

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### No Sleep Walking this Advent!

Every year we re-start the liturgical year with our four week celebration of Advent. It is a time of new beginnings and therefore a time of hope. Can you use some hope right now? Good! So can the rest of the world! By re-telling the story, starting from the beginning with the prophesies about the coming Messiah we are reminded that we are not the first people to have struggled with adversity, injustice, violence and war, sin and shame, disappointment and despair, suffering and even death. As God's people found encouragement and hope in Christ then, so we can find the same today. In this way the Advent season itself, signifies hope and second chances.

On this first Sunday of Advent we are exhorted to both "Stay Awake!" and to "Walk in the Light of the Lord!" Both matter. If we are awake but don't walk then we are just idealist who make no difference; talkers but not doers. If we walk but remain unaware of Christ presence or the needs of our sisters and brothers then we are just sleep walking and equally not very useful to anyone! We must wake up and see so that we can go forth and do.

We must "wake up" to the presence of God already in our midst and the voice of God speaking to our hearts then, we must acknowledge and worship him and seek his face, his word and his will on a daily basis. We must wake up to the compassion of God for our brothers and sisters who are suffering silently and alone, then, bear witness to God's care by reaching out to them to offer comfort and care. We must wake up to the justice of God for those unfairly deprived of life's basic necessities, human dignity and respect, then listen to them and advocate for their well-being. Finally, we must wake up to the mercy of God, and then take action to acknowledge and confess of our own sinful ways and offer amends when we can. Let us make the most of this Advent Season by taking to heart the words of the St Paul and the prophet Isaiah: *It is now the hour for you to awake from sleep; to throw off the works of darkness... and to walk in the light of Lord!*

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Sunday, November 27, 2016

### Scripture Readings

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-4

Mt 24: 37-44

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 2: 1-5

Rom 13: 11-14

Mt 24:37-44



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Nov	28	Lavern Bennett	- Deceased
Tues	Nov	29	Jim Eisele	- Deceased
Wed	Nov	30	Pauline Jones	- Deceased
Thurs	Dec	1	Inez Gaskins	- Living
Fri	Dec	2	Catherine Mason	- Living

### Attendance



### BIBLE STUDY

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

Eucharistic



Adoration

### First Friday Devotion

8:15am Mass

12:10pm Mass

6-7pm Adoration

7:10pm Benediction & Mass

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This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Parish Poor.  
 Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish School. 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.

## 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  
 Ernestine Coghill-Howard  
 Karen Dickerson  
 Pauline Dines  
 Theola Douglas  
 Susan Epps  
 Barbara Ferguson  
 Julie Fish  
 Toni Fisher  
 Richard B. Fowler  
 Daniel Galloway  
 Inez Gaskins  
 Charles Gathers  
 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  
 Eleanor Johnson  
 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  
 Arnetta Montague  
 Alpha Nacnas  
 Evelyn Norris  
 Julius Oben  
 Colette 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 Stewart  
 Willis Thomas  
 Juanita Towns  
 Selma Twitty  
 Hayden Vaughn  
 Lillian Vaughn  
 Terry Vaughn  
 Esperanza Walker  
 Shirley Ward  
 Betty Washington  
 William Waters  
 Elliot Weaver  
 Cynthia Wilkins  
 Bernice Williams  
 Teresa Wilkinson  
 Lizzie York



### SHARE

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



**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 \$20:00

### Pray for our Dead

Lavern Bennett  
 Jim Eisele



### 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

### ADVENT SERIES



Beginning this Monday, November 21, Father Steve Carter will lead those interested, in a series of Scriptural reflections for Advent. The name of the program is called **Arise in Christ**. We will meet in the Chapel of the Gingras Center at 1419 V Street NW at 7pm. It is a great way to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

### 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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