

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Second Sunday of Advent – December 6, 2020



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796

St. Augustine parish is an open, diverse, and active Roman Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and founded in the Augustinian Tradition. We invite all to participate in our worship, service to others, and our faith development. These endeavors allow us to grow in the knowledge of God present in ourselves and each other.

Our community joyfully welcomes all who are searching for a spiritual center to call home.

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Office Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM— *Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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P·E·A·C·E

Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight
his paths: all flesh
shall see the
salvation of God.





On Tuesday, December 15th, at the 7:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate the annual beginning of **Simbang Gabi**, the Novena of Masses, in preparation for the Christ Child's coming.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 08, 2020

Mass will be Celebrated at:
12:05 PM & 7:00 PM for the Holy Day of Obligation



St. Augustine Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations this year:
Bethesda Project, Augustinian Children's Orphanage -Philippines, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House NOW, The Gift of Life Family House, and Women of Hope

Please see Fr. Bill's letter to the right for a change in this year's Giving Tree.

Your consistent generosity has brought and continues to bring joy to each of the organizations over the Christmas Season.

Save the Date !

**Winter Sinulog
Feast of Santo Niño**

**January 17th, 2021
11:00 AM Mass**

All Are Welcome!



Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
Pledges:205 Percentage: 104.3642%
Amount Pledged: \$782,731.50
Pledges Received: \$646,338.25
In-Kind Gifts Received:\$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$656,775.96

Sacrificial Giving

November 22, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used: 26
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,700.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$65.38
Electronic Giving: 40
Amount Electronic: \$995.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$24.88
Loose Money: \$301.00
Total Collection: \$2,996.00

Sacrificial Giving

November 29, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used: 15
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,503.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$100.20
Electronic Giving: 43
Amount Electronic: \$1,128.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$26.23
Loose Money: \$230.00
Total Collection: \$2,861.00



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 06, 2020

9:00 AM † Rosemary E. Comerford
11:00 AM † Lita Manguba
7:00 PM † Sidney Turner

Monday, December 07, 2020

12:05 PM † Elsie Manning

Tuesday, December 08, 2020

Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

12:05 PM The Parish Community
7:00 PM † Vincent Comerford

Wednesday, December 09, 2020

12:05 PM † Mary Flanagan

Thursday, December 10, 2020

12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA

Friday, December 11, 2020

12:05 PM † Florence, Kathy and Joseph Adamo

Saturday, December 12, 2020

† = Deceased



MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life official program will be held on **Friday, January 29, 2021**

National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Pre-Rally Concert:

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rally Program and March:

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

www.marchforlife.org

End abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.

Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



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Monday, December 07, 2020

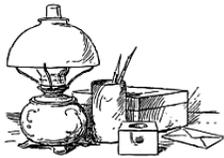
Tuesday, December 08, 2020

Wednesday, December 09, 2020
7:00 PM Parish Finance Council—Zoom

Thursday, December 10, 2020
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

Friday, December 11, 2020

Saturday, December 12, 2020
1:00 PM Steadman-Firth Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

Several people have asked about the participation this year in “The Giving Tree,” the opportunity for parishioners to take the name of a gift from a tree and return the gift which we then forward to an organization or agency who in turn distribute the gifts to the needy. Because of the various ramifications of the pandemic, we will be doing this in a different way this year. On the third Sunday of each month we regularly have a second collection entitled, “Parish Fellowship and Community Outreach.” We ask you to especially be generous to this collection this month (December 20th) because we will use the contributions from this collection to distribute \$100 in cash to the seven organizations, so they can provide Christmas gifts for those whom they serve. Thank you for your kindness.

How is your Advent going? I bet not too many people have asked you that question!

As we get closer to Christmas, people will probably ask if you are ready for Christmas. Most of us will respond that we are or that we aren't due to the degree that our cards are out, the tree is up, the gifts are bought and wrapped or ordered thru Amazon, the decorations are up, and arrangements are made for Christmas dinner, etc. It is very easy to fall into the secular notion of what it means to be ready for Christmas.

It is not too uncommon that as we get caught up in all these “things” that we lose the meaning of Advent and don't take advantage of this liturgical season.

Can we use various resources (scripture, private prayer, sharing with others) to reflect on what a great gift we have in the first coming of Jesus Christ? Can we reflect on our sins and the fact that Jesus came to wash away our sins? This can bring a real sense of joy?

Can we reflect (literally spending quiet time thinking, maybe listening to Advent music not Christmas songs) on what we say in the Creed every Sunday: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” This can bring a real sense of hope?

Can we reflect on how Jesus comes to us regularly in many ways: in the Word, in the Eucharist, in the least of his people, in the sacrament of Penance, in my spouse, in my children, in my parents, in my coworkers, in members of my community, in my therapist, counselor or spiritual director, in the people with whom I pray or share scripture. And can we take time to specifically think of how Jesus comes to us in any of these ways?

As we get closer to Christmas each year, sometimes I hear people say, “I can't wait until it is over.” I often see Christmas trees out on the sidewalk on December 26th. I am not so sure my family was thinking about being liturgically correct, but our Christmas tree didn't go up until Christmas Eve.

For us as Christians, there is real competition with our culture. For us, the Christmas season begins with the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The celebration of his birth doesn't end the season. The Christmas season ends with the Baptism of Jesus.

The season of Advent is a gift to help us prepare to celebrate the first and second coming of Jesus as well as his comings in between. In the midst of the hyperactivity, may we try to incorporate that into our lives.

How is your Advent going? Hopefully there is joy and hope.

Have a SAFE and good week.

Fr. Bill

