

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

To Get Fit, First Get Focused

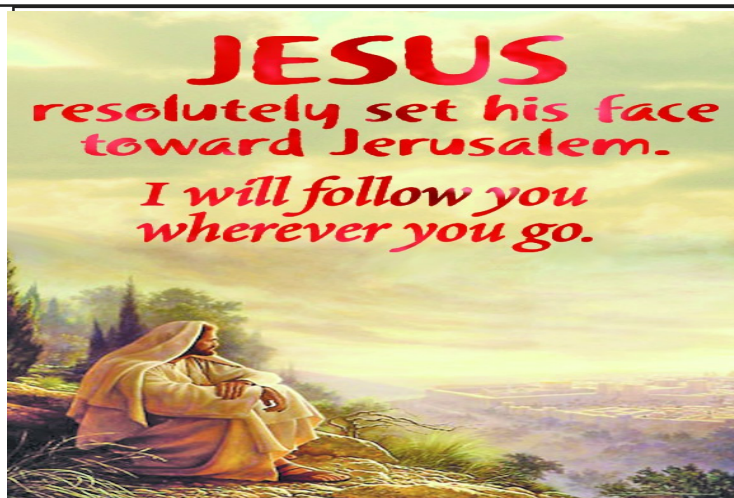
Jesus said, **"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God"** (Luke 9:62). The work of building God's Kingdom is serious business. If you are a baptized believer, nothing should matter to you more. This includes your likes and dislikes, your plans and career, your friends and family – nothing is more important than making yourself available to God and his mission of establishing his Kingdom on earth. But what happens when we lose focus of this primary mission and become preoccupied with secondary concerns (i.e., **"what was left behind"**)? It is the same thing that happens when you text and drive! You end up in a mess: Off the road, in a ditch, rear-ending the car in front of your or worse in a head on accident! Clearly there are times when you cannot afford to lose focus. Doing the work of Kingdom building is one of those times!

But staying focused is no small order in a world filled with so many distractions! So, how does one get focused? First, realize what your focus should be. Peter could walk on water till he lost focus. King David was a model of courage, till he lost focus. Saul was an enemy of Christ till he got focused. Mary bravely stood at the foot of the cross because she refused to lose focus. A hemorrhaging woman was healed because she never lost focus before touching the hem of Jesus' garment. A Canaanite woman's daughter was healed because despite rejection and ridicule she stayed focused on the "Son of David" who she knew could and would heal her child! So, before turning your attention to the mission at hand, you should focus on the Lord of the mission! The Letter to the Hebrews puts it this way: **"Let us run with perseverance the race God has set before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith"** (12:2). Fix your eyes on Jesus. Daily prayer, daily scripture reading, daily study, daily practice, daily exercise of your faith and weekly participation in the Sacraments is how you fix your eyes on Jesus and become fit for the Kingdom of God. Apart from these, you'll just be too spiritually out of shape to get the job done!

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Sunday, June 19, 2016

Scripture Reading

13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21

Gal 5:1, 13-18

Lk 9:51-62

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jun	27	Ronald Ausbrooks	- Living
Tues	Jun	28	Catherine Mason	- Living
Wed	Jun	29	Ben Reynolds	- Living
Thurs	Jun	30	Alise Simmons	- Living
Fri	Jul	1	Keats Labule	- Living

Attendance 826



BIBLE STUDY

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



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Friday, July 1, 2016

8:15am Mass

12:10pm Mass

6pm -7pm Adoration

7:00pm - Benediction & Mass

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Parish Poor Fund.
Next Sunday's collection is for our Parish School. 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@saintaugustine-dc.



SHARE

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



QUO VADIS CAMP

The 8th Annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary on June 26-29, 2016. The four-day camp includes prayer, talks, sports an opportunity to talk to priests and seminarians, and much more. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocation@adw.org or 202-636-9020. Information is available and registration is open at www.dcpriest.org



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.



TEACHERS WANTED Science, Math, PE/Health

Teachers are needed for Saint Augustine Catholic School for the upcoming year 2016-2017 in the areas of Science, Middle School Math, and PE/Health. If interested, please call the school at 202-667-2608.

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
Tommie Cunningham
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Richard B. Fowler
Barbara Ferguson
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 Labue
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 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
Elliot Weaver
Lillie White
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson



Pray for our Dead

Thelma Givens



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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