



St. Augustine Parish

The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 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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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

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

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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.



Did You Know?

The birthplace of Jesus, "Bethlehem," means "House of Bread." Many ancient commentators interpret this as prefiguring the Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in the "House of Bread," and comes to us in the form of Living Bread, every time we receive him under the forms of bread and wine in the Blessed Sacrament.



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: \$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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....For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord....

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus. The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.....Jesus!



Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño

Our annual Mass and festival in honor of Santo Niño will be held on

Sunday, January 15th, 2017. Mass begins at **11:00 AM** followed by a procession inside the church. After the procession, there will be a light

luncheon in Carr Hall. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend.

VIVA SANTO NIÑO! PIT SEÑOR!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

December 26th Monday ~ CLOSED

December 27th Tuesday ~ Re-Open at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

January 2nd Monday ~ CLOSED

January 3rd Tuesday ~ Re-Open at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 24 & 25, 2016**

5:30 PM X. L. Marie Griffith

8:30 PM Young & Ong Families

10:30 PM † Dante Burce

10:00 AM For the People

Monday, December 26, 2016

12:05 PM † John A. Georeno

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

12:05 PM † Mrs. Alfieri

Thursday, December 29, 2016

12:05 PM Deceased Augustinians

Friday, December 30, 2016

12:05 PM Young & Ong Families

Saturday, December 31, 2016

New Year's Eve

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

5:15 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

† = Deceased



The nativity scene, or crèche, was popularized by Saint Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. Many put out most of the nativity scene before Christmas, but wait until December 25th to place Baby Jesus in the manger, and wait until the feast of the Epiphany to arrange the Magi. Setting up the crib can be an occasion for prayer and the reading of Holy Scripture.



Christmas Day — Christ Our Light

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The Bulletin Board

**The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday, December 25, 2016
MERRY CHRISTMAS !**

**Monday, December 26, 2016
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY**

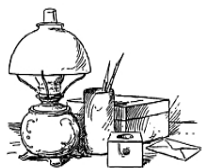
**Tuesday, December 27, 2016
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB**

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group**

**Thursday, December 29, 2016
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal**

Friday, December 30, 2016

**Saturday, December 31, 2016
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB
7:00 PM New Year's Eve Party—Carr Hall**



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate one of the greatest events that has ever taken place in the history of the world.

What? God became human. God took on our flesh and began to live his humanity like us in all things (got tired, cried, got frustrated, anxious, angry, needed friends, etc.) but never sinned and was always open to do the will of our Heavenly God.

Why? Because salvation had been lost to us and our Heavenly God wanted to restore the possibility for us to spend eternity with Him. So, God gave us Jesus to let us know that we have a loving, forgiving and merciful God. Jesus manifested this over and over.

How? God chose an ordinary woman in a very extraordinary way to become pregnant and give birth to Jesus.

This all sounds like a very basic catechism class, but somehow we become so familiar with it all, we can lose its significance and take it for granted.

In order not to lose its significance, may we do two things this weekend:

1.) May we remember that the traditions of Christmas have a religious significance. As we see Christmas lights, may we remember they signify that Jesus is our light. As we give and receive presents, may we remember they are an extension of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Himself. As we see a star on the top of a tree, may we think of the three wise men who followed the star to see Jesus in Bethlehem and may we be aware that wise men and women still do seek Him today.

2.) As we reflect on Mary giving birth to Jesus, may we be open to Jesus being born within us and being born in our environment (family, work, neighborhood, parish) thru us. Both of these things can involve birth pains but both can have incredible and beautiful ramifications.

On behalf of our Augustinian community and our parish community, I wish each of you a marvelous celebration of Jesus' birth.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a great week.

Fr. Bill

*Merry
Christmas*

Maligayang Pasko !

