

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Call me a Sinner or "Call me 'Cleopatra'..."

This Lent the Lord wants to lead you from darkness to light; from fear to faith; from sin to grace; from being stuck to being free and from being blind to being able to see! But the truth is that God cannot do any of this if you don't want him to! No one asks for help when they are convinced that they don't have a problem. We clearly see this illustrated by the Pharisees in today's Gospel after Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth. The Pharisees steeped in their self-righteousness reminds me of the line in a country and western song that says: "*Call me Cleopatra because I'm the queen of denial!*"

Throughout the Lenten season we have been announcing that "**The Light is on for You**" referring to the availability of the Sacrament of Confession on a more frequent basis each week. The degree to which we are blind to our own sins is the degree to which we will conclude that "the light is on" ... but for somebody else! Confession is an instant cure to our tendency to look past our genuine need for God's mercy. In fact the concept of a Jubilee Year of Mercy is irrelevant to the person in denial of his or her need to be forgiven.

But let's be clear: while the light of God's love exposes our sins (in order to cure them) it also exposes our holiness!! "**You were once darkness but now you are light in the Lord**" says Saint Paul to the Ephesians in today's second reading. We also read in the First Book of Samuel that when God looked for someone to anoint as king he saw exactly what he needed in the one son of Jesse that everyone else overlooked. In our blindness we not only overlook God we fail to see the best part of ourselves. Fortunately, even when we run from God, God doesn't lose us...that is, he doesn't lose sight of us! So if we are ever in his sight then we are never outside of his love or care. We must never forget this. Then, no longer blind to his mercy, we can finally "**live as children of the light**" (Ephesians 5:8).

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Sunday, March 6, 2016

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	7	Marlene Jackson	- Living
Tues	Mar	8	Charles Jackson	- Living
Wed	Mar	9	Royal Robinson	- Living
Thurs	Mar	10	Loretta Smith	- Deceased
Fri	Mar	11	Cecelia Afetu	- Deceased

Attendance

871



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday, in the School Cafeteria from 7:00pm- 8:30pm. All are welcome.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each Wednesday here in the Church from 6:30 – 8 p.m. This will also be the case at all Catholic Churches throughout the Archdiocese of Washington.

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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4th Sunday of Lent

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 Renovation 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.



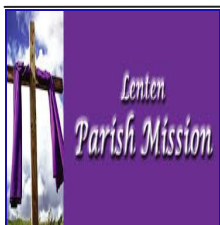
SHARE

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please joins us for Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:10pm Mass and at 7:00pm. Our special intentions on Friday, March 11, will be Hunger.



ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION March 7- 9, 2016

Mark your calendars to attend our Annual Lenten Mission beginning on Monday, March 7— Wednesday, March 9. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in the knowledge AND in the practicing of your faith especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy!

**YUP,
IT'S GIRL
SCOUT
COOKIE
TIME.**



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3859

Girl Scout Troop 3859 will be selling cookies in the back of the Church after all Masses. Thank you for your support!

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Valerie Barrows
Frances Brooks
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Ollie Mae Clark
Vincent Clarke, Sr.
Annie Cole
Tommy Cunningham
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Richard B. Fowler
Barbara Ferguson
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Thelma Givens
Rev Charles Green
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston

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 Labue
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Carolyn Matthews
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCory
James McNamara
Sylvia Monroe
Alpha Nacnas
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu

Harriet Parker
Theresa Purcell
George Queen
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
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
Lillie White
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



Pray for our Dead
June Beckwith (Sister of Jackie Smith)



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
U STREET AT 14TH
STREET NW**

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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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.**

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