



# St. Augustine Parish

*Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2016*

*"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"*

**Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796**

## *Mission Statement:*

*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 and thus 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 2:00 PM  
Monday through Friday

## **Mass Schedule:**

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM  
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

## **Parish Staff:**

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## **Sacramental Celebrations**

### ***Sacrament of Baptism***

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a regular basis, except during Lent. It is usually celebrated within Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. The parents of the child to be baptized meet personally ahead of time with the priest celebrating the sacrament. Contact the parish office for further information.

### ***Sacrament of Matrimony***

Weddings are arranged by appointment at least eight months in advance of the desired wedding date. Contact the parish office for more information.

### ***Ministry to the Sick & Sacrament of the Sick***

If anyone in your family is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or in a nursing home and they would like a visit from the pastor, please call the parish office.

### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Anytime by appointment.

### ***Parish Registration***

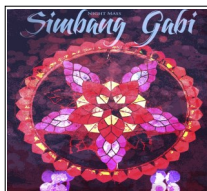
Please call the parish office for information. Forms are also available in the back of the Church.

### ***Parish Committees***

The Parish Council, Filipino Sub-Council, and Finance Committees assist the staff in serving the parish. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Bill for information about serving on these various committees.

### ***Novena to the Santo Niño***

Each Sunday, after the 11:00 AM Mass there is a novena in honor of the Santo Niño.



**On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. All are welcome!**



### **Sharing Sexual Abuse Stories 'Helps To Heal The Hurts'**

By PAUL F. MORRISSEY, OSA

This article appeared in the Opinion Section of the Dec. 2-15 issue of the **National Catholic Reporter**.

Pick up a copy of the article in the back of church or visit the homepage of our website for a link to read the article.

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### **Pope Francis' December 2016 Prayer Intentions**

#### **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

#### **Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**Please remember the Holy Father's intentions in your own daily prayers.**



**This year we will be  
decorating the church for  
Christmas on:**

**Thursday Evening,  
December 22nd  
at 7pm.**

*Your help is needed!*



**Third Sunday of Advent - JOY**

### **Sacrificial Giving**

**December 03 & 04, 2016**

Number of Envelopes Used: 58  
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,161.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$37.26  
Electronic Giving: 28  
Amount Electronic: \$727.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$25.96  
Loose Money: \$615.00  
Total Collection: \$3,503.00



**St. Augustine's Giving Tree** will be supporting the following organizations: Women of Hope, Our Brother's Place, Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (ADROP), Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House Now, Gift of Life Family House, and the Philippine Medical Mission. **Starting this weekend**, we ask you to take an ornament, purchase the requested gift and return it **unwrapped with the ornament tag attached to the gift** by **next Sunday, December 18th** and place it in one of the boxes by the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 18th at 1:00 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you here.



### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,  
December 10 & 11, 2016**

5:15 PM † Theresa & Joseph Toman and David Shibochevski

9:00 AM † Anna P. LeMar

11:00 AM † Rion Largoza

7:00 PM † Anna Lacey & Margaret Kelleher

**Monday, December 12, 2016**

12:05 PM † Alberta Planster

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

12:05 PM † Marie Kritz

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

7:00 PM **Simbang Gabi Novena**

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

12:05 PM † Ann Manning

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

5:15 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA

† = Deceased

## **The Bulletin Board**

**Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Monday, December 12, 2016**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

6:30 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting  
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



### Baptism Celebration

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

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

**Aislinn Victoria Murphy,**

daughter of Brad Murphy & Paula Marchese.

*Please keep Aislinn's family in your prayers.*



### 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*



### 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 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM.**

**Mass to follow at 12:15 AM.** Tickets are: \$15 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 contact:

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### Save the Date!

### Winter Sinulog

### Feast of Santo Niño

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**11:00 AM Mass**

### Schedule of Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

**December 24, 2016:**

**5:30 PM, 8:30 PM & 10:30 PM**

(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

#### Christmas Day



### Schedule of New Year's Masses

**Solemnity of Mary,  
The Mother of God**

**December 31, 2016**

**5:15 PM**





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



Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday evening we experienced one of the highlights of our parish year, the parish's Pre-Christmas concert. It appropriately was entitled "A Light Shines."

I say appropriately because it is truly A Light Shining for the Church to see so many parishioners, young and older, various ethnic backgrounds, long term parishioners and new parishioners come together sharing their time and talents for the betterment of the entire community.

First, it is "a light" to see about 40 men and women share their precious time and musical talent. Time and talent are both gifts and are not to be buried. These men and women have been rehearsing for many long hours since September so that we all could have a more prayerful Advent and Christmas season.

It was literally A Light Shining in seeing how our sanctuary was lit thanks to Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. This environment certainly enhanced the atmosphere for a prayerful evening.

We experienced A Light Shining as many, many parishioners joined us immediately after the concert for a social in Carr Hall. This was the result of many people bringing food, preparing food, and taking care of all the logistics for such a large crowd to gather. Kudos also go to those who cleaned up so generously and selflessly. This is often a thankless task for which many do not sign up. We were blessed with the men and women who so pleasantly did this.

Most significantly we experienced A Light Shining thru our Director of Music, Kim Barasso. Over the past ten weeks Kim has facilitated the rehearsals of two choirs, individually and at times together. He and members of the choirs oversaw all the details that are necessary to make such a beautiful event go smoothly. We are blessed to have Kim for four Masses fifty-two weeks a year, Holy Days and special events like we experienced last Saturday.

Lastly, we experienced A Light Shining in the very large crowd who was with us at the concert. It is probably the largest crowd we have had for this concert. You could sense the light shining in the eyes, the smiles, and the words of appreciation of those who were there.

I started by saying that the Pre-Christmas Concert is one of the highlights of our parish year. This is precisely because it is an opportunity for the entire parish to come together in worship, service, and to enjoy each other's company. It is truly a community with its Light Shining.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

## **A Biographical Sketch of an Augustinian Saint...**

### **Blessed James of Viterbo, Bishop • December 12<sup>th</sup>**

James was born in Viterbo (Italy) around the year 1255. He studies in Paris under the notable Augustinian, Giles of Rome, and later taught in Paris and Naples. In 1302 he was ordained bishop of Benevento, but on December 12<sup>th</sup> the same year was transferred to Naples. He wrote important works in which his love for the Church and for the doctrine of Saint Augustine shines out as it did in his life-style. He died in Naples toward the end of 1307 or the beginning of 1308. Pope Pius X confirmed his cult in 1911.



## **The Third Sunday of Advent — Gaudete Sunday**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob."

*Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1*

