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for considering this request from Fr. Pat, and please contact him at 202-265-1470 or [fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org](mailto:fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org) if you would like to discuss planned giving further.



### **HHCJ Feast Day Celebration**

The Congregation of Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus will celebrate their Feast Day on March 29, 2015 at the 10:00AM Mass. Light refreshments will follow in the Convent located at 2028 15th St, NW.

## **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  
Paul Joy  
Benjamin Kilgore  
Sedonia Labee  
Keats Labue  
Louisa Lee  
Mary Leonard  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Catherine Mason  
Florence Matthews  
Edna Mills  
James McNamara  
Leona Miller  
Sylvia Monroe  
Julius Oben  
Colelle Ogbee  
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  
Brenda West  
Lillie White  
Bernice Williams  
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.**



**PARK FREE  
SUNDAYS FROM 9AM-4PM  
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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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