

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wrong Question

There are lots of questions in today's Gospel from St. Luke. "**What must I do to inherit eternal life?**" is the first question asked of Jesus. The answer: "**Love God with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself!**" "**Do this**, Jesus says, **and you will live.**" The scholar should have stopped there but he just couldn't help himself! "**Because he wished to justify himself...he said, 'And who is my neighbor?'**" If you pay close attention, it is at this point that Jesus launches into the story of the Good Samaritan – but you'll also notice that Jesus never answers the lawyer's question! Why? Because he is asking the wrong question!

Notice that the lawyer questioned Jesus in order "**to test him**" and as mentioned above, "**to justify himself**". In fact he was like a teenager who wants to know *exactly* how far is too far; or a businessman who wants to know exactly at what point his actions might be consider illegal or a lukewarm Catholic who wants to debate the exact definition of the term "practicing Catholic" and, of course, argue for a much more liberal interpretation! The point is that each of these people is asking questions not in search of enlightenment, wisdom and greater knowledge but self-justification!

The scholar wanted Jesus to be as specific as possible about who should be considered "neighbor" not so that he would know who he is obligated to care for, but that he would know those he could happily ignore with a clear conscience! But Jesus presents a revolutionary way of thinking about God and neighbor and mankind's obligation toward both. The revolutionary message of Christianity is that one day in the fullness of time God himself, chose to become our neighbor; born in a manger in a neighborhood near you! "**Whatever you do to the least of these you do to me**" (Matthew 25) – Jesus said and Jesus meant. This is why he identifies the Greatest Commandment as BOTH Loving God with all our hearts AND loving our neighbor as ourselves. **So, if you want to be right with God you have to treat your neighbor right.** This goes for our homeless neighbors; our loitering neighbors; our mentally ill neighbors; Muslim and Christian, native and immigrant, black and white, rich and poor, gay and straight, elderly and young neighbors – anyone left on the side of the road of life abandoned and alone and in need of our care. So, if "Who is my neighbor?" is the wrong question then what's the right question? It's simple: **What kind of neighbor are you?**

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Sunday, July 10, 2016

Scripture Reading

15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dt 30:1014

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

16th Sunday In ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

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| Mon | Jul | 11 | Arnetia Montegue | - Living |
| Tues | Jul | 12 | Althea Black | - Living |
| Wed | Jul | 13 | Frank Arnold | - Living |
| Thurs | Jul | 14 | Delores Chisley | - Living |
| Fri | Jul | 15 | Louise Harrison | - Living |

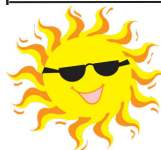
Attendance

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BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is on vacation in July & August. Will resume in September.



SAINT AUGUSTINE YOUNG ADULT ASSOCIATION (SAYAA) SUMMER RETREAT

July 15-17, 2016

Come join the Young Adults at the Bishop Claggett Retreat Center, located one hour from DC for quiet reflection, and time to encounter God. Cost is \$120 (includes all meals). Register on the Church website.

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Parish Renovations.
Next Sunday's Collection is for our Parish Poor Fund. 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.



COLLEGE BOUND BASKETS

Each year we provide baskets to our college-bound students who are actively involved in a ministry for at least three years. We will be collecting new items each weekend in July. The boxes will be located in the rear of the Church. We are in need of monetary donations, as well as the following items: twin XL sheet sets, pillows, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, irons and traveling ironing boards, laundry detergent, soap, blankets, computer paper, shampoo and conditioners, pens and pencils.



WANTED: CCD TEACHERS

Saint Augustine Sunday School /CCD Program is recruiting committed adults as teachers and teacher assistants for what promises to be an exciting 2016-2017 academic year. For information, please call the Church Office.



TEACHERS WANTED Language Art, 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
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labee
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Mary Leonard
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Florence Matthews
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Sylvia Monroe
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Alpha Nachnas
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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
Zadekiah 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



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.



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SUNDAY**
FROM 9am — 4pm
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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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