

St. Augustine Parish

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 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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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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Parish Registration Weekend
Sunday, November 29th, 2015
9:00 AM ♦ 11:00AM ♦ 7:00 PM

Do you attend Saint Augustine Church on a regular basis and never registered?

If so, we ask you to please consider registering in the parish next Sunday.

Please stop by the table in the rear of the church and see Jacob. The process only takes about 5 minutes of your time.

Not sure if you are registered? If you don't receive contribution envelopes that is most likely an indicator that you are not registered. Still not sure? Feel free to stop by the table and we will check for you. Thank you.



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, and the Philippine Medical Mission.

Starting this weekend, we ask you to take an ornament, purchase the requested gift and return it unwrapped by **Sunday, December 13th** under the tree.

The Rite of Enrollment

Today, Sunday, November 29th at the 7:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate **The Rite of Enrollment** for our 5 Candidates who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation:

Matt Currier
Alex Puhalla
Jerre Riggs
Zac Lowder
Gavin Villacorta

Please keep them in your prayers.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you" John 15:16

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH • 7:30 PM

GLORIA!

A Concert to Celebrate the Season



Back by popular demand, the Saint Augustine Chamber Choir and friends will present a concert as we prepare to celebrate the Season of Hope and Joy. A great way to begin your season of Hope and Joy, is by centering your thoughts on the true meaning of what is to come. Traditional and non-traditional Christmastime music will delight your ears. Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday & Sunday,
 November 28 & 29, 2015**

5:15 PM The Parish Community
 9:00 AM † Andrew Ponisiak
 11:00 AM Prima Manguba
 7:00 PM - - - - -

Monday, November 30, 2015

12:05 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

Tuesday, December 01, 2015

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Marquart & Gallagher Families

Wednesday, December 02, 2015

12:05 PM † Pietro Perniciaro

Thursday, December 03, 2015

12:05 PM The Parish Community

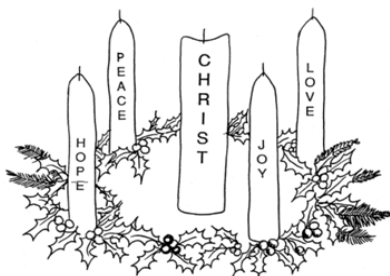
Friday, December 04, 2015

12:05 PM † Anthony Bernato

Saturday, December 05, 2015

5:15 PM † Julia R. Baumann

† = Deceased



First Sunday of Advent – HOPE

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

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2015
 9 AM, 11 AM & 7 PM Mass

1:00 PM Filipino Advisory Council

Monday, November 30, 2015
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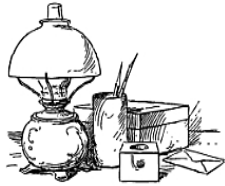
Tuesday, December 01, 2015
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 02, 2015
 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 03, 2015
 4:00 PM Milligan-Burke Wedding Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Sorino-Bray Wedding Rehearsal
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 04, 2015
 4:00 PM Sorino-Bray Wedding

Saturday, December 05, 2015
 2:00 PM Milligan-Burke Wedding
 5:15 PM Troiso Baptism
 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....



Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year!

As you know, on the First Sunday of Advent we begin a new Liturgical Year. We begin once again to experience the various cycles of our faith. For the first two weekends of Advent we focus on preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus. The second two weekends we focus on preparing to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus. Our whole life is an advent preparing for Jesus' Second Coming, hopefully by developing a deeper relationship with Him, and having openness for how He is working in our lives.

We are providing several sources to help all of us do this. In the back of the church you will find two pamphlets. One provides the scripture readings for each day's Mass with a reflection. The second provides a scripture passage with a reflection each day from either Pope Francis or Henri Nouwen. Imagine spending Advent with Pope Francis and Henri Nouwen.

Each week you will find an insert in the bulletin with some information and reflection questions on that particular weekend. For example, this week we are directed to ask ourselves if Jesus were coming today, would He look at all our actions and say "Well done?" Is there anything we need to change in order to get that response?

Another thing to help us prepare for the Second Coming and to celebrate the First Coming is our "Giving Tree." You will see elsewhere within this bulletin the process for participating in that as well as who will be the recipients of your generosity.

At the end of Advent there will be another tree for families and individuals to decorate with ornaments which reflect their families or culture. This is a personal touch that will be a visible sign of our faith community here at St. Augustine's. We are doing this this year on the advice of the Parish Pastoral Council last year.

Have a great week and a wonderful Advent.

Father Bill

Prepare!

Hope!

Come, Lord Jesus

Believe!

Rejoice!

The Latin word **adventus** is the translation of the Greek word **parousia**, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of **Advent** anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thoughts of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and to his second coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we'll soon be preparing the way for the Lord. But first, we have to clean his house! Our bi-annual **Church Cleaning Day** is just around the corner. Please join us on **Sunday, December 13th at 1 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you here.

