

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Third Sunday of Easter

Repent and be Converted

All of the resurrection appearances we are reading throughout the Easter season are seeking to convince us of one thing: Jesus is alive. That's why we even see the Lord munching on a fish sandwich in today's Gospel! The point is it was really him! Every exhortation in the New Testament is predicated on our belief of the truth that he lives. So, whether we are being exhorted to "repent" or "be holy" or "keep the commandments" or "follow me", belief in the truth that Jesus is with us, lives in us, and goes before us is essential. For there is no Christian life without Christ; no change of heart without his power; and no new starts, if his life ended in the grave.

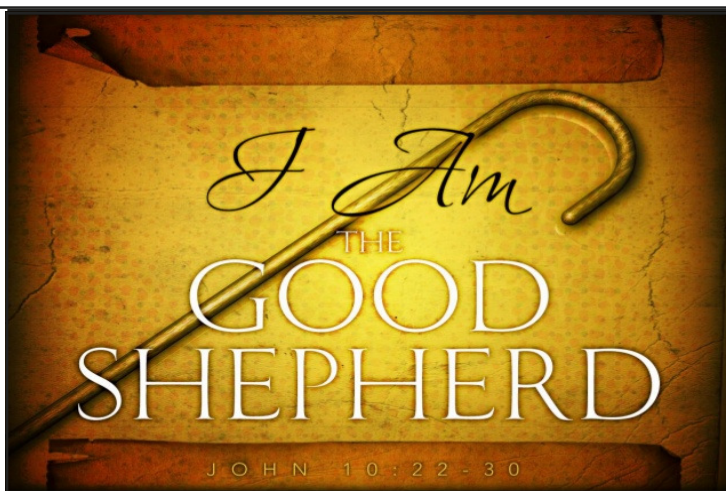
The scriptures today speak of both the need for repentance and the necessity of a subsequent conversion of heart. In other words, repentance and conversion while very much related, is not the same thing. Repentance is turning away from something (sin) and conversion is turning toward something (Christ). The second reading today says: *"My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one" 1 John 2:1*. In other words, if you are stuck in sin, you don't have to stay stuck! You have a redeemer, a rescuer, an antidote to this deadly spiritual disease! But since the goal of the Christian life is not "just say 'no'" to sin, but to also say 'yes' to a new way of living (made possible by Him who overcame the tomb), then repentance is not enough!

Repentance involves the conscious choice to end a love-affair with self. Conversion is the choice to begin a love affair with God. So, conversion has not necessarily occurred just because you stop doing wrong but when you start living for God. When pleasing God matters more to you than pleasing anyone else, then you know that you have already receive the grace of conversion! Christ's impact on your life is real. This grace, which comes from encountering the risen Lord, brings about a change in you in the very depths of your being. This is why conversion is not something you do at all, but something that you seek and then allow to happen to you! During these 50 days of Easter, ask for the grace of conversion. Jesus is dying (and rising) to give it to you!

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Sunday, April 19, 2015

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24: 35-48

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr	20	Edna Mills	- Deceased
Tues	Apr	21	Kim Stoutamire	- Living
Wed	Apr	22	Selma Twitty	- Living
Thurs	Apr	23	Catherine Mason	- Living
Fri	Apr	24	George Simons	- Living

Attendance 792



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



Wedding Banns

Miss Margaret Wasaff of Washington, DC and Mr. Brian Kram of Takoma Park, Md are schedule to be married this May, 2015. Please remember them in your prayers.

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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This Sunday's Second Collection will be for our Parish Poor Fund. Thank you for 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

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
Eleanor M Johnson
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
Juanita Toms
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Esperanza Walker
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Lillie White
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



SODALITY BAKE SALE

The Sodality will hold its Spring Bake Sale and Silent Auction on Sunday, April 26 after all Masses. The proceeds will go to the Infirmary of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the various projects of the Sodality.



The parish is seeking a web manager who will be responsible for managing and maintaining the parish website. This role requires a strong understanding of and demonstrated expertise in web content development, website usability, and some basic development and design skills. To view the responsibilities and communicate your interest visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/93T6G5V>. There is a monthly stipend that will be offered for this role. For more information contact Brian Loebig at webmaster@loebigink.com.



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.



Are you a brick mason?

If so, there is a Boy Scout that is doing his Eagle Scout project at the Parish and could use your help for a small project. Please contact Mrs. Johnson at 301-742-0471 if you can help.

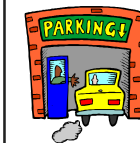


Please Pray for Our Dead
Kim Stoutamire

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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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 - 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.**

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