HEADLINES
- RCIA Registration
- End of CCD/Confirmation Registration
- Respect Life in South San Francisco
- Health Fair

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please do so in the vestibule, visit the parish office, or go on line at www.staugustinessf.org.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday 8:40am, 5:30pm
Saturday 8:40am, 4:30pm
Sunday 7:45am, 9:30am 11:00am, 12:30pm 5:30pm
Holy Day 8:40am, 12:15pm 5:30pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSION
Friday 4:30pm - 5:00pm
Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00 pm

BAPTISM
Saturday 2nd & 4th at 12:00N
Sunday 2:30 pm
Parents must contact the office at least one month before baptism. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal catechesis.

WEDDING
Parishioners who wish to be wed in St. Augustine Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the desired date.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Friday 9:15am - 5:15pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm
Closed between 12noon-1:00pm
Web: www.staugustinessf.org
Email staugustinessf@aol.com

CCD Office 650-873-2878
CCD OFFICE HOURS
Mon & Fri 9:30am to 5:30pm
Wed & Thu 2:00pm to 9:00pm
Sat 8:00am to 1:30pm

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Rene Ramoso, Pastor
Rev. Ed Dura, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon
Sr. Nona Barairo, Parish Catechetical Leader
Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager
Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant

YOUTH MINISTER
Melanie Macaraeg

BAPTISMAL COORDINATORS
Loy Bañez
Lari Collins

OUR VISION
St. Augustine Parish is a worshipping community that enthusiastically manifests faith through action, with open arms for all of God’s children.

OUR MISSION
We live God’s Word and continue His Work.
Saint Augustine – Bishop of Hippo and “Doctor of the Church”

Our Patron Saint is accepted by most scholars to be the most important figure in the ancient Western church. After a rather unremarkable childhood, married only by a case of stealing pears, Augustine drifted through several philosophical systems before converting to Christianity at the age of thirty-one. At the age of nineteen, Augustine read Cicero’s Hortensius, an experience that led him into the fascination with philosophical questions and methods that would remain with him throughout his life. After a few years as a Manichean (a believer in a syncretistic religious dualism originating in Persia in the third century and teaching the release of the spirit from matter through asceticism), he became attracted to the more skeptical positions of the Academic philosophers. Although tempted in the direction of Christianity upon his arrival at Milan in 383, he turned first to Neo-Platonism. During this time, Augustine fathered a child by a mistress. This period of exploration, including its youthful excesses, is recorded in Augustine’s most widely read work, the Confessions.

During his youth, Augustine had studied rhetoric (speaking or writing effectively) at Carthage, a discipline that he used to gain employment teaching in Carthage and then in Rome and Milan, where he met Ambrose who is credited with effecting his conversion and who baptized him in 387. Returning to homeland soon after his conversion, he was ordained a priest in 391, taking the position as Bishop of Hippo in 396, a position which he held until his death.

Saint Augustine is the Doctor of Grace. He was a genius, although a genius to God means nothing. However, a holy genius means everything to God’s mystical body. Grace enabled him to become a great spiritual lover and teacher. His conversion reveals God’s bountiful grace. One of his famous sayings is: “Lord, give me what you ask of me and ask me what you will.” Those addicted to sin, fleeing from the church or decent principles or associated with immoral people, have a marvelous example to learn from in this great sinner turned saint. He discovered through prayer, change of heart and the holy influence of St Ambrose and others, to capture authentic a life of love and service toward others instead of a selfish love of life for himself.

Not only was Augustine converted but he, in turn, became a source of grace for many including future doctors of the church including St Teresa of Avila. For example, she was moved after reading his famous book, the Confessions. It was a signal for her to change her own patterns, minor as they were. (Is anything minor or insignificant which prevents us from being united with God?) Teresa understood how God touched Augustine’s heart and soul with divine grace. This helped him grow from sinner to saint over the years. Teresa realized that no matter how good or holy we are, we are all sinners learning to become saints our entire life. We are never finished until God decides. We must start anew daily.

Augustine became a Christian at thirty-three, a priest at thirty-six and a bishop at forty-one. Oh! The power of praying, reading scripture, and listening to God’s words from inspiring preaching. All are vital for spiritual growth and development. These spiritual efforts and activities steadily transformed his body and soul. Many will remember his famous line as he cried out: “Late have I love Thee, Oh Beauty, ever ancient and ever new.” We cannot forget the memorable words: “Our hearts are restless, Lord, until they rest in You.”

Once spiritual love was incorporated into Augustine’s authentic life style and daily habits, he said: “Love and do what you will.” Then and only then, this holy bishop really knew the difference between a love for life and a life for love. Augustine’s holy love for God’s poured itself out into pure love for God’s creatures. He quoted Scriptures by saying of others “you are gods”. He gives us the perfect prescription by showing us how to love God and creatures uniately. He is also called the Doctor’s Doctor or Doctor of Doctors. When we are touched by grace, as the “Doctor of Grace”, we’ll know, as the Bishop of Hippo came to know, God’s love in all of its infinite and rich dimensions.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
August 24 - August 30

Monday - August 24
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. A
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. B

Tuesday - August 25
Youth Choir 5:00pm Hall
Bible Study 7:00pm Conf. A
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Conf. B

Wednesday - August 26
CCD Registration 10:00am Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. C
K of C Rosary 7:00pm Chapel

Thursday - August 27
CCD Registration 10:00am Hall
Santo Niño 6:30pm Chapel

Friday - August 28
Children’s Choir 5:00pm Hall

Saturday - August 29
CCD Registration 9:00am Hall
Golf/Dinner 6:00pm Hall

Sunday - August 30
Legion of Mary 9:30am Conf. C
Jr. Legion 11:00am Conf. A

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
August 24 - August 30

MON 8:40am COMMUNITY MASS
5:30pm Jose Sare, Jr.
TUE 8:40am Binay Sarignaya (Birthday)
5:30pm Reynaldo Magtoto
WED 8:40am Antonia Soriano
5:30pm Eugenia Mendoza
THU 8:40am Lito Ignacio (Birthday)
5:30pm Benancio Almario
FRI 8:40am Pedro Zarate
5:30pm Rosario Alzul Alipio (Birthday)
SAT 8:40am Ruben Montiero (Birthday)
4:30pm Patsy Capetillo
SUN 7:45am Romeo Maranan
9:30am People of St. Augustine
11:00am Jose Oliveros
12:30pm Rosalina Nocum (Birthday)
5:30pm Joy & Minnie (Thanksgiving)

OFFERINGS

Regular Sunday Offering:
August 16, 2015 $ 10,708.00
Debt Reduction $ 3,028.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help $ 348.00
Sacred Heart Of Jesus (Fri) $ 402.00

This Sunday’s second collection is for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.
Next Sunday’s second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
### CHILDREN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

REGISTRATION for Religious Education Formation (CCD Classes) for ALL GRADE LEVELS:

- **Aug 26 & 27**: 10am - 5pm (close between 12 noon & 1:30pm) in the Parish Hall
- **Aug 29**: 9am - 12Noon

$30. late fee after Aug 29.

Complete schedule of registration is available on the parish website: [www.staugustinessf.org](http://www.staugustinessf.org), or call:

Sr. Nona Barairo
Parish Catechetical Leader
650-873-2878

**Requirement:**
- Baptismal certificate (New Student)
- Report Card (Returning Student)

### HEALTH FAIR

**SUNDAY, September 27, 2015**

8 am to 2:00 pm
St. Augustine Parish Hall

- Free Flu Shot
- Free Blood Pressure Check
- BMI Check
- Chiropractic Check
- Diabetic Check
- Hepatitis B & C Education & Screening

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### RCIA Program

at St. Augustine Parish

Enrollment is now OPEN

Program is open to any adult age 18 minimum. The RCIA program is for anyone who wishes to understand more about the part our Catholic faith plays in our lives.

The program is also for any person who wishes to become a member of the Catholic church. After completing the RCIA program all participants who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) will receive those sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

All classes are required. However, we understand that circumstances happen and people sometimes cannot attend some of the classes. A member of our RCIA team will then bring that person up to date again on any materials that they were not able to be present to attend.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Deacon Nestor Fernandez at the parish office. We are excited to meet all of you who will be joining us in mid-September.

Our sessions are held in the Church conference rooms every Sunday from 9:30 am through 12:00 PM - We attend the 11:00 mass at St. Augustine for the last hour of our class.