

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

EASTER SUNDAY

Three Things Easter Tells Us

FAITH IS RELIABLE Death awaits everyone born into this world. Jesus was no exception. But death, which had gone undefeated for all of human history, would meet its match, once and for all, when it confronted God's only begotten Son. For "**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and Power**" (Acts 10:38). But our Easter celebration is not limited to a shout of "Congratulations!" to Jesus for rising from the dead, but a cry of "Halleluiah" that HIS victory over death is OUR entry into eternal life! The First Letter of John tells us: "**For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**" (5:4). Did you get that? OUR faith in the Victorious One is victory for us because we believe in him! For this reason we can sing with all faith and conviction: *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!*

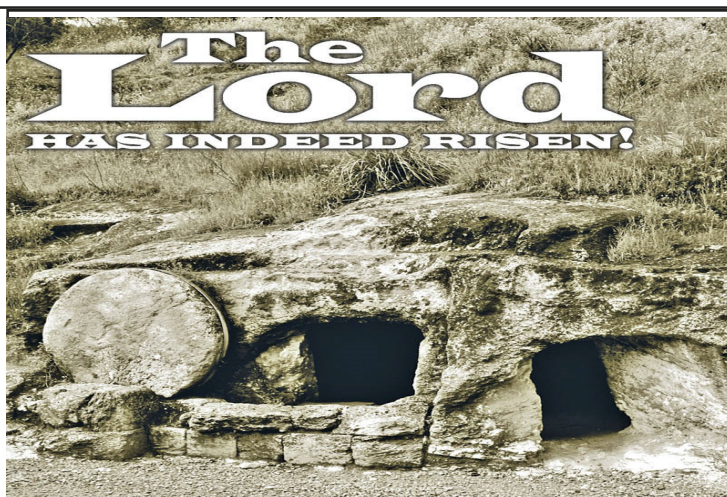
TRUE LOVE IS UNBREAKABLE "**For as of yet, they did not understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead**" (John 20:9). Do you understand that Jesus **had** to rise from the dead? Do you understand that the grave could not hold him; that your sins would not deter him; that your rejection would not discourage him; that your cruelty would not break him; or that your pride would not lessen his resolve to save you? Do you understand that true love is unbreakable, unshakable, indestructible, and incorruptible? Do you understand that Christ's love for you is "Death-proof" and "Sin-resistant?" If so, then you know why he HAD to come back from the dead; why he had to come back for you.

JOY IS INEVITABLE Easter Joy is no ordinary kind of joy. **It is a joy that comes precisely out of the experience of deep sorrow.** In fact you cannot experience the former (joy) without an experience of the latter (sorrow). It is the joy of approaching the tomb to anoint the deceased Savior and instead encountering him alive and speaking your name: "Mary!" (John 20:16). It is the joy of the soldier's parent who receives the dreaded "*We regret to inform you letter...*" who later picks up the phone and hears her son's voice because the letter was a mistake. Easter joy is an unexpected joy; a too-good-to-be-true joy; an "OMG! Can-you--believe-it?" joy; a "jump-up-out-of-your-seat-and-shout-from-the-roof-top" kind of joy! It's the experience of resurrection when we thought death had had the last say. It is the Joy of discovering that there is hope for you when you were **convinced** that all hope was lost. It's the ultimate Easter Gift that Christ died and rose that you might have: Knowing that while weeping endures for the night, JOY will come in the morning! Happy Easter!

Father Patrick A Smith ©2012 [revised original title: "Love, Joy, Victory"]

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Sunday, April 5, 2015

Scripture Readings

Easter

Acts 10:34a,37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20: 1-9

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr	6	Harriet Parker	- Living
Tues	Apr	7	Florence Braxton	- Living
Wed	Apr	8	Charles Edward	- Deceased
Thurs	Apr	9	Royal Robinson	- Living
Fri	Apr	10	Carolyn Matthews	- Living

Attendance 1341



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.

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Easter Sunday

**This Sunday's Second Collection will be for our Parish School. Thank you for continued support.
Next Sunday's Second collection will be for our Church Renovation Fund**

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

Wills and Estate Planning



Registered parishioners have recently received a letter and brochure in the mail from the parish, encouraging them 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 at fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org if you would like to discuss planned giving further.



SHARE Packages

SHARE Packages for the month of April are now on sale at the Ushers' table.



Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years on Sunday June 21, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the Parish Office by Monday, April 13, 2015.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The Spring Anointing of the Sick will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at the 10:00am Mass. Registration required. Sign-up Sheets are at the Ushers' Table in the back of the Church.

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 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 Labule Raymond Lane Louisa Lee Mary Leonard Bernadette Mahoney Catherine Mason Florence Matthews 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 Brenda West Lillie White Bernice Williams Teresa Wilkinson Lozzie York
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Please Pray for Our Dead
**Charles Edwards, Edna Mills, Cathryn Francher,
Mother Marcellina Brooks**



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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