

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022



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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

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

## OSA Friends

OSA Friends is an association whose members have an interest in learning about St. Augustine's theology and spirituality. OSA Friends already exist in several parishes staffed by the Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Anyone interested in learning about Saint Augustine, his thought and spirituality is asked to contact Fr. Jim Keating at St. Augustine's Parish or call him at (215) 629-6351 for more information.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH - 7:30 PM**

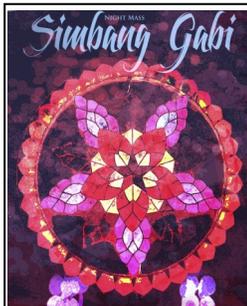
#### *A Concert to Celebrate the Season*

The Chamber Choir and the Filipino Choir will host their annual pre-Christmas Concert to begin the Advent Season! This St. Augustine's annual tradition is not to be missed!

Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!



FREE Admission! (Free will offering)



On Thursday,  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, at a  
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.

*All are welcome!*

## WHY DO WE USE AN ADVENT WREATH?

**Evergreen wreath**—The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the colour that represents hope and new life.

**Four Candles**—represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes **Hope** and **Love**, respectively. The third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes **Joy**. The fourth and last purple candle represents **Peace**. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind. On Christmas, the center white



### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, November 27, 2022

9:00 AM † Frank DeSimone  
11:00 AM † Prima Manguba  
7:00 PM For the Conversion of Sinners

#### Monday, November 28, 2022

12:05 PM For the Conversion of Sinners

#### Tuesday, November 29, 2022

12:05 PM For the Conversion of Sinners

#### Wednesday, November 30, 2022

12:05 PM The Parish Community

#### Thursday, December 1, 2022

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the  
Gallagher & Marquart Families

#### Friday, December 2, 2022

12:05 PM † Daniel F. Waters, Jr.

#### Saturday, December 3, 2022

† = Deceased

### A Prayer For Advent

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this Advent season, which is Christ himself, whom God our Father has revealed to the entire world.

Where God is born, hope is born.  
Where God is born, peace is born.  
And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war.  
God alone can save us and free us from the many forms of evil and selfishness in our midst.

Let us welcome into our lives God's mercy, which Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, so that we in turn can show mercy to our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will make peace grow!

*Pope Francis*

### Electronic Giving

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### The Bulletin Board

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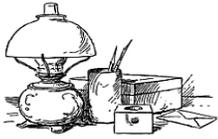
Tuesday, November 29, 2022  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

Wednesday, November 30, 2022  
7:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2022  
5:00 PM Premaza-Graham Rehearsal  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 2, 2022  
4:00 PM Premaza-Graham Wedding

Saturday, December 3, 2022  
1:00 PM Nurthen-Lafferty Wedding  
3:30 PM Lichtenstein-Duffy Wedding



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

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year! Happy New Liturgical/Church Year! Happy Advent!

As we begin a new Church year and enter into Advent, we have the great joy this Sunday at the 11 AM Mass of celebrating "The Rite of Welcoming" with our candidate, Ted Baker, in the RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process.

What is the RCIA? It is a process by which one enters a journey to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

What is a candidate? A candidate is one who was baptized in another Christian religion (as opposed to a Catechumen who has never been baptize) and is preparing to become Catholic).

What is the Rite of Welcoming? It is a ceremony where the faith community welcomes Ted and we pledge our prayers and support for him. Within the Rite, Ted will express his intention to follow the way of Christ and his sponsor, Ryan Langton, will assure the community of Ted's sincerely and his ongoing conversion.

Who is Ted Baker? Ted, who is 32 was baptized into the Church of Christ when he was 18 years old. He is originally from Syracuse, New York. He went to LeMoyne College in Syracuse where he met Kharisma Goldston. Kharisma is the director of Our Brothers Place, a shelter for men in Philadelphia. I witnessed their marriage here at St. Augustine's this past July 2nd. Ted is in the Army Reserves and works in the IT (Information Technology) department at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. For hobbies he likes to play video games and be involved in axe throwing. I told him to leave his axes at home. Ted called me last December after he witnessed this same ceremony on the First Sunday of Advent. He was inquiring what the process was to become Catholic. We stayed in touch over the next months due to his marriage preparation with Kharisma.

What has been involved in this process thus far? This past September Ted began the formal process of preparation, known as the "Period of Inquiry." Since then, we have met 10 times with Kharisma and his sponsor, Ryan Lawton. Ryan, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, is currently preparing for his doctorate in Early American History at Temple University. Just as for the past eight years, Patrick Lanza meets with us each Monday evening, representing the parish. Some of the topics we have discussed since September are: What is Faith, the Holy Trinity, Who is Jesus, What is the Bible and how to use it, the Mass, the Church year, What are the different things in the church, Who makes up the Church and what are their different roles, as well as Mary, the Saints and our understanding of heaven, hell and purgatory.

Now What? Now that Ted has inquired about these topics, he is asking to formally be initiated into the next stage of the process. As I said, this Sunday morning at the 11 AM Mass Ted will publicly state his decision to move on in the process and the community will welcome him, thus the title, "The Rite of Welcoming." The next stage in the process is "The Period of Catechumenate" where we will focus on the Sacraments as well as Catholic beliefs, attitudes and practices.

Why does Ted want to become Catholic? Ted says he wants to become Catholic because he wants to be involved with the roots of Christianity. Also, marrying a Catholic woman and wanting to raise their children in the Catholic faith has motivated him.

As we begin Advent, may we keep Ted in prayer as he continues his journey of faith to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church when on April 16th, the Sunday after Easter, he will make a Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive First Communion.

Have a great week and a wonderful Advent.

Fr. Bill

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation