

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Don't Be a Thinner!

There was a pastor who desperately wanted to have his church painted because it had been neglected for so long. His congregation which was very small had little money so he settled for the lowest bid. However, the pastor did make a point to purchase the highest quality paint he could find and fully expected that the painter may need him to order more to complete the job. However, to his surprise the job was done in record time and no second order for paint was ever submitted. When the pastor inspected the work he could clearly see why the painter never ordered more paint and demanded to meet with him. When he confronted the painter and accused him of diluting the paint to make it go further, the painter flatly denied it! With righteous indignation, the pastor raised his voice and said: *How dare you tell lies even in the House of God! You will one day have to give an account to God for your treachery!* Terrified, the painter fell to his knees, confessed his dishonest deed and then pleaded to the pastor: *What must I do to receive God's forgiveness?* The pastor replied, "RE -PAINT YOU THINNER!"

Each year on the Second Sunday of Advent we hear a similar exhortation (give or take a couple letters) from John the Baptist! But in addition to the call for sinners to REPENT, there is the call for the repentant to bear fruit! "**Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.**" John exclaimed. Being sorry is one thing. Repairing the wrong you have done when possible or otherwise making amends is another. In other words, true repentance is NEVER limited to an inner disposition of the heart! It leaves visible clues and outward evidence of what has taken place on the inside. This includes actually **confessing** sins aloud and **walking** in obedience to the Commandments God has given us.

When it comes to our faith we have to decide whether we want to live a watered down version ("Jesus-Zero") or the real thing? Do we want our salvation counterfeit or authentic; emotional or substantial; inspirational or life-altering? The Baptist leaves no doubt that the message of the Gospel comes to us 100 proof! Christianity-lite is clearly a human invention. May God give us the grace this Advent to quit thinning and start thumping for the Kingdom of God!

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See Fr. Pat's Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>

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SEE WEB PAGE FOR FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES AND LISTEN
TO FATHER PAT'S SERMON PODCAST



Sunday, December 4, 2016

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 2: 1-5

Rom 13: 11-14

Mt 24:37-44

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec	5	Ronald Wuorinen	- Deceased
Tues	Dec	6	Berkeley Wright	- Deceased
Wed	Dec	7	Winnifred Duncan	- Deceased
Thurs	Dec	8	Harriet Parker	- Living
Fri	Dec	9	Selma Twitty	- Living

Attendance



BIBLE STUDY

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

Eucharistic



Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

December 2, 2016

8:15am Mass

12:10pm Mass

6-7pm Adoration

7:10pm Benediction & Mass

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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2nd Sunday Of Advent

This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Parish School.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is an Archdiocesan Collection for the Retired Religious.

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.

"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

ADVENT SERIES

It is a great way to prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Beginning Monday, **December 5**, Father Steve Carter will lead the **Arise in**

Christa series of Scriptural reflections for Advent. We will meet in the Chapel of the Gingras Center at 1419 V Street NW at 7:00pm. Please join us!

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
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
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
Lozzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Winnifred Duncan
(Mother of Sandra Duncan Gunn)



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



Join SAYAA in celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Meet Thursday December 8th for 7pm Mass and afterwards join us at Piola on 14th for dinner. Please check the SAYAA Newsletter and Facebook for more details. RSVP at sayaadc@gmail.com

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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