

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

Fifth Sunday of Lent

What Do You Believe Christ Can Achieve?

Someone once said that those who say “*I can!*” and those who say, “*I can’t!*” usually both turn out to be correct! There is an undeniable connection between what we believe and what we achieve. This is no less true than when it comes to faith in Jesus Christ. What HE can and will achieve in your life will largely be determined by the degree to which you put faith in him. Maybe you have struggled to overcome vices, defeatist attitudes, and crippling beliefs that have consistently stifled your progress in the pursuit of holiness as a Christian and wholeness as a human being. You have tried to change, grow and learn to live a different and better life but too often feel you have failed miserably. Maybe you have! But you would do well to take a cue from Martha who in her grief first exclaimed: “*Lord, if only you have been here...*” only to follow up with an expression of indomitable faith “*but even now I know...!*” Yes, even now, she said, four days after her brother’s death she still believed there was something that Jesus could do to restore her hope. What do you believe Christ can achieve? Do you believe he has an answer even for hopeless situations? Remember, this is the same God who promised the prophet Ezekiel: “*I will open your graves and have you rise from them!*” (Ezekiel 37).

“*Do you believe?*” is the question that Jesus asks Martha and Mary and everyone who considers the invitation to be one of his disciples. This is the question that will be posed and repeated thousands of times at Easter Vigil celebrations all over the world as men and women and young people are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. This question will be repeatedly asked of us when we renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Our claims about Jesus, for some, seem unbelievable. But as disciples of Jesus Christ our outlook is not limited to conventional wisdom of what is or is not possible. Once you align yourself with God through faith you discover the ability to see the invisible, to expect the incredible, to reach the unreachable, to move the unmovable, to conquer the unbeatable and to achieve the impossible! What I “can’t” God can!

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Sunday, March 13, 2016

Scripture Readings

5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar	14	Berkeley G L Wright	- Deceased
Tues	Mar	15	Lisa Riveria	- Living
Wed	Mar	16	June Beckwith	- Deceased
Thurs	Mar	17	Louise Clark	- Deceased
Fri	Mar	18	Barbara Grant	- Deceased

Attendance

929



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday, in the School Cafeteria from 7:00pm– 8:30pm. All are welcome



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each Wednesday here in the Church from 6:30 – 8 p.m. This will also be the case at all Catholic Churches throughout the Archdiocese of Washington.

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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5th Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continued support. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for the Poor of the parish.

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-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.



SHARE

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please joins us for Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:10pm Mass and at 7:00pm. Our special intentions on Friday, March 11, will be Hunger.

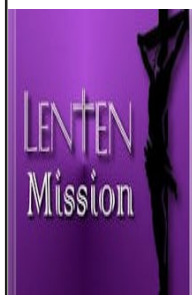


LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 23
7:00pm

The Lenten Penance Service with Confessions will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00pm in the Church.

OUR ANNUAL LENTEN MISSION



The Lenten Mission will be held on Monday, March 14 to Wednesday, March 16, in the Church. Father Micheal Schmitz from the Diocese of Duluth, MN is our Lenten speaker. This year theme is: **Renewing Your Mind: Embracing Your Mission.**

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Valerie Barrows
Frances Brooks
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Ollie Mae Clark
Vincent Clarke, Sr.
Annie Cole
Tommie Cunningham
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Richard B. Fowler
Barbara Ferguson
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Thelma Givens
Rev Charles Green
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield

Frances Gulston
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 Majors
Catherine Mason
Carolyn Matthews
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCorty
James McNamara
Sylvia Monroe
Alpha Nachas
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey

Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
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
Lillie White
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



Pray for our Dead

June Beckwith (Sister of Jackie Smith)



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
STREET NW

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.**

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