I'S SERMON NOTES

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus IS The Abundant Life!

There has been a lot of debate about the relationship between preaching the Gospel and material wealth. The saying goes "Why should celebrities, athletes and other superstars be the only ones who get to live the glamorous life?"

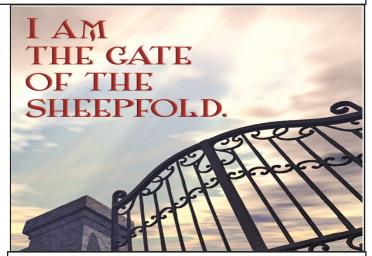
My question is: Why would any believer in the Jesus Christ want to settle for the so-called "glamorous life"? Why aim so low when the life Jesus invites you to promises so much more? Jesus promises the Abundant Life! Jesus is the Shepherd who leads his flock to green pastures that don't fade, dry up, or change with the seasons. When we pursue the life that promises many THINGS and every amenity and physical luxury that we can imagine the very BEST that one could hope for is succeeding...and then discovering that it's not nearly enough! Those who have "made it" cannot escape their flaws. their weaknesses, their health challenges, their relationship challenges, their emotional needs, their deeper longings, their mortality or the mortality of those they love the most. The glamorous life promises more than it can deliver. Jesus delivers more than we hope for: Eternal Life!

It is not by accident that Jesus distinguishes the shepherd from the hired hand. In this context, the hired hand is the one who talks about the eternal things but doesn't really believe in them which explains why they strive after and pursue the things of this world with such earnest just like the next person. The hired hand serves to make a living for himself and the shepherd serves to see that YOU have the life that God offers. Jesus doesn't just show the way but offers himself as the very substance of the abundant life we desire. Belief in him is the ticket to the life of meaning, purpose, fulfillment and joy for which our hearts long. Today Jesus invites you to accept the invitation to a new and fulfilling life. He won't force you; love never does! But here's a word of advice: Don't let the lie of the "glamorous life" rob you of the Abundant Life that comes from knowing, loving and serving Jesus Christ!

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Sunday, May 7, 2017

Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 Jn 10: 1-10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6: 1-7 1 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Attendance				821
Fri	May	12	Royal Robinson	- Living
Thurs	May	11	Marie Dunston	- Deceased
Wed	May	10	Carolyn Fouch	- Deceased
Tues	May	9	Samuel Han	- Deceased
Mon	May	8	Mary Leonard	- Living



BIBLE STUDY

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



CONGRATULATIONS Rev. Raymond B. Kemp

On the 50th anniversary of your ordination to priesthood!

Your dedication and service to your ministry, the members of this Parish, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the world serves as a model for the Christian faith.



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Catholic Education Corner



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.

2017 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS Sunday, June 25, 2017 — 2:00pm

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35,

40, 45, 50 and 50+ years at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office. Names of the jubilarians are needed in the Parish Office by May 15, 2017.



OUR MOTHER'S DAY GIFT TO MARY Donate to the Trinity Dome—May 14

When we trace the cross on our body as we sign ourselves in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we are actually making a

concise summary of our Catholic faith. In the new Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Catholic faith is stunningly depicted in image and word, as the Holy Trinity is surrounded by the words of the Creed, a procession of saints, and Our Blessed Mother. By our Baptism, we too share in this life. The mystery of the Trinity is not an abstract exercise in theology. As the dome mosaic reveals, it is a life-giving proclamation that, to the extent that we are alive in God's grace, we live in God and God lives in us. Support this beautiful celebration of our faith by participating in the second collection on May 14, and learn more at #TrinityDome.org.



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SHARE packages are on sale at the Ushers' table

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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Robert Greenfield Frances Guiston Louise Harrison **Grace Hansberry** Brian Harvey John Harris Patricia Herndon **Emily Hill** Jeanne Hinckley Deborah Jackson Charles Jackson Marlene Jackson Malcom Jamison Eleanor Johnson Paul Joy Sedonia Labee Keats Labule Raymond Lane Louisa Lee Mary Leonard Bernadette Mahoney **Lita Maiors** Catherine Mason Florence Matthews Floyd McCory James McNamara Rick Middleton Sylvia Monroe Arnetia Montague Alpha Nacnas

Julius Oben Colelle Oabev Eileen Ogu Harriet Parker Marguerite Parker Audrey Plaskett Theresa Purcell Samiya Rajah Ze'La Raiah Ashley Redhead, Jr. Royal Robinson Lisa Rivera Gertina Simms Alise Simmons Mary Smith Zedekiah Smith Donnie Stewart Don Strong Willis Thomas Juanita Towns Selma Twitty Hayden Vaughn Lillian Vaughn Terry Vaughn Shirley Ward Betty Washington Flliot Weaver Cynthia Wilkins Bernice Williams Teresa Wilkinson Lozzie York



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Samuel Han

Carolyn Fouch



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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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.