

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

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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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

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

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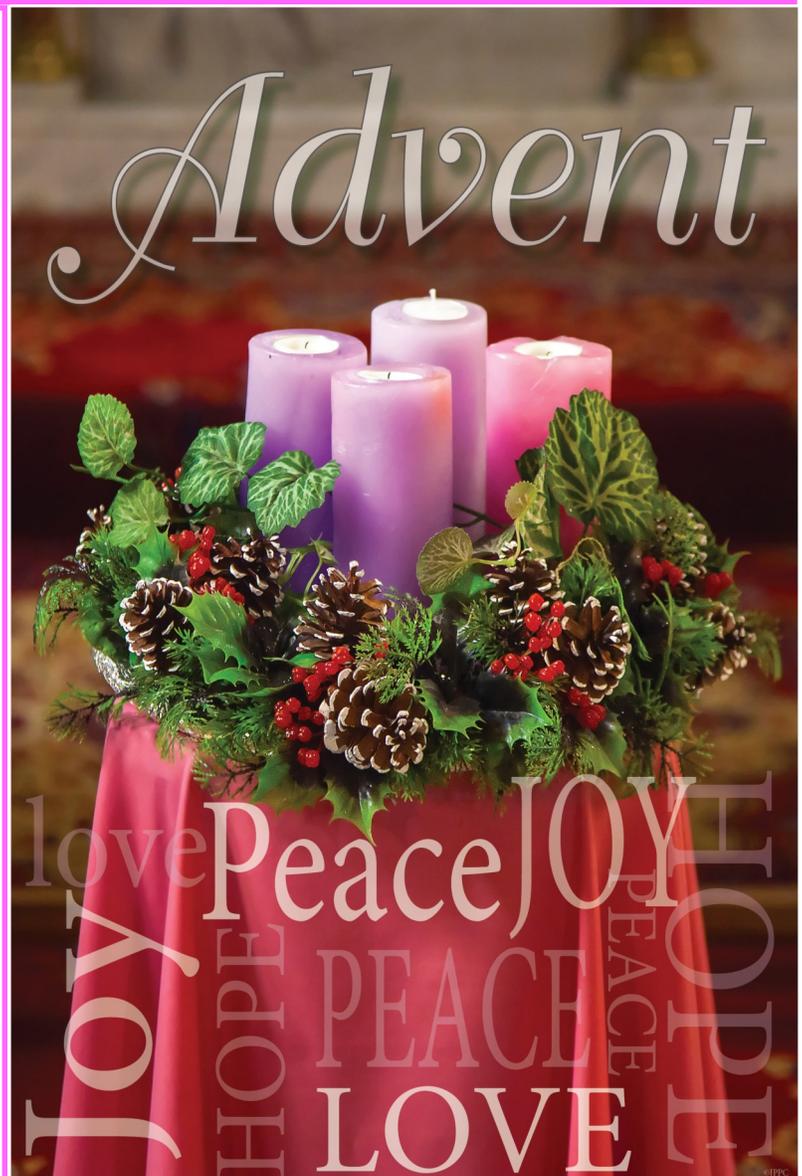
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday  
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday  
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



**Saint Augustine Parish Giving Tree** will be supporting the following organizations this year: **Bethesda Project, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, The Gift of Life Family House, Woman of Hope and ADROP.**

This year we will be donating Gift Cards to the various organizations. **Please return the tree tag along with the gift card that you purchased into the basket on the altar.** We want to pass along the gratitude from all these organizations to our parish.

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

Again, thank you for your consistent generosity over the years.

**Please return your gift cards by December 17th.**

### The Third Sunday of Advent

#### Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob."

*Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1*



#### 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.

### Winter Sinulog Feast of Santo Niño

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**11:00 AM Mass**

**All Are Welcome!**



#### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 AM † Anne C. Manning
- 11:00 AM † Isidoro Dizon, Jr. and Robert Peters, Jr.
- 7:00 PM The Parish Community

**Monday, December 18, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Catalina Insong Gahob

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Martin Halpin

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Brooke Ross Cronin

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Marge Smith

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

† = Deceased



#### Capital Campaign News

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**

Pledges: 222 Percentage: 116.8280%  
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 Pledges Received: \$820,739.68  
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$831,177.39

#### Sacrificial Giving December 10, 2023

Number of Envelopes Used: 20  
 Amount in Envelopes: \$660.00  
 Average \$/Envelope: \$33.00  
 Electronic Giving: 47  
 Amount Electronic: \$1,620.00  
 Average \$/Electronic: \$34.47  
 Loose Money: \$524.00  
 Total Collection: \$2,804.00

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#### The Bulletin Board

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**Monday, December 18, 2023**

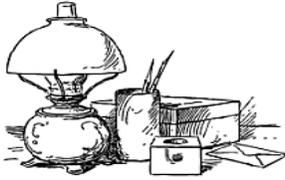
**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**  
 7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**  
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

**Friday, December 22, 2023**  
**WINTER BEGINS**  
 6:00 PM Brown-Corvino Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**  
 2:00 PM Brown-Corvino Wedding  
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



## *A word from Fr. Bill...*

Dear Parishioners:

As you have probably heard, I fell on the steps in the Friary on Friday, December 1st and hit my head against the radiator. They took me to Jefferson Hospital where naturally they took a lot of tests. I lost a lot of blood. The good news is they found a brain and the better news is that they only found dried blood in the brain. I stayed at Jefferson under observation for a week and last Friday they moved me to Magee Rehabilitation Center where I am doing a lot of physical therapy, especially for walking. I guess St. Paul knew what he was saying when he said "When one part of the body hurts, the whole body hurts." They told me this past Tuesday that I could be here for several weeks and then evaluate the next step.

On behalf of our parish community, I would like to congratulate Bishop-Elect Efren Esmilla on his appointment as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Bishop-Elect Efren is no stranger to our parish. He especially has been present to the Filipino community of our parish and to many of their celebrations.

As Advent continues, please take advantage of the scripture resources in the back of the church, the insert in the bulletin, the discussion with Bishop David Bonnar of Youngstown, Ohio on Zoom this Tuesday at 7:00 PM on "Why Jesus Came," and the Sacrament of Penance after one of the Sunday Masses. I know this is a time for decorating, shopping, wrapping, sending cards, cooking, and traveling. What a shame it would be, however, on December 25th to say "I am so exhausted to really celebrate Christmas" and then on December 26th to say "Wow I am glad that is over." This is primarily a time of reflecting on what great love God has for us in bringing his Son into our world so that we can have the opportunity of union with him in the next life. Hopefully, we can take the time in the next week (I certainly have the time) to truly put this in perspective. Please take a moment to read an article which I wrote on this theme and which was recently published in The Priest Magazine. You can find it on our parish website.

Also, on our website you will find a new video describing in less than 8 minutes the life of St. Augustine using the paintings of St. Augustine in our choir loft as a means to depict his life. Please take the opportunity to look at this video.

Have a great week. Please pray for me. I am doing well. And I will pray for you.

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, two white lambs are visible. The background features palm trees and a star in the night sky. The entire scene is set within a rustic stable structure.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**No 7:00 PM Mass**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5:30 PM and 8:30 PM**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**New Year's Day**

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

**Monday, January 01, 2024**

**10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

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