

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don't Squander God's Confidence in You!

Several years ago after only a year of my priesthood, Cardinal Hickey asked me to leave my first parish where I was an Associate Pastor and go to St. Peter Claver Church in Southern Maryland. At 27 years of age, I was now the acting Parochial Administrator of a small rural parish. There were three buildings, over two hundred acres of land, and one hundred and twenty families that were entrusted to me ~ a guy who had never owned his own apartment! If I had ever wondered whether God had a sense of humor, all my doubts were laid to rest the day I was asked to take this assignment!

One of the biggest lessons that I learned in the six years I was pastor at St. Peter's was that we should never doubt God's confidence in us or underestimate what God is capable of accomplishing through us! In the Gospel parable today, the Master demonstrates great confidence in his three servants by leaving each of them large sums of money. He fully expected them to invest this money wisely, creatively, and profitably. His shock upon discovering that one of his servants had buried his share of the money actually demonstrates the confidence that he had shown in him. It seemed never to have dawned on the Master that his servant would be so foolish as to squander such a great opportunity! After all, the Master took a big risk in entrusting his money to him in the first place. He expected his servant to be willing to take a similar risk by investing in others!

God has given each of us our unique personality along with many talents, gifts and resources. **He also gave us a choice whether to invest any of it for the sake of his Kingdom!** Therein lies the risk. The same can be said of us a parish. For nearly 160 years, God has invested in us as a community from various cultures, ethnicities, educational backgrounds, with a rich history of heroic men and women of the past to inspire us today and many talents, gifts and resources and charisms today to invest in the lives of others – even when it's risky! So, don't settle for your contribution to the Kingdom being minimal, medium and rare. No, Jesus prefers his disciples to be good, faithful and well done!

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See Fr. Pat's Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
SEE WEB PAGE FOR FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES AND LISTEN TO
FATHER PAT'S SERMON PODCAST



*Since you
were faithful
in small matters,
I will give you
great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.*

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Scripture Readings

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Times

Prv 31:10-13

1 Thes 5: 1-16

Mt 25: 14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Ex 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26,28

Mt 25:31-46



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Nov	20	William Ford	- Deceased
Tues	Nov	21	Desiree Grant	- Deceased
Wed	Nov	22	Pauline Jones	- Deceased
Thurs	Nov	23	Michael Matthews	- Deceased
Fri	Nov	24	Melvin Gibson	- Deceased

Attendance 786



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria .



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saint Augustine School is seeking volunteers to assist in their afterschool activities. The activities are as follows: Spelling Bee Club, rookie Boys Basketball, African Dance, Liturgical Dance, Tap, Hip Hop Dance, Soccer, Robotics Club, Pre-Engineering, Lego Club, Art, Drama, Poetry Club and Mock Trial. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Cropper at 202-667-2608.



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL
CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN #9670



THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR PARISH POOR

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Registration
Information

Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2017-2018 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.org.



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

TOASTMASTERS CLUB — 11/26 & 12/3

Your ability to communicate and lead effectively are skills that are useful in every aspect of your life – within your family, on your job and with those that you minister with and to. St. Augustine's Church has launched a Toastmasters Club within the church for each of us to learn and practice the skills within a caring and supportive environment. **COME ONE! COME ALL!** The next meetings will on the 4th Sunday in November- November 26th and the 1st Sunday in December, December 3rd at 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM (or immediately following 12:20 Mass) in the Gingras Center 1st floor Conference Room at 1419 V St NW. Please reply to Tanya Pritchett at Tanya.Pritchett@district36.org if you are able to attend.



GOSPEL CHOIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Sunday, November 19, 2017 5:00pm in the Church

The theme for the concert is *Remember the Time...* There will be a free will offering.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday, December 3 at 11:30

Gingras Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room

From our Pastor, Fr. Pat: "For many years now I have been dreaming about starting a Prayer Group but, wasn't sure when or how. I am now convinced that the time to do so is NOW and I'm equally confident that God will show me how! So, do you have passion for prayer? Have you found yourself of late, praying more frequently and regularly for others and for circumstance in the world today? Have you found that you have a burning desire within you to learn how to pray more effectively and consistently? If your answered "YES" to any of these questions then I definitely want to meet with you. As an active parish with a variety of ministries it is critically important that our efforts be supported undergirded and sustained with regular and intentional prayer...and THAT'S where you come in! If you are interested in learning more about Prayer Ministry, please add your name to the SIGN UP on the sheet on the Ushers' Table after Mass today, or call the Parish Office.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Althea Black
Frances Brooks
Charles Brown
Norma Brown
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Billy Chesley
Delores Chisley
Ollie Mae Clark
Monique Clarke
Ernestine Coghill Howard
Emy-Lou Daley
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Cathryn Gartmann
Charles Gathers
Rev Bob Gilliam
Butler Grant
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
Kenya Jenkins
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Danielle Joy
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labea
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Elnora Lindsey
Rev, Malanga
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCrory
James McNa
Sylvia Monroe
Arnetia Montague
Evelyn Morgan
Alpha Nacnas
Julius Oben

Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Gunny David Pauley
Cecilia Penero
Audrey Plaskett
Theresa Purcell
Marie Racine
Samia Rajah
Ze'La Rajah
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Ruth Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Gertina Simms
Alise Simmons
Mary Smith
Donnie Stewart
Don Strong
Mary Helen Swann
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



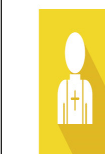
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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
U STREET AT 14TH ST NW
Enter on U Street



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

YOUTH ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Youth Altar Server Training for new servers has begun on Saturday, at 9:30am in the Church. Youth who are in the third grade and up and have received their First Communion are welcome to join.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS?
RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990**

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