

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

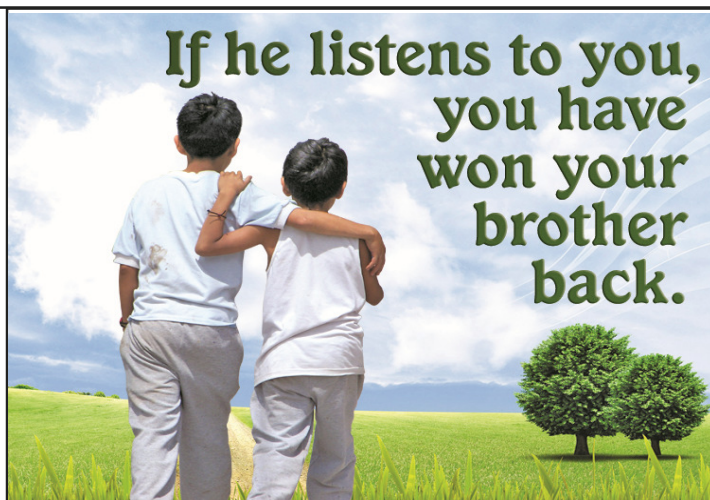
## Self Accusation: The Key to Progress!

The Scriptures today all concern themselves with the key ingredients necessary for sinners to move forward in faith: truth and humility. It takes a big person to admit when he or she is wrong. "Humble Pie" is rarely sweet but it is, nonetheless, a necessary part of the Christian diet. For this reason, we begin every Mass with "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy." Sin alienates us from each other and God. **Repentance** is the path back to community. God tells the prophet Ezekiel that he must point out to the wicked their sins whether they choose to listen to him or not. It is clear that it is compassion for his people ~ not anger ~ that motivates God. God wants to be close to us and has taken extraordinary steps to make that happen. Nonetheless, our choice to be close to God is still necessary to "close the deal!" **Repentance is a form of self-accusation.** It is a path that does not come natural to us because our pride insists we **excuse** not accuse ourselves! Jesus says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone, if he listens you have won over your brother." Gossiping about others' faults and never speaking to the individual at fault is a sin not only against the individual but against the whole community. Refusal to repent of wrongdoing is also a sin against the community. The world says "the truth hurts." Christians say, "The truth will make you free." Truth, at times, may indict you; other times, it will vindicate you. In either case, it must be embraced if we are to move forward as a Christian Community.

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Sunday, September 10, 2017

## Scripture Readings

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ez 33: 7-9

Rom 13: 8-10

Mt 18: 15-20

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35



## 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep	10	Paul Barry	- Deceased
Tues	Sep	11	Rev. Charles Green	- Living
Wed	Sep	12	Elnora Lindsey	- Living
Thurs	Sep	13	Rick Middleton	- Living
Fri	Sep	14	Florence Matthews	- Living

Attendance

846



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday September 13, 2017 in the School Cafeteria.



SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017  
2:00pm

20th Anniversary of the Dedication of  
Our Mother of Africa Chapel  
Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception

Saint Augustine Gospel Choir will be singing



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**THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR RENOVATION FUND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.**

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

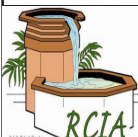
## Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 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](mailto:admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org).

**SCHOOL DONORS NEEDED** — We are seeking four donors who would commit to giving \$25,000 to support Saint Augustine Catholic School over five years to supplement 16 current pledged donors who are fulfilling this commitment. Last year, we were very successful with more than \$451,000 given by individuals and foundations to support our parish school, and we invite you to discuss with Fr. Pat after Mass, call him at 202-265-1470, or via e-mail: [fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org](mailto:fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org). Thank you.



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC...

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



### SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

The 2017-18 School year begins on Sunday, September 10 after the 10am Mass. Sunday School/CCD is designed for children to learn more about the Catholic faith and to receive their sacraments. All children aged 4 through high school are welcome. We offer Pre-K and Kindergarten through 8th grade. We have a post-Confirmation program for teens. Children are prepared to receive First Communion/First Penance and Confirmation. We have a RCIA program for children over 7 years old who have not been baptized. Please come register your child today.

## Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| Gwendolyn Adams          | Frances Gulston    | Eileen Ogu          |
| John Adams, Sr.          | Louise Harrison    | Harriet Parker      |
| Beatrice Alexander       | Grace Hansberry    | Marguerite Parker   |
| Francis Arnold           | Brian Harvey       | Gunny David Pauley  |
| Ronald Ausbrooks         | John Harris        | Cecilia Penero      |
| William Barksdale        | Patricia Herndon   | Audrey Plaskett     |
| Althea Black             | Emily Hill         | Theresa Purcell     |
| Frances Brooks           | Jeanne Hincley     | Samiya Rajah        |
| Charles Brown            | Deborah Jackson    | Ze'La Rajah         |
| Norma Brown              | Charles Jackson    | Ashley Redhead, Jr. |
| Williams Burgan          | Marlene Jackson    | Royal Robinson      |
| Andrew Burton            | Malcom Jamison     | Ruth Robinson       |
| Angela Callighan         | Eleanor Johnson    | Lisa Rivera         |
| Elizabeth Carter         | Danielle Joy       | Gertina Simms       |
| Phillip Cephas           | Paul Joy           | Alise Simmons       |
| Billy Chesley            | Sedonia Labee      | Mary Smith          |
| Delores Chisley          | Keats Labule       | Zedekiah Smith      |
| Ollie Mae Clark          | Raymond Lane       | Donnie Stewart      |
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| Julie Fish               | Catherine Mason    | Lillian Vaughn      |
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| Richard B. Fowler        | Floyd McCrory      | Shirley Ward        |
| Daniel Galloway          | James McNamara     | Betty Washington    |
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| Charles Gathers          | Sylvia Monroe      | Cynthia Wilkins     |
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| Butler Grant             | Evelyn Morgan      | Teresa Wilkinson    |
| Rev Charles Green        | Alpha Nacnas       | Lozzie York         |
| Valencia Green           | Julius Oben        |                     |
| Robert Greenfield        | Colelle Ogbey      |                     |



## 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*

### 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— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990**