

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Pentecost Sunday

Come Holy Spirit! Kindle in us the Fire of your Love!

On the day of Pentecost tongues of fire came to rest on each one of those gathered in the Upper Room. Every believer is generously imparted with the life-changing gift of the Holy Spirit to do the earth-shaking work of God.

We celebrate today that God has granted us the power, The Holy Spirit, to embrace the mission Christ has given the Church. But we must be willing to surrender to it and be purged by it if we are ever to know the depths of God's presence in our midst. First, there's **surrender**. Christian living begins with a humble acknowledgement: *I can't... but God can*. I can't save myself or anyone else, but God can. I can't change the world, but he can. I am weak but he is strong. I know only a little, he knows all. He is the Shepherd, and I must listen and follow. His will trumps mine.

Then there is the need to be **purged** by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is described as fire, but He's is no ordinary fire. On Mount Sinai, Moses encountered a burning bush... sort of. It was on fire.... but it was not being consumed! Like gold in a furnace, the fire purifies but does not destroy the gold. The only thing the fire destroys is everything that is **not** authentically gold. In the same way, opening your hearts to the Fire of the Holy Spirit will purge everything that is not authentically YOU! The pure YOU will be the result. That is, you, without the paralyzing fears, the longtime resentments, the crippling emotional wounds, the enslaving addictions, the selfish attitudes, and the out-of-control ego.

When we surrender to the Spirit of God and allow him to work on us and purge us of that which hinders our ability to grow in faith then we discover the experience of Pentecost for ourselves just as Paul described it in his Letter to the Romans: "...the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (5:5). You see, our God is not only a Consuming Fire (Hebrews 12:29) but a Perfect Love (1 John 4:16-18) that conquers our every fear!

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Receive the Holy Spirit.



Sunday May 24, 2015

Scripture Readings

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	25	George Queen	- Living
Tues	May	26	Mary Burgan	- Living
Wed	May	27	William Burgan	- Living
Thurs	May	28	Sherry Evans	- Living
Fri	May	29	Selma Twitty	- Living

Attendance 821



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



SAVE THE DATE — Chorale Anniversary Concert

The Saint Augustine Chorale is celebrating one hundred forty-two years of ministry rich in Catholic and African American traditions with a special Anniversary Concert, entitled "I Come With Joy", on Sunday, June 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. Under the direction of Samuel E. Cromwell, the Chorale will perform spirituals, anthems, and hymns that celebrate our faith. We invite you to come and experience the joy of the risen Christ with us.

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Pentecost Sunday

**This Sunday's Second Collection will be to support for the Parish Poor Fund.
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St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

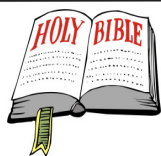
SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

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



Faith Foundations — Sacred Scripture

Join us for the study of Sacred Scripture with the Archdiocese of Washington at Saint Augustine parish. The class, led by Michael Howard, will be held for 4 consecutive Saturdays: June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 9:00am—12:30pm in the Science Lab at St. Augustine School. To register, contact Ms. Judon at 202-265-1470. Cost: \$29 (catechist—\$20). For more information, please visit: www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw.

TRINITY SUNDAY— May 31, 2015



Trinity Sunday Committee will host a picnic on Sunday, May 31, after the 12:30pm Mass. Please come out for good fun and fellowship. A continental breakfast will be held after the 8am and 10am Masses in the school cafeteria.



Sunday School Closing Picnic May 31, 2015

The Sunday School will hold its closing picnic on Sunday, May 31.

All Sunday School families are invited.



Farewell to Deacon Kelly June 6, 2015

The parish will say farewell to Deacon Richard Kelly after all Masses on Sunday, June 6 in the Saint Augustine Room in the School.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| 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
Sherry Evans
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
Lita Majors
Dorthea Makle
Norma Mapp
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
James McNamara
Leona Miller
Sylvia Monroe
Alpha Macnas
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 |
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Please Pray for Our Dead Rev Cyprian Davis

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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**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS?
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