

St. Augustine Parish

First Sunday of Advent—December 03, 2017

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

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.



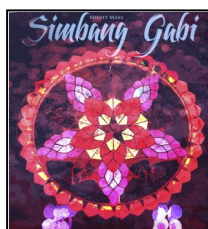
Evan Schaffner Miles Humenansky Katie Kenny Scott Gillenwater Mike McGrory

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) ♦ "The Rite of Acceptance" ♦ December 3, 2017 ♦ 7:00 PM



**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available
after the 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses
on the four Sundays of Advent.**

SAVE THE DATE ! We need the help and cooperation of many parishioners who will take ownership of our **Capital Campaign**. In collaboration with Partners for Sacred Places (*the resource agency assisting with our campaign*) and the Steering Committee, we have scheduled a vital meeting on **Sunday, December 10th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. This town hall-style meeting and workshop will help us understand what the campaign is, how proceeds will be used, and the process for conducting this campaign - including how each of us can use our gifts & talents to ensure its success.



On Friday, 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.



**Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Friday,
December 08, 2017
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass will be Celebrated at
12:05 PM and 7:00 PM**

*Prepare
Ye the
Way
of the
Lord!*



St. Augustine's Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations: Women of Hope, Our Brother's Place, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House Now, Gift of Life Family House, and the Philippine Medical Mission. We ask you to take an ornament, purchase the requested gift and return it unwrapped with the ornament tag attached to the gift by **Sunday, December 17th** and place it in one of the boxes by the tree. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need during this Giving Season!

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we will soon be preparing the way for the Lord. But first, we have to clean his house! Our parish family bi-annual **Church Cleaning Day** is just around the corner. Please join us on **Sunday, December 17th at 1:00 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you here.



This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Thursday Evening, December 21st at 7pm**. *Your help is needed!*



**Mass
Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 02 & 03, 2017**

5:15 PM In Honour of St. Augustine
9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney
11:00 AM In Thanksgiving for all the Blessings & Health in 2017, Elgene Morales
7:00 PM † Marge Smith

Monday, December 04, 2017

12:05 PM † Anthony Bernato

Tuesday, December 05, 2017

12:05 PM † Julia R. Baumann

Wednesday, December 06, 2017

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Thursday, December 07, 2017

12:05 PM A Special Intention

Friday, December 08, 2017

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

12:05 PM † Matthew Bee

7:00 PM Arevalo Family, In Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 09, 2017

5:15 PM † Elsie Manning

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

November 18 & 19, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 49
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,608.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$32.82
Electronic Giving: 28
Amount Electronic: \$594.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$21.23
Loose Money: \$503.00
Total Collection: \$2,705.00



Sacrificial Giving

November 25 & 26, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 51
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,334.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$26.16
Electronic Giving: 30
Amount Electronic: \$629.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$20.98
Loose Money: \$700.00
Total Collection: \$2,663.00

The Bulletin Board

**First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 03, 2017**

Monday, December 04, 2017

Tuesday, December 05, 2017
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 06, 2017
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 07, 2017
7:00 PM Gallagher-Devlin Rehearsal
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 08, 2017
5:00 PM Gallagher-Devlin Wedding

Saturday, December 09, 2017
6:00 PM Ilocano Christmas Party
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....



Dear Parishioners:

Happy Advent. Happy New Liturgical Year. Happy time of waiting, and praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

This is a very significant time in the Church year that can easily get lost because of getting wrapped up (pun intended) in the gifts, shopping, decorations, etc. etc. To help us keep the focus of the "reason for the season" we are providing a number of things in the parish and we certainly encourage you to take advantage of them:

- 1) Come to the concert this Saturday at 7:30 PM. It will help set the tone for the weeks to come.
- 2) Take an ornament tag from the "Giving Tree," knowing you will make a difference in someone's Christmas.
- 3) Take home a book in the back of the church authored by Bishop Robert Barron and read a reflection on the Gospel each day of Advent.
- 4) Experience the total and awesome forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession-Reconciliation) after the 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM Masses on Sunday or at 4:30 PM on Saturday.

As I mentioned in my letter last weekend, we are celebrating "The Rite of Acceptance" at the 7:00 PM Mass this Sunday for five Inquirers who have been part of the RCIA process since September. In the Rite of Acceptance those previously known as inquirers (asking questions and becoming familiar with our faith) become catechumens (not baptized) and candidates (baptized but not fully initiated into the Church). We officially welcome them as disciples, members (albeit not yet full members) of the faith community. Their sponsors will introduce them to the community and we will assure them of our prayers as they continue their journey of faith. You will see their picture on the cover of this bulletin. Please pray for Katie, Evan, and Miles our catechumens, and Mike and Scott, our candidates. It is a joy to see their interest and desire to learn more about who we are.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill



Environmental Corner

Home:

Oven Cleaner

- 2 cups hot water
- 1 tablespoon natural dish liquid
- 1 teaspoon borax

♦ Mix the ingredients, spray on a spill, let sit for 20 minutes, and wipe off with a clean cloth.
(from www.rodalsorgancilife.com)

Office:

- Inter-office envelopes should be fully employed
- Request suppliers to use re-usable or recycled packaging
- Investigate which kind of recycle containers work best in your office and then encourage their use

Outside:

Along with block parties, consider a "clean up day" and block wide garage sale





New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino and American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine Church – Carr Hall on **December 31st from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM.**

Mass to follow at 12:15 AM. Tickets are: \$20 for adults, \$10 for child ages 13-17, \$5 for children ages 8-12, and children under the age of 7 are free. For more info please contact:

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042



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



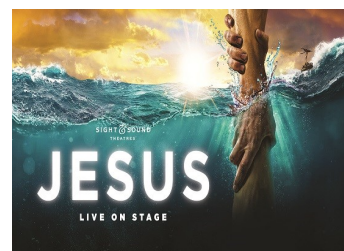
Save the Date !

Winter Sinulog Feast of Santo Niño

**January 21st, 2018
11:00 AM Mass**

Join Saint Rita Shrine for a Lancaster Trip on.....

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - See and engage with the epic **Sight and Sound Theatre** the brand NEW production of "JESUS" followed by a buffet lunch together, and outlet shopping before return. Departure (St. Rita Shrine): 7:30am & Return: 8:30pm. Price per person is \$150 and includes: Ticket for the performance, buffet lunch, and bus rides. Reserve now! ONLY 29 SEATS LEFT! Call Mary Bell at 215-334-5016 or Pat Bruno at 215-755



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

FERNANDO D. DACANAY

Entered eternal life November 12, 2017

Prepare!

Hope!

Come, Lord Jesus

Believe!

Rejoice!

The Latin word adventus is the translation of the Greek word parousia, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thoughts of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and to his second coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent.

A detailed illustration of a Nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe, Joseph in a brown robe, and the infant Jesus lying in a manger. Three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are presenting gifts. Two shepherds in simple clothing are also present, along with several white sheep. The setting is a stable with palm trees and a star in the night sky.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2017

5:15 PM Vigil, Saturday, December 23, 2017

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE

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



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2017

10:00 AM



5:15 PM Vigil, Saturday, December 30, 2017

Sunday, December 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM ♦ No 7 PM Evening Mass



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year;

No Vigil Mass on Sunday Evening

New Year's Day

Monday, January 01, 2018

12:15 AM (*Midnight*), 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM