

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
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"Then they opened their
treasures and offered him gifts of
Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11



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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions January 2022



For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry, and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2022-2023 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru.



If interested, please visit www.augustinianvolunteers.org or contact us at: info@augustinianvolunteers.org



We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2

Come Let Us Adore Him!



Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño
Our annual Mass and festival in honor of Santo Niño will be held on:
Sunday, January 16th, 2022 ★ Mass begins at 11:00 AM

All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend.

VIVA SANTO NIÑO! PIT SEÑOR!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 02, 2022

- 9:00 AM † Eileen Riordan
- 11:00 AM † Silverio Alas
- 7:00 PM † Ellen Violet Finnegan

Monday, January 03, 2022

- 12:05 PM † John Grande

Tuesday, January 04, 2022

- 12:05 PM † Juliana & Guntrano Gica
- † Santiago AlPuerto

Wednesday, January 05, 2022

- 12:05 PM Virginia Roberts, For Healing

Thursday, January 06, 2022

- 12:05 PM † Joseph Mara

Friday, January 07, 2022

- 12:05 PM † Anne Mensing

Saturday, January 08, 2022

† = Deceased

MARCH FOR LIFE
Friday, January 21, 2022

March for Life Rally

Join us in Washington, DC for the March for Life Rally. This FREE event features a live concert and inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders – sharing how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long. The Rally will begin at 12 pm ET on the National Mall.

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

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The Bulletin Board

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Sunday, January 02, 2022

Monday, January 03, 2022

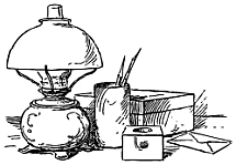
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A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Yesterday, we celebrated New Years' Day. How might they be connected?

Since childhood, we have been familiar with the story of the Magi in the midst of danger from Herod following the star and finding Jesus.

I remember as a little kid (just several years ago) every day after Christmas being able to move the Magi in the Nativity scene a little closer to the infant Jesus until the Feast of the Epiphany when they were at the manger with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I remember when I was first ordained and was at my first priestly assignment, the pastor had the letters on the wall which spelled out, "Three men sought him. Wise ones still do." Are we one of the wise ones who seek Jesus?

As we begin a new year, what stars will we follow in 2022 to find Jesus?

Like the Magi, sometimes in our environment today it may be risky to seek Jesus. We can be rejected. It may make us not as financially secure for one reason or another. We could lose friends. We might be ridiculed.

Herod wanted to kill anyone who might be a threat to his prestige and power. As this year unfolds, we can encounter Herods who are threatened by spirituality of maybe our relationship with Jesus or maybe the Church.

We have no idea of what will unfold in 2022. We are not expected to have a horoscope to know. We don't know what competition or risks there will be in searching for Jesus. That is why it is important to follow certain stars.

I heard a young couple the other night say they periodically watch a half hour video of different Saints. Reflection on the Saints and modeling their virtues are stars that lead me to Jesus.

Someone told me last week he had not been to confession in 11 years, and when he recently went (not with me), he discovered a peace he has not known for a while. The sacraments are stars that can lead us to Jesus.

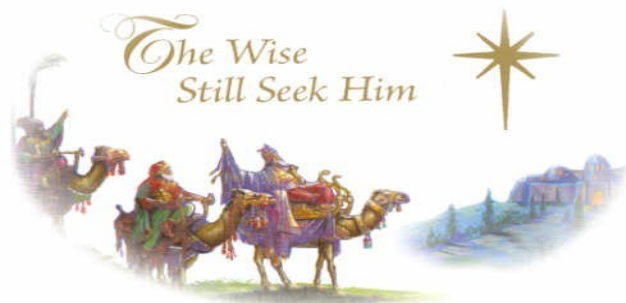
A young man recently told me that his grandfather died a few weeks ago and that he had been coming to Mass during the week because "I find a connection." Participating in the faith community is a star that leads us to Jesus.

As you may be aware, there is a group in the parish who say the rosary together on Zoom each Tuesday night at 8 PM. There is another group that meets on Zoom on Thursday nights at 7 PM to share insights into the scripture passages for the following Sunday. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am." You can find the Zoom information to connect to these groups on the homepage of our parish website and also in the bulletin. Being part of one or both of these groups may be stars that lead me to Jesus.

The Magi, in the midst of some risks, followed the star and experienced the physical manifestation of Jesus. What star(s) —Saints, Sacraments, Community, prayer groups - will I follow in 2022 to experience the manifestation of Jesus in my life?

Have a safe and great week and a wonderful 2022.

Fr. Bill





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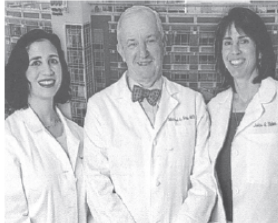
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