

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing God in the Midst of our Mess!

Perspective matters. Every day we open our eyes and then act according to what we see. What you see or perceive may frighten you, anger you, inspire you, make you laugh or make you burst into tears! In the first reading today from the Prophet Habbakuk the problem was not simply what the prophet was seeing around him but also what he wasn't seeing. What he saw was violence, misery, destruction and discord. What he wasn't seeing was God doing anything about it: **"How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene."**

God in fact does acknowledge and respond to the prophet's cry but not in a way he expects. He tells him this: **"Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late"** (2:2-3). God had given the prophet a vision of a future that looked very different than the present state of things; a future filled with promise, hope and peace. But all he was seeing with his natural eyes was misery and strife and the accompanying feeling of despair that inevitably follows! **"Write down the vision!"** God insisted, **"so that one can read it readily."** Why write it down? Have you ever taped a bible verse or inspirational saying or even a photograph on your bathroom mirror or some other place that you knew you would come across each day? If so, now you get why God told the prophet to not only write down the vision but keep it somewhere that it would be readily available at a moment's notice! For instance, when the sight of your present misery is beginning to overwhelm you!

"Increase our faith!" Jesus' followers exclaimed. Faith is spiritual sight; the supernatural ability to see the invisible God at your side, in your heart, shoring you up, fighting your battles and having your back! It is also the ability to see what God can do when he is invited into hopeless situations and seemingly impossible circumstances. Christian ministry is seeing God's vision and working to bring it about in the here and now. Faith is not optional. We can never lose sight of God who never loses sight of us!

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INCREASE OUR



FAITH!

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Scripture Readings

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Oct	3	Lillie White	- Living
Tues	Oct	4	Valerie Moyo	- Living
Wed	Oct	5	Dolores Martineau	- Deceased
Thurs	Oct	6	LaToya Garvey	- Deceased
Fri	Oct	7	Rev. John F. Payne	- Deceased

Attendance 810



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on every Wednesday, at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



First Friday Devotion
Friday, October 7, 2016

8:15am Morning Mass
12:10pm Mass

6:00pm Adoration
7:00pm Benediction & Mass

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This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish School. Thank you for your continued support.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations.

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 2016-2017 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.



SHARE

SHARE packages are now on sale at the Ushers' Table. See the Share Representative.



THANK YOU AGAIN!!

Troop 3859 thanks the wonderful and generous parishioners of Saint Augustine Parish. Again, you made our annual book drive an overwhelming success. Thank you Saint Augustine Parish for sharing the gift of reading with children in our parish and across the metropolitan area. See You Next Year!

LITURGICAL DANCE ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, October 23rd our Liturgical Dance Ministry will celebrate its 20 anniversary of ministering here in the church. This wonderful event will begin at 4:00 here in the main sanctuary. There is no admission fee, however a free will offering will be accepted. There will also be an anniversary booklet. If you are interested in placing an ad or just listing your name in the booklet please refer to one of our dance ministers.

Altar Server Training



Youth Altar Server



Training for new servers has begun on Saturdays at 9:30 in the Church. Youth who are in the third grade and up, and have received their First Communion are welcome to join.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Valerie Barrows
Althea Black
Frances Brooks
Norma Brown
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Ollie Mae Clark
Karen Dickerson
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Ann Lane Dressler
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Phil Gibson
Rev Charles Green
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston
Louise Harrison

Grace Hansberry
Brian Harvey
John Harris
Patricia Herndon
Emily Hill
Jeanne Hinckley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Malcom Jamison
Faye Jones
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCory
James McNamara
Sylvia Monroe
Arnetia Montague
Alpha Nectas
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Audrey Plaskett
Theresa Purcell

George Queen
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
Aise Simmons
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
Elliot Weaver
Lillie White
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York

Pray for our Dead



LaToya Garvey

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 SUNDAY
FROM 9am — 4pm
REEVES CENTER



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 Choir CDs

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