

# St. Augustine Parish

*Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2015*

*"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 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**



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## **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**

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## **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.



## New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino & American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine Church Social 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Peace



## Winter Sinulog

### Feast of Santo Nino

Our annual Mass and festival in honor of Santo Nino will be held ~ **Sunday** ~

**January 17th, 2016.**

Mass begins at 11:00

AM followed by a procession inside the church. After the procession, there will be a light luncheon in the social hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

**Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

## EXTENDED ONE MORE WEEK!



**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. We ask you to take an ornament tag, purchase the requested gift and return it **unwrapped** by **Sunday, December 20th** and place it in the boxes under the tree.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



"We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it."  
~ Pope Francis

Visit our parish website:

**www.st-augustinechurch.com**

and on the homepage click on the icon above to learn all about the **Jubilee Year of Mercy.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday & Sunday, December 19 & 20, 2015**

5:15 PM Harold Griffith

9:00 AM Anthony & Albert Georeno

11:00 AM † Dr. Nacianceno T. Largoza

7:00 PM X. L. Griffith

**Monday, December 21, 2015**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Tuesday, December 22, 2015**

12:05 PM Catalina Insong Gahob

**Wednesday, December 23, 2015**

12:05 PM All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, December 24, 2015**

5:30 PM ~~~~~

8:30 PM ~~~~~

10:30 PM Young and Ong Families

**Friday, December 25, 2015**

10:00 AM Pro Populo

**Saturday, December 26, 2015**

5:15 PM X. L. Griffith

† = Deceased



**Merry Christmas**

## Electronic Giving

*It's simple!  
It's secure!  
It's convenient!*

Just log on to our website,  
**www.st-augustinechurch.com**

and click on:

**"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"**



## What's Happening

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 20, 2015**

9 AM, 11 AM & 7 PM Mass

1:00 PM Decorating of the Church

**Monday, December 21, 2015**

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**Tuesday, December 22, 2015**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, December 23, 2015**

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 24, 2015**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

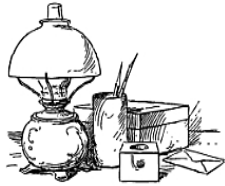
**Friday, December 25, 2015**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS !**

**MALIGAYANG PASKO !**

**Saturday, December 26, 2015**

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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



Dear Parishioners:

As we enter into this final week of Advent, I hope we can all take some time in the midst of the madness of cards, shopping, wrapping, cooking, stringing lights, etc. to keep the focus of the reason for the season--the reason for the cards, shopping, wrapping, cooking, stringing lights, etc. Of course it is to celebrate God's great love for us. In His compassion and mercy He gave us His son, Jesus.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, to officially begin the "The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy" Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on December 8th and Archbishop Chaput did the same thing at Philadelphia's Cathedral last Sunday, December 13th. So a good way to reflect on Christmas this year is in the context of God's mercy for us.

Having mercy is more than compassion or sympathy. It is more than feeling sorry for someone. It means that we enter into the suffering of another. We feel their pain. This is what our God has done for us and what we are called to imitate as we respond in a merciful way to others.

One of the traditional ways of doing this is to focus on the physical needs of others by participating in "The Corporal Works of Mercy":

Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty

Shelter the homeless  
Visit the sick

Bury the dead  
Visit those in prison

Clothe the naked

We can also center in on the spiritual and emotional needs of others by participating in the "Spiritual Works of Mercy":

Instruct the ignorant  
Counsel the doubtful  
Admonish the sinner

Forgive injuries  
Bear wrongs patiently  
Pray for the living and the dead

Comfort the sorrowful

I can remember in grammar school (maybe 4th grade) memorizing these Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, standing up in the classroom and reciting them to show "Sister" that I knew them. But I didn't really know them.

As we celebrate God's mercy to us in giving Jesus to us out of love, may we show others that we now truly do know and understand them by incorporating them into our way of living.

Have a great week as we prepare to celebrate Christmas on Friday.

Fr. Bill

*Merry Christmas*

*Maligayang Pasko !*



### Schedule of Christmas Masses

December 24, 2015:  
5:30 PM, 8:30 PM & 10:30 PM  
(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

December 25, 2015:  
10:00 AM



### Schedule of New Year's Masses

Solemnity of Mary,  
The Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1, 2016:  
12:15 AM (After the N.Y. Eve Party)  
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM