

St. Augustine R. C. Parish Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

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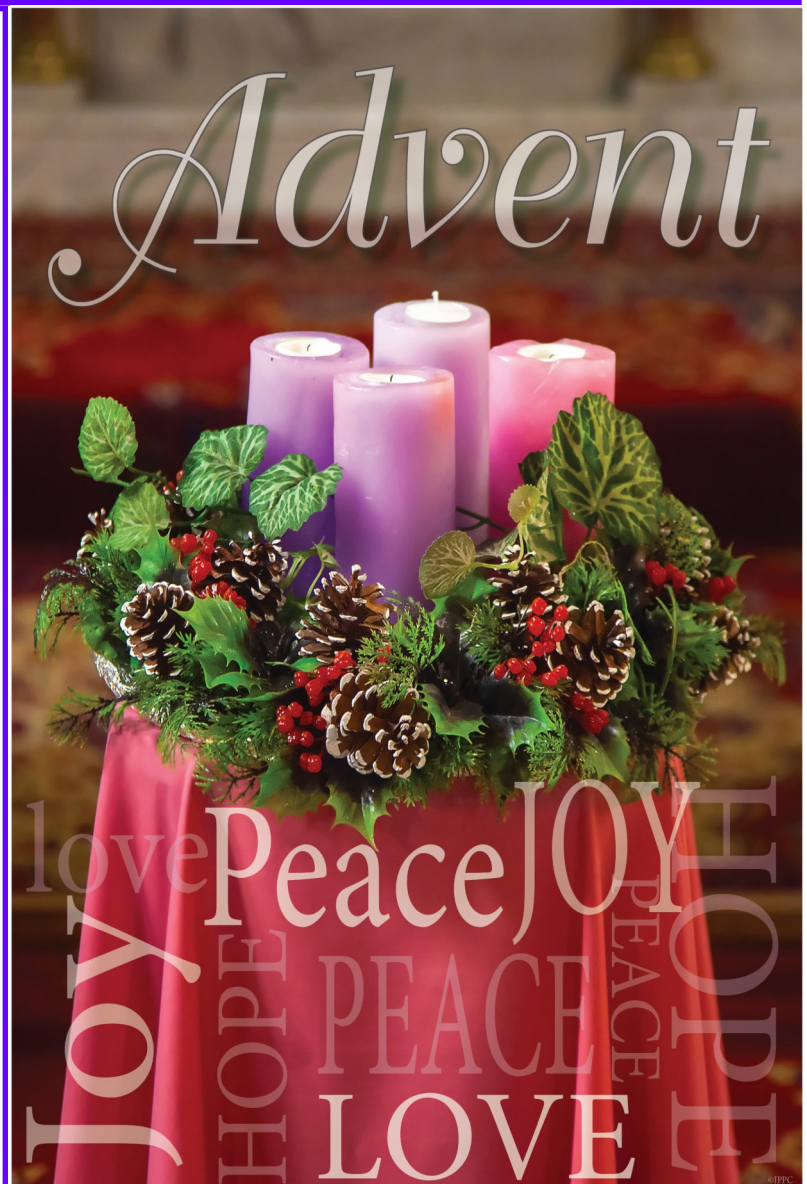
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

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



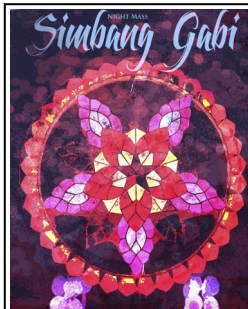
Saint Augustine Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations this year: **Bethesda Project, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, The Gift of Life Family House, Woman of Hope and ADROP.**

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.



On Friday, December 15th, 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!



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 10, 2023

Madelyn June Francesco

Daughter of Michael & Danielle

Congratulations!

Please keep Madelyn's family in your prayers.



Winter Sinulog Feast of Santo Niño

**January 21st, 2024
11:00 AM Mass**

All Are Welcome!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney
11:00 AM † Lorenzo Viernes
7:00 PM † Anunciacion Dagala and Purisimo Doller

Monday, December 11, 2023

12:05 PM † Mary D. Flanagan

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

Thursday, December 14, 2023

12:05 PM Cronin family

Friday, December 15, 2023

SIMBANG GABI

12:05 PM † Jean Dixon
7:00 PM † Eula Hale

Saturday, December 16, 2023

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 222 Percentage: 116.8221%

Amount Pledged: \$876,165.68

Pledges Received: \$820,695.68

In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71

Campaign Total Rec'd: \$831,133.39

Sacrificial Giving December 3, 2023

Number of Envelopes Used: 23

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,380.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$60.00

Electronic Giving: 48

Amount Electronic: \$1,715.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$35.73

Loose Money: \$386.00

Total Collection: \$3,481.00

Electronic Giving

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2023

11:00 AM Madelyn Francesco Baptism

Monday, December 11, 2023

2:00 PM Evangelization Meeting—Zoom

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

7:00 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2023

5:00 PM Peralta-Fitzpatrick Rehearsal

6:00 PM Dempsey-Donnelly Rehearsal

7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, December 15, 2023

1:30 PM Peralta-Fitzpatrick Wedding

3:30 PM Dempsey-Donnelly Wedding

7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Celebration

Saturday, December 16, 2023

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

Many, many thanks to our parish choirs who provided such a tremendous concert this past Friday night. I believe there were approximately 500-600 persons in attendance. The 55 members of the choirs have prepared for this since this past September. This is a true ministry to set the tone for all of us to have good spiritual experiences during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Of course, we are extremely grateful to Kim Barroso who started a year ago to organize the music and to bring the choirs together. We are blessed to have him as the Director of Music for our parish. A sincere thank you to those who contributed \$1,100 in a free will offering to help us save for equipment and microphones to update our sound system in the church which is estimated to cost \$16,000. (If you missed the concert last Friday evening, you can still watch the entire concert by going to our parish website and clicking on the link that will take you to a recording of the outstanding performance.)

We are very grateful to the close to 25 persons who contributed approximately \$8,575.00 to the #iGiveCatholic campaign." The generosity of these individuals will help the cost to repair the tower of the church, the cost to the videoing of four parishioners to share their faith stories which will be on our parish website, the cost for some of our regular parish expenses as well as contributions to our Capital Campaign. Many thanks for their generosity which will help to finance one new program in the parish as well as some capital expenses.

In my letter last weekend, I mentioned a number of resources we have in the parish to help us keep the spirituality of Advent, e.g. the pamphlets with reflections on scripture passages for each day of Advent, participating in the Tuesday night reflections on "Why Jesus Came." Please also consider joining parishioners and non-parishioners who reflect on the scripture passages for the following Sunday. We meet on Zoom at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings. You can join us by using the following link:

Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

You also can find it on our parish website as well as in the bulletin.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill



A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe holding the infant Jesus in a manger, surrounded by Joseph, three wise men in ornate robes, shepherds with their flock of sheep, and angels. The setting is a stable with palm trees and a bright star in the night sky.

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

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.
Presents:

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Why Jesus Came

* But were afraid to ask

Why did God have
to take on our flesh
to save us?

How can Jesus
be both human
and divine?

Was Jesus
actually human
like us?

WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS? Submit your questions for our three-part series during Advent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding Church teaching on “**Why Jesus Came.**” Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



Tuesday, 12/5 - Jesus Came to Give His Life as a Ransom for Many -
Rev. John Lydon, O.S.A., Associate Director, Center of Faith and Learning,
Villanova University -
Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApce-gqz0tHtGzynCmabZ9A26ihQM86rXE#/registration>



Tuesday, 12/12 - Jesus Came to Give Eternal Life -
Dr. Janet Haggerty, PhD., Associate Professor of Theology,
College Seminary and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology,
Theological Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary -
Register at the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/upclceGqpjktHdKaATasHQFakHMQdD-o715G>



Tuesday, 12/19 - Jesus Came to Reveal the Father -
Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown (Ohio),
Editor of *The Priest* magazine -
Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd-uuqj8vHdKD1cCpm7fVo2XWmKk8TLAc#/registration>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Bro. Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:
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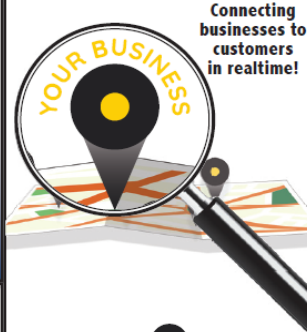
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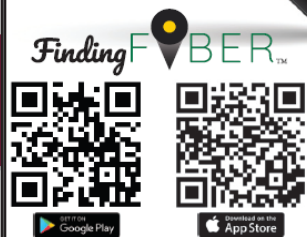
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