

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Discipleship: You Have to Be One to Make One

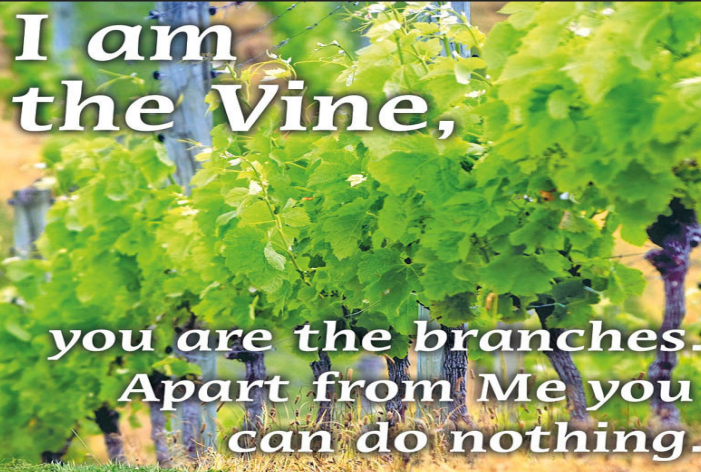
On first hearing that the Pharisee, Saul, who had earlier been described as **"breathing murderous threats"** against Christians, had become a believer, the faith Community was understandably skeptical and fearful of Saul. But this would change dramatically when they heard credible testimony that Saul himself **had** changed... dramatically! The Apostle Barnabas told them that Saul had seen the Lord himself; spoken to Him personally; defended him publically and even suffered for Him. With THAT, the raging debate about Paul's authenticity as a follower of Jesus came to an abrupt end.

What about you? You have probably heard the question: **"If you were accused of being a disciple of Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"** It's a question worth pondering. Saul, who soon took the name Paul, realized that he was never FREEER than when he surrendered his whole life to the Person of Jesus Christ. Several times in his letters he even goes so far as to describe himself as a **"slave of Christ Jesus"**(Romans 1:1). This concept is very consistent with the words of Jesus who says that He is the Vine and we are the branches; apart from him we can do nothing! Bound to him we are FREE to be all that he calls us to be. Disconnected from Him, we are incapable of anything; which is the opposite of freedom. Are you free to forgive? Are you free to keep the commandments? Are you free to keep your promises? Are you free to stop drinking or drugging? Are you free to turn off your computer or your cell phone? Are you free to ask for help if you need it? Are you free to abandon your plans to embrace God's will for your life? Are you free to face your fears, your issues, your past, or the future? Are you free to be an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ? Well, maybe the jury is still out. If so, then it's not too late yet. You still have time to decide. But remember, tomorrow is not guaranteed. Something or someone will rule in your life. The Risen Lord invites you to let it be Him so that you can REALLY know what it means to be fully alive... and truly FREE!

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

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Sunday, May 3, 2015

Scripture Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	4	Doris Williams	- Living
Tues	May	5	Leona Miller	- Living
Wed	May	6	Pauline Dines	- Living
Thurs	May	7	Sylvia Monroe	- Living
Fri	May	8	Inez Gaskins	- Living

Attendance 860



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



Wedding Banns

Miss Katherine Metres of Washington, DC and Mr. Michael Akbarare are scheduled to be married this June, 2015. Please remember them in your prayers.

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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5th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's Second Collection will be for our Parish School. Thank you for your 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-K-3, 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

Vincent Brooks Award Nominations



For the past 34 years, on Trinity Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Council has awarded dedicated parishioners the Vincent Brooks Award. This award highlights a persons loyal dedication to a ministry(ies) and has given their time, talent and treasures as a servant leader in the Saint Augustine community.

We are looking for nominations of such parishioners between now and Sunday, May 10. There are nomination forms, list of past awardees and ballot box, at the table in the back of the Church by the parking lot entrance. Though we know these parishioners are not looking for an award or praise, it's always nice to publically say "Thank You, I appreciate what you have done!" The award will be presented on Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Web Manager Needed



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.



Holy Name Society Breakfast

The Holy Name Society will hold its Annual Breakfast honoring the Eighth Grade Graduating Class of Saint Augustine School on Sunday, May 17 at 9:30am in the Saint Augustine Room. Tickets are \$15.00. Please see a member of the Holy Name Society for tickets.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Donovan Anderson
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Frances Brooks
Eunice Brown
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 Hinckley
Deborah Jackson
Eleanor M. Johnson
Paul Joy
Benjamin Kilgore
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Norma Mapp
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
James McNamara
Leona Miller
Sylvia Monroe
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
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 Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Esperanza Walker
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
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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Eagle Project at Saint Augustine Parish

Congratulations to parishioner and Boy Scout Evan Johnson of Boy Scout Troop 1559! Evan successfully completed his Eagle Scout Project last Saturday, April 25. He chose to take on the "Brick Garden" in front of the Gingras Center that has been in disrepair and an eyesore for nearly two decades! Evan approached Fr. Smith several months earlier and indicated he wanted to do his project at his parish despite the distance from his home in Bowie, MD. We offer a big "THANK YOU!" to Evan and his fellow Scouts for a job well done!

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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