



St. Augustine R. C. Parish Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021



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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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
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Did You Know?

The birthplace of Jesus, "Bethlehem," means "House of Bread." Many ancient commentators interpret this as prefiguring the Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in the "House of Bread," and comes to us in the form of Living Bread, every time we receive him under the forms of bread and wine in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus.



The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.....Jesus!



Baptism Celebration

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community.

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Andrew William Friday

Son of Dillon & Courtney Friday

Congratulations!

Please keep Andrew's family in your prayers.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 19, 2021

- 9:00 AM † Prima Manguba
- 11:00 AM VJ & Ted Tanjutco
- 7:00 PM † June Dolan

Monday, December 20, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Pacita Leonero

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

- 12:05 PM † JoAnne Brady

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Marge Smith

Thursday, December 23, 2021

- 12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Friday, December 24, 2021
CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 5:30 PM † Pacifico Lumauag, Sr.
- 8:30 PM Young & Ong Families

**Saturday, December 25, 2021
CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 10:00 AM Young & Ong Families

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 212 Percentage: 105.9116%
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Sunday, December 19, 2021**
 11:00 AM Andrew Friday Baptism

Monday, December 20, 2021

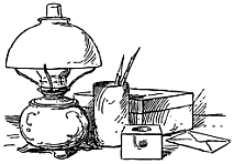
Tuesday, December 21, 2021
 * FIRST DAY OF WINTER *
 7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

Wednesday, December 22, 2021
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Friday, December 24, 2021

Saturday, December 25, 2021
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to thank all the members of our 2 parish choirs for the wonderful concert they provided for us last Friday, December 10th. The length was appropriate, a little over an hour, and the tone was reflective and prayerful. The theme of the concert was "A Weary World Rejoices."

It is so appropriate that this took place just two days before Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice." Gaudete Sunday gets its name from Zephaniah telling the people of Jerusalem in the midst of their hardships to rejoice and have hope because God will not abandon them. St. Paul tells the people to whom he is writing, the Philippians, to rejoice in the midst of their difficulties. He tells them to let go of anxiety because the Lord is near.

At the end of the concert I told the 40 plus members of our choirs that they were modern day prophets. Just like Zephaniah and St. Paul, they were bringing joy to a weary world. We are all dealing with the hardships of the pandemic, shootings, tornadoes, etc. We need some light in the midst of darkness and our choirs brought that to us last Friday. They were giving the message that a weary world can find reason to rejoice. The reason being we are going to celebrate the great gift that God gave us, Jesus, so that we can live forever. They reminded us that in the midst of weariness and darkness there can be joy and light. The choirs provided a tremendous service to us as a parish.

We are very blessed as a parish to have, not only the talented musical parishioners we have, but ones with such generosity to volunteer many hours in rehearsals and who share their talents and selflessness with us, not just in singing but taking care of details like providing the printed program.

There are no words with which I can describe how grateful we are to Kim Barroso, our parish Music Director. Kim has been with the parish for 16 years. Our parish is noted for the superb music at our liturgies. This could not happen without the incredible expertise in music which Kim brings to us.

On behalf of all of us, I express our sincerest gratitude to Kim and our choirs to help a weary world rejoice.

I am not going to say have a wonderful Christmas on Saturday, but I do hope and pray all of you have a wonderful celebration of Jesus's birth.

Fr. Bill

*Merry
Christmas*

Maligayang Pasko!



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, looking towards the infant. In the foreground, two white lambs are visible. The background features a simple wooden manger structure, palm trees, and a starry night sky.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021 - 2022

Friday, December 24, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM and 8:30 PM

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**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saturday, December 25, 2021

10:00 AM

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

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

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
New Year's Day**

Friday, December 31, 2021

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 01, 2022

10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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Sunday, January 02, 2022

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

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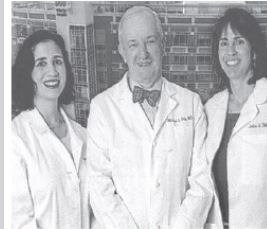
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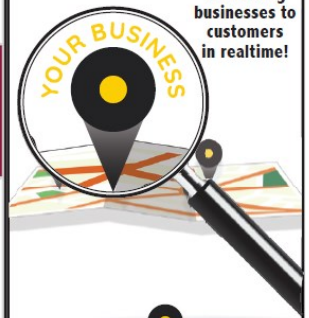
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