

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Second Sunday of Advent

Keeping God within your Line of Sight!

Advent is a season of hope. As long as we are on earth we will always be a people looking for more; more peace, more justice, more health, more wealth, more support, more direction, more friends, more relief, etc. But what keeps us from quitting or giving up when we fall short of our goals especially after years of trying? Hope. This is why God sends the Prophet Isaiah with the instructions, "**Comfort, give comfort to my people!**" (Isaiah 40:1). God continues by telling the prophet to speak tenderly to his people and proclaim to her that her slavery is at an end! The Church today, like Isaiah and John the Baptist in their day, is called to exercise her prophetic role by announcing this message of hope to the present generation.

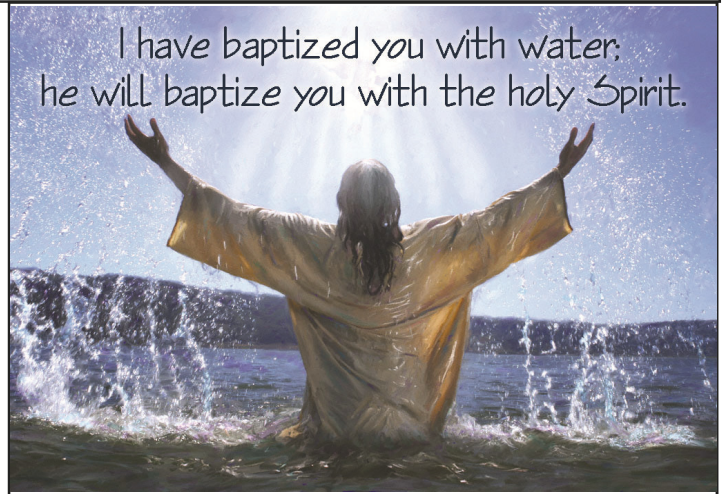
Reflecting on the Season of Advent a few years ago, Pope Francis introduced the phrase **Horizon of Hope**. During a long journey most people begin to get excited not when the journey has ended but **when the destination is in view** (i.e., on the horizon)! Horizons are what we see **before** we have actually arrived to the vacation spot, the end of the work week, the day of retirement, spring break, the last medical procedure or the Promised Land. In a world where people are facing hunger, homelessness, unemployment, unaffordable healthcare, racism, mass incarceration, terrorism, war, injustice, harassment and abuse – the need for a compelling reason to persevere and keep moving forward has never been more urgent. John the Baptist proclaims that the compelling reason is Jesus Christ! The Advent Season exhorts us to keep him within our line of sight and to begin with repentance.

Since sin requires one to turn away from God's face, to repent is to turn back or to put God back into your line of sight. When God remains in view, there is still hope in any situation. If it is true that we need hope to cope, then we need Christ to hope. Advent proclaims that the relief we need is still within reach because the Messiah for which we long is still in the rescuing, deliverance, and soul-saving business! You may not have arrived yet but pay attention, look closely and see your Savior along the **Horizon of Hope** to inspire you today to press on toward your glorious destination!

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Sunday, December 10, 2017

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec	11	Annie Mae Clair	-Deceased
Tues	Dec	12	Jeanne Whitted	-Living
Wed	Dec	13	Sr. Marian Spearman OSP	-Deceased
Thurs	Dec	14	Betty Washington	-Living
Fri	Dec	15	Frances Brooks	-Living

Attendance 908



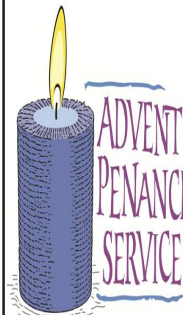
BIBLE STUDY

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

7:00 pm in the Church



Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

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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.



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Friday December 22, 2017

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For tickets and more information please call the School Office at 202-667-2608



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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
Amy-Lou Daley
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
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Cathryn Gartmann
Charles Gathers
Rev Bob Gilliam
Butler Grant
Rev Charles Green
Valencia Green

Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston
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Patricia Herndon
Emily Hill
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Marlene Jackson
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