

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Never Losing Sight of God

Recently I was asked to share a few words about the unlikely story of how eight years ago we as a parish rescued our elementary school from almost certain closure despite the odds being stacked against us. I was also told that I had only five minutes to tell the story! After thinking long and hard about what I should share, I decided to speak about the critical importance of **seeing God's hand in what we were doing and never losing sight of it while we did it!**

The Psalmist today says that **"the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him"** (Psalm 33). But it is also true that the eyes of those who fear him are on the Lord - and for good reason: The task before them is overwhelming! For example, why would any one person believe that they could make a real difference in bringing about world peace or ending economic disparities, terrorism, world hunger, chemical addition, greed, narcissism, injustice and the oppression of the weak by the powerful? It's been famously said that **"the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing"**. Yet, so many still do nothing. Many GOOD people feel that whatever they do would be woefully inadequate; it wouldn't make any difference. Of course, they are wrong that it would make no difference but they may be right that their efforts alone would fall far short of actually solving the problem!

But how would you and I work differently if we were absolutely convinced that God was working with us? Would we approach things differently if we knew that our best but meager efforts were going to receive the full support of an All Powerful God? With this belief would there be any reason to hesitate, doubt or despair of a successful outcome? This is why David dared to face Goliath (1 Samuel 17). It wasn't self-confidence, it was God-confidence! Today's readings challenge us to be people of FAITH. Faith is spiritual sight. And what does it give us the ability to see? God – present and at work in our circumstances! Moses is one of the names listed in the 11th chapter of The Letter to the Hebrews list of "Faith All Stars"! The description of him is striking: **"By faith Moses... persevered because he saw him who is invisible."** (11:27). When it comes to doing ministry, we as individuals and as a parish will be complacent, ill-prepared and unwilling until we have discovered the art of seeing **"him who is invisible"** - walking beside us every step of the way!

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See that you are prepared.



Sunday, August 7, 2016

Scripture Reading

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, or 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Heb 12:1-4
Lk 12:49-53



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

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| Mon | Aug | 8 | Brandon Brown | -Living |
| Tues | Aug | 9 | Linda Satterwhite | -Living |
| Wed | Aug | 10 | Tracie Jones Taft | -Living |
| Thurs | Aug | 11 | Faye Jones | -Living |
| Fri | Aug | 12 | David Satterwhite | -Living |

Attendance 760



BIBLE STUDY

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



Registration for RCIA is being held after all Mass this weekend. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, need the Sacrament of First Communion, Confirmation or are a returning Catholic, this class is for you. For more information, please call the church office at 202-265-1470.

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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.



THE CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP

Offered By The Catherine of Siena Institute. The workshop will be held at Parish Life Center, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg, VA on Friday, August 26 at 7-9pm and Saturday, August 27 from 9:00am—3:30pm. Registration forms are on the Ushers' table.



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.

SCHOOL DONORS SOUGHT



We are seeking three generous individuals, who can commit to giving \$5,000 a year for 5 years totaling \$25,000.00 to support our school with tax deductible donations over the next five years, to join 17 donors who are fulfilling their pledges, so that we can continue to count on 20 donors supporting our PreK-8th grade school at this level. Please contact Fr. Pat at fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org or 202-265-1470 or Bill Murray, development officer, at bmurray@saintaugustine-dc.org or 240-418-5427. Thank you for supporting Saint Augustine School.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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Shirley Ward
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Pray for our Dead



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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PARK FREE SUNDAY
FROM 9am — 4pm
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