St. Augustine R. C. Parish The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022



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"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

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 on masslivestream.com)

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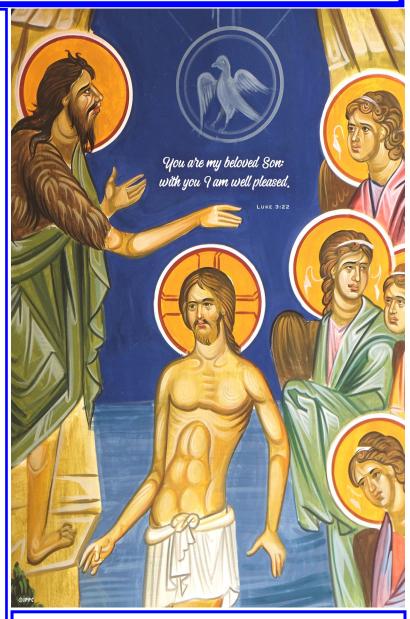
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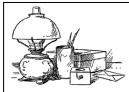
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

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





A word from Fr. Bíll...

Dear Parishioners:

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday and as we come to the end of the Christmas Season, I would like to thank many people who have been living out their baptismal promises within our parish community, especially with our wonderful celebration of Christmas. Our celebration of Jesus' birth was beautiful and went very smoothly. This could never happen without many people sharing their time, talents and treasures with us.

First of all, I am grateful to the over 250 baptized who physically joined us to celebrate the birth of Jesus at our three Christmas liturgies. This does not include the many persons who participated in our liturgies virtually, thanks for the ability to livestream our Masses. We know that 71 persons connected to our livestreaming but there is no way of knowing how many people were with each of them as they watched our 3 Masses. This easily could be a couple hundred people.

Our Music, as usual, was superb. Our Director of Music, Kim Barasso, our cantors and choir members truly shared their talents with us. At the 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve there were about 15 choir members and about 17 choir members at the 8:30 PM Mass. They greatly enhanced our liturgies.

The environment in the church was incredible. This was totally due to the generosity of Rey Borres who donated his talents and a number of hours for five straight days.

I would like to thank my Augustinian brothers and our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for sharing their ministries with us.

We received over \$600 in gift cards (in place of the Giving Tree) which were distributed to four different agencies: Women of Hope (an assisted living facility on our parish property), Gift of Life (a temporary residence in our parish boundaries for transplant patients and their families), Adeodatus (an outreach to former inmates and families of inmates) and Merakey Care (an organization that serves individuals in foster care as well as those dealing with autism and mental health issues). I personally brought these cards to three of the four agencies and I can attest to how grateful they were.

All of the above were living their baptism in the midst of our Christmas celebration.

Some others who are living their baptism with us are those who volunteer their time at Gift of Life. In a recent communication the staff at Gift of Life wrote, "you may never know just how deeply your support has meant to our families, especially through this unprecedented time. Your team's commitment to our families is invaluable to us, and we will never be able to touch on just how grateful we are for you." Gift of life has donated gifts to our parishioners who volunteer there. These can be picked up in the parish office.

As I walked through our property a few weeks ago, I ran into Charlie Nygard who donates a great deal of time cleaning and decorating our property. He comes often. Most of the time I am not even aware that he is here—just like Santa. We are very fortunate to have Charlie sharing his gifts and time with us in keeping our property neat.

Lastly, I would like you to be aware that one of our young parishioners, Salvatore Scorsone, achieved First Honors for the First Quarter of his freshman year at Roman Catholic High School. Congratulations, Sal. We are proud of you. Thank you for representing our parish so well at Roman.

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus this weekend, you can see that there are many who have been baptized into the life of Jesus sharing their baptism with us.

Now that we are celebrating the Baptism of Jesus and now that the Christmas Season is over, we all can take down our Christmas decorations.

Have a safe and wonderful week.

Fr. Bill



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