

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Oath, the Cross and the Poor

A few weeks ago I was at a restaurant that had a big screen TV and instead of airing the latest sports events or news - like it usually does; it aired the second presidential debate. Throughout the debate people began leaving in various degrees of frustration, indigestion and outright disgust. By the end of the 90 minute performance, with the exception of my table and one other, the restaurant had cleared out completely! The next time they will probably keep the channel on ESPN!

Why is there so much passion behind our elections: **Because people's lives are at stake!** For example, women and African Americans in this country fought valiantly and passionately for the right to vote to assure that there were people in public office that would advocate for their rights and well-being when goods and services were being allocated and laws were being promulgated. Those lives at stake span from one end of the life spectrum to the other: from those waiting to be born to those in need of special care in the twilight years of their lives! Lives being at stake is also the specific reason that an Oath of Office is required to serve in the Office of the President of the United States (By the way, Doctors, Lawyers, Judges, all members of the Armed Forces, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Witnesses in court swear oaths for the same reason). The oath is supposed to offer assurance that the men and women elected to office will defend the Constitution and the well-being of this country's citizens **with their very lives** if it comes to that - "**Swear to God!**" they exclaimed when they took that oath!

How many people in your lifetime have told you that they would die for you? Actually every elected official! But how many did you believe meant it or even understood it? Unlike our elected officials Jesus Christ didn't just say he would lay down his life for us, but actually did. The crucifix is proof that God keeps his word; his oath to us. It is also proof that - in the long and short run - it would be foolish to place our ultimate hopes on the shoulders of anyone else (including our elected officials) other than Christ. So we can be sure that when the Scriptures say as we echoed in today's Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord hears the cry of the poor** - that it means ALL OF THE POOR! NO candidate honestly makes this claim. In fact, each candidate will leave out vital members of our society during their term(s) of office but we, the Church, don't have that luxury! Whoever you vote for, you are morally obligated to be a voice for those cries that YOUR candidate of choice will not hear! For the Lord hears the cry of the poor - all of them! And we must be His witnesses!

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The publican returned home justified;



the pharisee DID NOT.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Scripture Readings

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2

2 Thes 1:11-2:2

Lk 19:1-10



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Oct	24	Ann Lane	- Deceased
Tues	Oct	25	Willis Thomas	- Living
Wed	Oct	26	Valerie Barrows	- Living
Thurs	Oct	27	Harriet Parker	- Living
Fri	Oct	28	Lozzie York	- Living

Attendance 907



BIBLE STUDY

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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Holy Name of Saint Augustine Church will hold its Annual Day of Recollection on **Saturday, October 29, 2016** from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Archbishop Carroll High School. Father Pat will lead the day of recollection. For more information see a member of the Holy Name Society.

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Poor Fund. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your continued 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 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.



ATTENTION GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES



If you work for the Federal or District Government or Private Agencies...

The United Way Workplace Giving Program, and the Combined Federal Campaign Program are two ways that you can personally contribute toward, and encourage co-workers to support our Parish School! Consider designating your contribution to St. Augustine Catholic School. Our CFC number is 20,000 and United Way number is 9670. The time for giving is now...and lasts until December. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish School.



SAVE THE DATE —
Sunday, December 4, 2016

Saint Augustine Gospel Choir
presents

“A GREAT PRAISE!”

The 39th Anniversary Celebration with
Special Guest
RICHARD SMALLWOOD

December 4th, 2016 at 5:00pm in the Church
Tickets \$20

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
Shelia Brooks
Norma Brown
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Ollie Mae Clark
Karen Dickerson
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Toni Fisher
Richard E. 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 Hincckley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
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 Nacnas
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Audrey Plaskett

Theresa Purrell
George Queen
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
Alise Simmons
George Simmons
Mary Smith
Zedekiah Smith
Donnie Thomas
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Esperanza Walker
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
William Waters
Elliot Weaver
Lillie White
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



Pray for our Dead

Anne Lane (Mother of Father Paul Dressler)



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

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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