

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 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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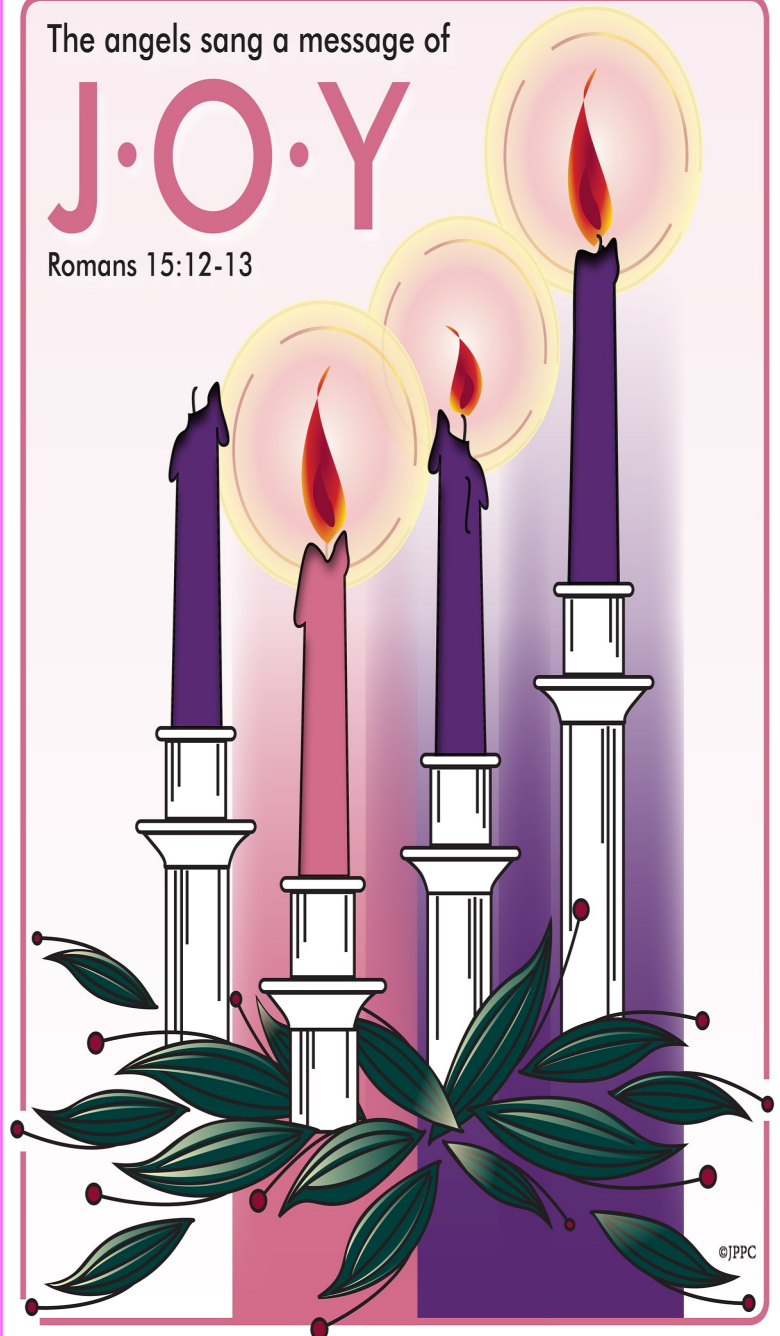
In Residence:

Rev. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A., *Prison Chaplain*
Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.
Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*

The angels sang a message of

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Romans 15:12-13



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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.**

Gaudete Sunday

The day takes its common name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the introit of this day's Mass.

On Gaudete Sunday rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet, which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday."

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose coloured candle is lit in addition to two of the violet coloured candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme, the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

My soul rejoices in my God.
Isiah 61

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 13, 2020
9:00 AM † JoAnne Brady
11:00 AM Ted & VJ Tanjutco,
51st Wedding Anniversary
7:00 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

Monday, December 14, 2020
12:05 PM † Anne Manning

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
12:05 PM † Jacob A. Marquart, Jr.
7:00 PM **Simbang Gabi Novena—Mass**

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
12:05 PM Deceased Members of the
Augustinian Family

Thursday, December 17, 2020
12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, December 18, 2020
12:05 PM -----

Saturday, December 19, 2020

† = Deceased

Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
Pledges: 205 Percentage: 104.4259%
Amount Pledged: \$783,194.50
Pledges Received: \$677,990.25
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: 688,427.96

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
Visit: archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Augustine Parish during the pandemic through the use of your Sunday envelopes and Parish Electronic Giving. Sunday envelopes may be dropped off at the rectory, or mailed directly to the Parish Office.

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"**
Parish Giving

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.

Sacrificial Giving
December 06, 2020
Number of Envelopes Used: 30
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,158.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$71.93
Electronic Giving: 54
Amount Electronic: \$2,053.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$38.02
Loose Money: \$213.00
Total Collection: \$4,424.00

The Bulletin Board

Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday
Sunday, December 13, 2020

Monday, December 14, 2020

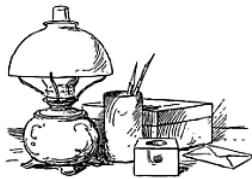
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council—Zoom

Thursday, December 17, 2020
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

Friday, December 18, 2020

Saturday, December 19, 2020
3:00 PM Christ-Carroll Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

As you come to church this weekend you will notice a significant change, the refurbished pews in the center aisles have been installed. They look (and smell) wonderful. As we are embarking on celebrating the 225th anniversary of the parish, this project (and a number of other amounting to about \$500,000) has led me to reflect on all we have inherited from previous parishioners. For example, those who built the first church in 1801, to those who built the present church in 1847 after the first one was burnt in 1844, to those who restored the church after the hurricane in 1992 which caused over a million dollars in damage, and to everyone in between who have all made tremendous contributions from which we have benefited.

I am told that the present pews were donated to the parish when the new church was built. They are historic for many reasons. I can't imagine that they have not been restored since then, but I don't know that they have. What we do know, however, is that many of them had scratches, some were cracked, some had nails protruding, some had cellophane tape holding them together, and many needed structural support. It is important that we have maintained the historic nature of the pews but have been able to "clean them up" and provide a little more distance between them.

This project has been financed (\$50,000) by our Augustinian California Province. We are extremely grateful to them for their generosity. They realize the historic nature of the parish and that they as Augustinians have their roots right here at 4th and Vine.

One of our parishioners called one day and said it was a shame not to do the side aisle pews also at this time and asked if we would accept a gift of \$30,000 to do that. The side aisle pews will be refurbished in January. I suggest, if you have the opportunity, while the side aisle pews are still here, that you walk down the aisles and compare them to the newly refurbished center aisle pews.

Our predecessors of the past 225 years have passed on to us many treasures. In good stewardship, may we continue to do the same for future parishioners.

The Church isn't the building. The building is the space where "the Church" (the people of God) assemble to worship and to be strengthened to serve. May our newly refurbished pews be an instrument to help us to do just that.

Have a SAFE and good week.

Fr. Bill



A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated, holding the infant Jesus in her arms. To the left, three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are kneeling and offering gifts. To the right, Joseph is seated, looking down at the child. A young boy, likely the boy Jesus, stands to the right of Mary. In the foreground, several white lambs are scattered on the ground. The background features a stone archway, palm trees, and a night sky with stars. The overall scene is set in a rustic, outdoor environment.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2020

Thursday, December 24, 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 AM

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Friday, January 01, 2021

(New Year's Day)

10:00 AM

No 7:00 PM Mass