

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Why I can say, "T.G.I.F." Again!

I haven't said "T.G.I.F." or "Thank God it's Friday" since my ordination to the priesthood in 1990! Fridays went from being a day to wind down to a day to rev up and anticipate a busy Saturday of meetings, weddings, baptisms, funerals and weekend Masses! But a few years ago that all changed: The day I saw a plaque with the words: "T.G.I.F. – Thank God I'm Forgiven!"

Pope Francis began his pontificate by proclaiming to the world: "I am a sinner!" I think he did this so we wouldn't be afraid to admit the same! The Book of Proverbs gives us a hint as to why this matters: "**Whoever conceals his sins will not prosper**" (28:13). Psalm 32 from today's readings seems to agree: "**I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.**" Free from sin and guilt now the Psalmist could soar!

Forgiveness restores our hope because it cancels our past debts. Forgiveness recovers our confidence because it opens up new possibilities for a brighter and better future; a future we may have long decided could never be because of the bad choices of our past. Forgiveness is God's secret weapon for turning enemies into friends, sinners into saints, doubters into disciples; and the broken into believers! That's how Saul, the persecutor became Paul the Apostle; how Moses the murderer became Moses the great prophet; and how Peter the denier became Peter the Rock and first Pope! Mercy changed them all – including the woman in today's Gospel reduced to tears and shame because of her sins. But after one encounter with the Man of Mercy she walks away ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven.

Are you seeing the pattern here? None of us can earn God's love or a seat in heaven. But none of us has too! God owes us nothing, but offers us everything. If we accept his offer he asks of us only one thing in return: That we share what we have received at every opportunity we are given. Sin and guilt cripples us, blinds us, binds us, saps our confidence, fill us with doubt and can sabotage God's amazing plans for our lives. Don't let this happen to you. You might be stuck but you don't have to stay stuck! Acknowledge and confess your sins TODAY so that you too can spend your tomorrow thanking God that you are forgiven and introducing others to the Man of Mercy who set you free! Thank God!

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HER MANY SINS  
WERE FORGIVEN  
HER BECAUSE SHE HAS  
SHOWN GREAT LOVE.



Sunday, June 12, 2016

### Scripture Readings

11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

2 Sm 12:7-10

Gal 2:16, 19-21

Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50

12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zec: 12:10-11;13:1

Gal 3:26-29

Lk 9:18-24



### 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jun	13	Lillie White	- Living
Tues	Jun	14	Hugh Lonon	--Living
Wed	Jun	15	Althea Black	-Living
Thurs	Jun	16	Edna Cross Patton	- Deceased
Fri	Jun	17	Francis Arnold	- Living

Attendance 848



### BIBLE STUDY

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



### CHORALE CONCERT Sunday, June 12, 2016

Come join the Chorale for their 143rd Anniversary Concert at 5:00pm in the Church. The theme for the concert is **Singing with a Heart of Mercy**. There will be a free will offering.

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**This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovations.  
Next Sunday's collection is for Oblate Sisters of Providence. Thank you for your continued support.**

**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.



### 12:10 MASS IN THE CHAPEL CANCELLED

As of June 10, 2016 the daily Mass celebrated at 12:10pm on Fridays will be cancelled. This is due to lack of people attending this liturgy. During the summer months instead of holding the 12:10pm Mass as the principal Mass for Friday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:15am. The exception to this is on the First Fridays of each month. On the First Fridays, the Eucharist will be continued to be celebrated at 8:15am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm.



### ORDINATION OF DEACON ROBERT BOXIE into the Priesthood

Parishioner Robert Boxie will be ordained on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle at 10am. On Sunday, June 26 at the 10am Mass, he will celebrate his first Mass here in the Church. All are welcome.



### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT JULY 15-17, 2016 Ages 18-35

See the bulletin for more information

## Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams  
John Adams, Sr.  
Beatrice Alexander  
Francis Arnold  
Ronald Ausbrooks  
William Barksdale  
Valerie Barrows  
Althea Blackc  
Frances Brooks  
Mary Burgan  
Williams Burgan  
Andrew Burton  
Angela Callighan  
Elizabeth Carter  
Phillip Cephas  
Ollie Mae Clark  
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  
Hugh Lonon  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Lita Majors  
Catherine Mason  
Carolyn Matthews  
Florence Matthews  
Floyd McCory  
James McNamara  
Sylvia Monroe  
Bernice Nolan  
Alpha Nachas

Evelyn Norris  
Julius Oben  
Colelle Ogby  
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  
Elliot Weaver  
Lillie White  
Cynthia Wilkins



*Pray for our Dead  
Ronald Jones  
Linda Ray-Charles*



### 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?  
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