

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Don't Skip Out on God!

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we see a concerned and frightened Joseph being confronted with the unexpected, the unbelievable and the impossible. An angel from God appears and tells him extraordinary things beyond his comprehension: He has been favored by God along with his new wife and her newly conceived son. She has conceived this Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. He shall name him Jesus because he is the long awaited Messiah. Whoooaa! What is a simple carpenter to do with a message like this? Upon hearing of her pregnancy his first reaction was to divorce her quietly. Little did he know that to do so would have been to simultaneously forfeit his place in the unfolding drama of salvation history! Instead the angel offered a pertinent word of advice: "*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid!*"

In the end, despite his fears, Joseph embraced the Angel's message AND his call to be the husband of his newly betrothed wife. If he would continue to trust God even in the face of the impossible, then God would prove that he is worthy of such trust every step of the way. God needed his faith, and he placed it in him. God needed his willingness to cooperate with his grace, and he surrendered it (his will).

The fact is that F.E.A.R. (Flee Everything And Run) never works for us. It just keeps us stuck where we are and outside of the extraordinary experience of walking by faith and not by sight! That is, the life of a disciple of Christ. "*Fight the good fight of faith*" (1 Tim 6:12), St. Paul once said. Entering this fight is a decision, a choice; an act of the will. Will you choose to believe when things get hard or scary or tough? Or, will you just quit? Will you ask for help when you need it or keep being defeated on your own? Will you pray when you don't feel like it or praise God when things don't go your way? Will you make the extra effort even when you are tired? Will you do what's right even when no one is looking? Let us all learn from Joseph and not settle for the quiet divorce or the long-term separation from the amazing plans that God has for your life!

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Sunday, December 18, 2016

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

Christmas Day

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9_14



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec	19	Rick Middleton	- Living
Tues	Dec	20	Peter Davidson	- Deceased
Wed	Dec	21	Catherine Mason	- Living
Thurs	Dec	22	Lozzie York	- Living
Fri	Dec	23	Phillip Cephas	- Living

Attendance 785



BIBLE STUDY

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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:30PM Vigil Mass

Children's Choir

11:00PM Christmas Carols (Doors open at 10PM)

12:00 Midnight Mass

The Combined Choirs of St Augustine

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2016

8:15am, 10:00am 12:30pm Masses

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN #9670



4th Sunday Of Advent

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Poor 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 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.org

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| 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
Ernestine Coghill-Howard
Karen Dickerson
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fisher
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
Rick Middleton
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
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
William Waters
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lizzie York |
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SUPPORT

Saint Augustine School

Saint Augustine Students will be selling candy after each Mass.
The candy is \$1.00 a bar.



“Prepare the Way of the Lord”



Saint Augustine School Play
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
7:00pm

Tickets: Adults \$7 (in advance) \$10 (at the door)

Children (5-12) \$5 (in advance) - \$7(at the door).
For tickets and more information, contact the School at 202-667-2608

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

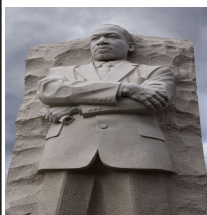


PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



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.

**SAVE THE DATE — Saturday, 1/14/17
2017 CONCERT AND LITURGY**



*“Out of the mountain of despair,
a stone of hope.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

4:00pm Concert — Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir

5:00pm Mass — Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

Saint Thomas Moore Catholic Church
4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC 20032



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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