

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Twentieth Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Call Waiting

If for nothing else you have to give Jesus credit for knowing just what to say to get people's attention! His words in the Gospel today are quite shocking. He says that anyone who wants to be his disciple must hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters! Is this a mistranslation of the original Greek text? What are we supposed to do with such statements? Do we take them literally? Being that one of the Ten Commandments has to do with honoring our father and mother, it's fair to question whether the point of Jesus words were to roundly contradict this particular Commandment!

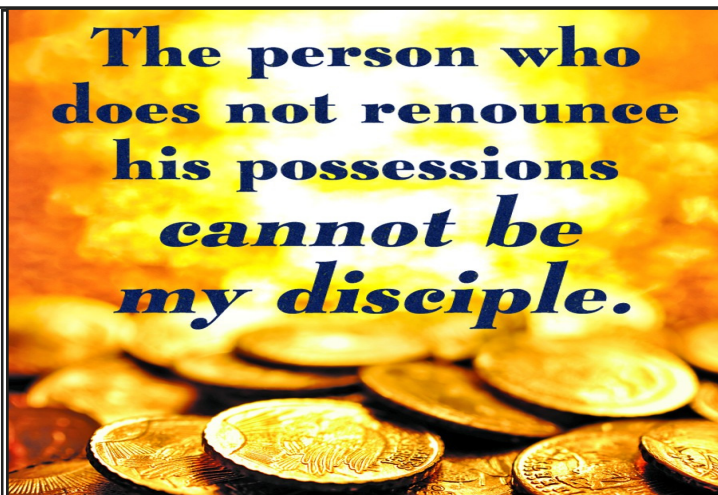
Rest assured, Jesus intention was not to contradict the Commandments but to remind us of the order in which they were given. The first Commandment is to worship God and to have no other god's before him. In this lies the point of the Lord's shocking words: As vital and significant are the familial relationships of parents to children, spouses and siblings, none of them must ever trump our relationship and allegiance to God. The reality is that the relationships we cherish the most are precisely the ones that are most likely to challenge God's pride of place in our lives. But putting God above these relationships is what discipleship demands. This is also why it's not for everyone.

Great crowds, we are told, were travelling with Jesus when he engaged them in the crowd-thinning call to discipleship. Christianity is not a spectator sport. It requires personal commitment and the willingness to engage even at one's personal expense. So, while all are invited most won't pay the price of admission. Many are called but few are chosen. After all, Jesus doesn't simply ask a lot from us, he asks for everything. One key to being free to say yes to him is remembering that he also promises us everything in return! God will never be out done in generosity. But you are welcome to try by saying yes to his call to be one of his disciples.

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Sunday, September 4, 2016

## Scripture Readings

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tim 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32, or 15:1-10



## 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep	5	Harry Anderson	- Living
Tues	Sep	6	Harriet Parker	- Living
Wed	Sep	7	Tommy Cunningham	- Deceased
Thurs	Sep	8	Florence Braxton	- Living
Fri	Sep	9	Anne Lane Dressler	- Living

Attendance 785



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

## First Friday Devotion

8:15am Mass

12:10pm Mass

6:00-7:00pm Adoration

7:00pm - Benediction & Mass



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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-K-3, 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.

## Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams  
John Adams, Sr.  
Beatrice Alexander  
Francis Arnold  
Ronald Ausbrooks  
William Barksdale  
Valerie Barrows  
Althea Black  
Frances Brooks  
Mary Burgan  
Williams Burgan  
Andrew Burton  
Angela Callighan  
Elizabeth Carter  
Phillip Cephas  
Ollie Mae Clark  
Pauline Dines  
Theola Douglas  
Ann Lane Dressler  
Susan Epps  
Richard B. Fowler  
Barbara Ferguson  
Daniel Galloway  
Inez Gaskins  
Charles Gathers  
Phil Gibson  
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  
Faye Jones  
Paul Joy  
Sedonia Labee  
Keats Labule  
Raymond Lane  
Louisa Lee  
Mary Leonard  
Hugh Lonon  
Bernadette Mahoney  
Lita Majors  
Catherine Mason  
Thomas P Massenbun, Sr.  
Florence Matthews  
Floyd McCory  
James McNamara  
Sylvia Monroe  
Arnetia Montague  
Alpha Nacnas  
Bernice Nolan  
Evelyn Norris  
Julius Oben

Colelle Ogbey  
Eileen Ogu  
Harriet Parker  
Marguerite Parker  
Audrey Plaskett  
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



### SHARE

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



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC...

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.



### AFTERCARE VOLUTEERS NEEDED

Every year Saint Augustine School has had an extensive Aftercare Program. We are open to new ideas and are in need of assistance and or new coaches. The Aftercare Program meets Monday-Friday from 3:30pm-6:00pm in the school. All volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS training as well as undergo a background check. For additional information please contact Ms Cropper at 202-667-2608. Below is a current listing of activities.

Art	Girl Scouts	Soccer Club
Audio-Visual Club	Liturgical Dance	Spelling Bee
Ballet	Mock-Trial	Tap Dance
Band	Poetry Club	Tennis Club
Basketball	Pom Squad	Yearbook Club
Chess	Pre-Engineering	
Drama	Reading Circle	
Fencing	Robotics Club	
Flag Football	Sign Language	

### SAVE THE DATE: BOOK DRIVE — September 16-18



Mark your calendars for Girl Scout Troop 3859's **Third Annual Read to Lead Book Drive**, Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Politics and Prose Bookstore (2021 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW) located in Busboys and Poets 14<sup>th</sup> and V Streets location.

### 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.



**PARK FREE SUNDAY**  
FROM 9am — 4pm  
REEVES CENTER



### 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.**