

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Keeping God Close, Pushes Fear Away

The law of intimacy in relationships between persons is that people are either moving closer together or drifting apart. So, no relationships are stagnant. Our relationship with God is no different in the sense that it is a dynamic reality requiring our constant and deliberate attention, care, nurturing, energy and investment. This is what makes it exciting! The only way to be bored with God is to stand outside of him; to be disengaged and to keep your distance. This is why God is never bored with us – he is invested in our lives!

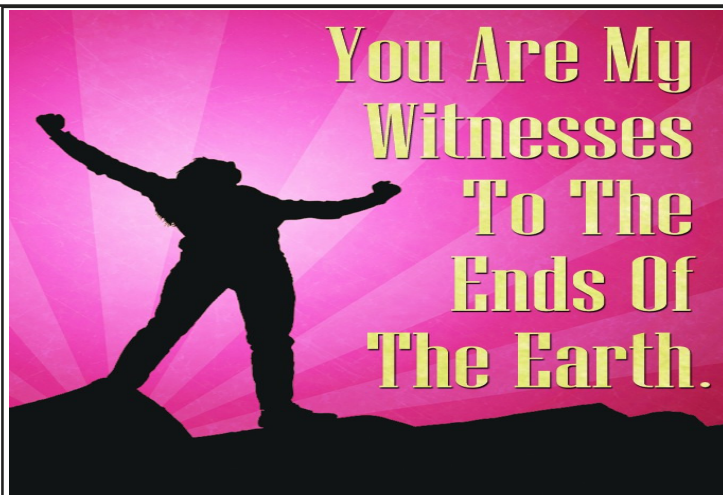
In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "**Whoever loves me will keep my word... whoever does not love me does not keep my words...**" (John 14:23, 24). Keeping God's word is the way we stay close to him and receive daily assurance that he dwells within us. Ignoring his word is the equivalent of "keeping our distance"! But all this is easier said than done. Maintaining healthy relationships, especially the most intimate ones, takes hard work! But it's worth it! During our weekly bible study last week we discussed Jesus' words in Luke's Gospel contrasting those who are "hearers" of the word and those who are "doers" of the word (Luke 6:46-49). I reminded those attending that even our time at bible study will only make a difference if we put the scriptures we study into action in our lives.

In fact, we shouldn't look at the bible as a book to be studied at all, but a Word to be encountered and a Savior to be embraced! It is not simply a source of information but a means of transformation when our hearts and minds are open to it! St Jerome who spent much of his life painstakingly translating the entire bible into Latin said this: "**Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ**". Jesus said that when we "keep" his word, he and the Father make their dwelling place within us. And it is then that we discover the capacity to heed Christ's words in today's Gospel: "**Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid**". You will not fear when you know that God is already here

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Sunday, May 1, 2016

### Scripture Readings

Sixth SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:1-2,22-29

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Rv 22: 12-14

Jn 17:20-26



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	2	John Wallace	- Deceased
Tues	May	3	Rev. Charles Green	- Living
Wed	May	4	For the unborn	
Thurs	May	5	For the end of abortion	
Fri	May	6	Grace Hansberry	- Living

### Attendance



### BIBLE STUDY

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



### Called & Gifted Workshop

A team from Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs will offer this day & half **Called & Gifted** workshop beginning on the evening Friday, May 20th and continuing on Saturday, May 21st. Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church. The cost is \$25.00.

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



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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@saint Augustine-dc.

**SHARE**



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



**A Men's Discernment Dinner**

The dinner will be held at St John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 5pm-8:30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians and other young men from Washington, DC area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you know of any men in your parish who would be interested in this event, please contact Fr. Carter Griffin, Direction of Vocations at 202-636-9020.

**Saint Augustine Catholic School  
Drama Club  
Presents**



On Friday, May 13 at  
Saturday, May 14 at  
Tickets: Adult \$10 Children (Ages 5-13) \$5  
Senior Citizens \$7

For tickets and more information contact  
Ms. Greene in the school office 202-667-2608



**SAVE THE DATE**  
May 27-28, 2016



Saint Augustine School will hold its  
3rd Annual Art Show.  
Stay tuned for more information.

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound**

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| Gwendolyn Adams<br>John Adams, Sr.<br>Beatrice Alexander<br>Francis Arnold<br>Ronald Ausbrooks<br>William Barksdale<br>Valerie Barrows<br>Frances Brooks<br>Mary Burgan<br>Williams Burgan<br>Andrew Burton<br>Angela Callighan<br>Elizabeth Carter<br>Phillip Cephas<br>Ollie Mae Clark<br>Vincent Clarke, Sr.<br>Annie Cole<br>Tommie Cunningham<br>Pauline Dines<br>Theola Douglas<br>Susan Epps<br>Richard B. Fowler<br>Barbara Ferguson<br>Daniel Galloway<br>Inez Gaskins<br>Charles Gathers<br>Thelma Givens<br>Rev Charles Green<br>Valencia Green<br>Robert Greenfield | Frances Gulston<br>Grace Hansberry<br>Brian Harvey<br>John Harris<br>Patricia Herndon<br>Emily Hill<br>Jeanne Hinckley<br>Deborah Jackson<br>Charles Jackson<br>Marlene Jackson<br>Malcom Jamison<br>Eleanor Johnson<br>Paul Joy<br>Sedonia Labee<br>Keats Labule<br>Raymond Lane<br>Louisa Lee<br>Mary Leonard<br>Bernadette Mahoney<br>Lita Majors<br>Catherine Mason<br>Carolyn Matthews<br>Florence Matthews<br>Floyd McCory<br>James McNamara<br>Sylvia Monroe<br>Alpha Nacnas<br>Evelyn Norris<br>Julius Oben<br>Colelle Ogbey | Eileen Ogu<br>Harriet Parker<br>Marguerite Parker<br>Theresa Purcell<br>George Queen<br>Ashley Redhead, Jr.<br>Royal Robinson<br>Lisa Rivera<br>Doris Silas<br>Gertina Simms<br>Alise Simmons<br>George Simmons<br>Mary Smith<br>Zedekiah Smith<br>Donnie Stewart<br>Willis Thomas<br>Juanita Towns<br>Selma Twitty<br>Hayden Vaughn<br>Lillian Vaughn<br>Terry Vaughn<br>Esperanza Walker<br>Shirley Ward<br>Betty Washington<br>Lillie White<br>Cynthia Wilkins<br>Bernice Williams<br>Teresa Wilkinson<br>Lozzie York |
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*Pray for our Dead*

**James D. Griffith (Father of Stephanie Gregg)**  
**Maureen Theresa Bowels-Burkett**



**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



**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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