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.

**HEADLINES**
- Communal Penance
- AAA Balance for 2015
- SIMBANG GABI Schedule
- NO to Assisted Suicide

**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.

**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 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
Daniel Diaz

**YOUTH OFFICE**
Open Sundays
9:30am to 2:30pm

**BAPTISMAL COORDINATORS**
Loy Bañez
Lari Collins

**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 - 4:00pm

**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
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2015

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— Baruch 5:7

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy  
(Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy  
(Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ  
(Philippians 1:4-6).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God  


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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<td>Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30</td>
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<td>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18</td>
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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!  
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**NO TO ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Stop Assisted Suicide in CA before it’s too late! CA legislature passed assisted suicide, allowing doctors to prescribe overdose medication to terminally-ill patients. Join medical professionals and people of all faiths to stand for the lives of our elderly and dying and oppose assisted suicide.

Referendum petitions are in the vestibule. Signers must be registered to vote. Please stop by and sign.

**Why Oppose Assisted Suicide?**

- Sends the Wrong Message: Legalizing suicide for the terminally ill, while discouraging it for the rest of the population, teaches that the lives of the ill and disabled do not matter to our society.

- Will Worsen Patient Care: Patients in other states where assisted suicide has become legal, people are being denied treatment prescribed by their doctors and instead offered drugs for assisted suicide.

- Will Increase Non-Terminal Suicide Rates: Suicides skyrocket when assisted suicide is legalized. Oregon’s suicide rate for non-terminal people increased 49% after assisted suicide became legal.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE**

Monday, December 7, 2015, 7:00 pm

On Friday, December 25, 2015, there will be NO confession on Christmas Day.
**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**December 07 - December 13**

**Monday - December 07**
- Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. A
- Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. B
- Communal Penance 7:00pm Church

**Tuesday - December 08**
- Youth Choir 5:00pm Hall
- ICF 6:00pm Hall
- Youth Group 6:30pm Hall
- Bible Study 7:00pm Conf. A
- St. Vincent 7:00pm Conf. C

**Wednesday - December 09**
- Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. C
- K of C Rosary 7:00pm Chapel

**Thursday - December 10**
- CCD 4:30pm Hall
- Santo Niño 6:30pm Chapel

**Friday - December 11**
- Children’s Choir 5:00pm Hall
- Pageant Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
- Chorale 7:00pm Hall

**Saturday - December 12**
- CCD 9:00am Hall
- K of C Choir 6:00pm Hall

**Sunday - December 13**
- Edith Stein SCC 9:00am Conf. B
- SAYG 9:00am YC
- Legion of Mary 9:30am Conf. C
- RCIA 9:30am Conf. A
- Jr. Legion 11:00am Conf. A
- Praise & Glorify 11:00am Hall
- Fil-Am 12:00pm Conf. C

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**December 07 - December 13**

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**OFFERINGS**

**Regular Sunday Offering:**
- **November 22, 2015** $10,665.50
- **November 29, 2015** $11,009.50

**Next Sunday’s second collection is for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.**

**2015 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

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We have only the month of December to complete our Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Your contribution is tax deductible. Thank you.
### CHRISTMAS 2015

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** *(individual confession)*
Monday, Dec 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM

**NOVENA OF MASSES** *(Simbang Gabi)*
Dec 15-23, 2015 at 7:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**, Thursday, Dec 24, 2015
- 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
- 7:30 PM Children’s Caroling
- 8:00 PM Children’s Mass
- 11:00 PM Caroling
- 12 MIDNIGHT Mass in the Church and Hall

**CHRISTMAS DAY**, Friday, Dec 25
- 7:45 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 11:00 AM
- 12:30 PM

There is NO 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**, Thursday, Dec 31, 2015, **VIGIL MASS** at 5:30 PM

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**, Friday, January 1, 2016 *(Holy Day of Obligation)*
- 9:30 AM
- 11:00 AM
- 12:30 PM

No 5:30 PM Mass

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### 2015 SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

**Year of Mercy**

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<td>Love</td>
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<td>Msgr. M. Padazinski</td>
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**Children Faith Formation (or CCD)**
- December 10 and 12: Confession
- December 17 and 19: Christmas Party

**CCD CHRISTMAS BREAK**
December 20, 2015 to January 3, 2016

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**First Year Confirmation Winter Break**
December 20, 2015 to January 3, 2016

**Second Year Confirmation Winter Break**
December 17, 2015 to January 5, 2016