

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

Feast of the Ascension

Called and Gifted ...To Lift up Others!

As a pastor people often ask me to intercede on their behalf by praying for them which I gladly do! But today, on this Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, we remind ourselves that we have the greatest and ultimate Intercessor in the ultimate place of authority to intercede on our behalf. I am merely the servant, Christ is the Master Intercessor!

By announcing that ALL authority and power in heaven and on earth belong to him, Jesus instills in his disciples an extraordinary confidence and limitless faith in what God can and will do through them. In other words, he's in charge! This means that our paralyzing fears, stubborn vices, crippling wounds, shameful past, and seemingly overwhelming challenges facing our world today no longer intimidate us or dominate our lives! For the One with all authority and power is prepared to share that power with us who put our trust in him! The Letter to the Ephesians puts it this way: ***May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know... what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us w h o b e l i e v e ...***

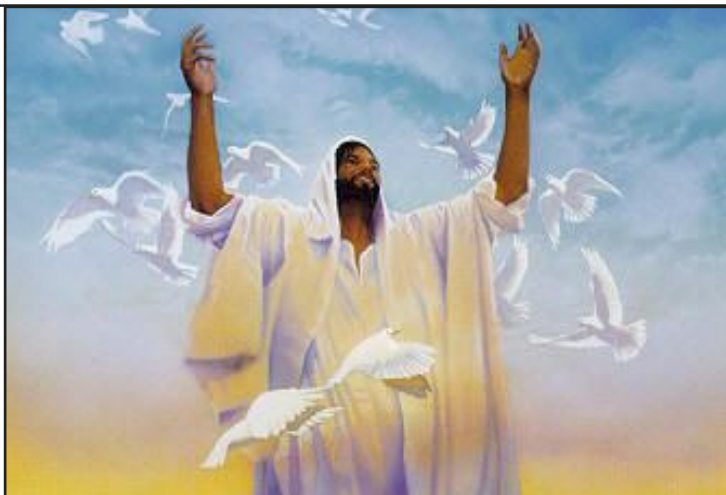
We must remember that when God raised up Jesus to glory this was not as an act of decapitation – the head from the Body! On the contrary, as believers in Christ we know with confidence that while ***“he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight”*** – that he was NOT ***out of their reach*** or out of their lives and hearts! You and I must be solid in this conviction as well! For he who was lifted up, in turn lifts us up and then calls us to lift up others! The world cannot afford us to pass on or shrink from this task of lifting up others or keeping our God-given gifts to ourselves. If we do, then it would be we who sever ourselves from Christ our head and we know the body cannot live without its head!

Instead let us celebrate today's feast by confidently taking up Christ's ongoing mission to ***“Go, ...and make disciples of all nations”*** knowing that he who ascended to heaven is also the one who promised ***“I am with you always, even to the end of the age!”***

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

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
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Sunday, May 8 2016

Scripture Readings

Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Luke 28:19a,20b

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	9	Harriet B. Parker	- Living
Tues	May	10	Mary Steffan	- Deceased
Wed	May	11	For the unborn	
Thurs	May	12	For the end of abortion	
Fri	May	13	Louise Harrison	- 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 ♦
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continued support. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

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**



Friday, May 13 at 7:00pm
Saturday, May 14 at 7:00pm
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

Gwendolyn Adams
 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
 Tommie 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
 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
 Carolyn Matthews
 Florence Matthews
 Floyd McCory
 James McNamara
 Sylvia Monroe
 Alpha Nacnas
 Evelyn Norris
 Julius Oben

Colelle Ogbey
 Eileen Ogu
 Harriet Parker
 Marguerite Parker
 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
 Esperanza Walker
 Shirley Ward
 Betty Washington
 Lillie White
 Cynthia Wilkins
 Bernice Williams
 Teresa Wilkinson
 Lizzie York



Pray for our Dead
George Drummond
George R. Randsford



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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