HEADLINES
- Pledge Drive Update
- CCD & Confirmation Christmas Break
- Donate Blessing Bags
- Simbang Gabi

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

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
- Daniel Diaz

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

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

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.
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2015  
With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.  
— Isaiah 12:3

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:  Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:  Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:  Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:  Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:  Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:  Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

Children Faith Formation (or CCD)
December 17 and 19
Christmas Party

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

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.
—Anonymous

PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE

Last month we mailed the initial statements to all who pledged for the Altar Renovation Project. I am very pleased with the rapid response from our parishioners and friends in sending their contributions. The following is a summary of our pledge drive as of December 1, 2015:

Total Collections as of December 1, 2015: $43,007.00  
24.67%

Pledges That Are Outstanding: $131,327.00  
75.33%

Total Amount Pledged: $174,334.00  
100.00%

If you have not yet responded to our pledge drive, now is the time to do so. Take advantage of your tax deductible charitable donations before year end. We are in the season of gift giving and I would like for all of you to please include St. Augustine Church in your list of benefactors for the Christmas season. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Fr. Rene Ramoso

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

Second Year Confirmation Winter Break
December 17, 2015 to January 5, 2016
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
December 14 - December 20

MON 8:40am   COMMUNITY MASS  
5:30pm   Felicidad Ignacio  
TUE 8:40am   Liza Ignacio (Birthday)  
5:30pm   Christina Dulatre (Birthday)  
7:30pm   Mauro De La Cruz, Sr.  
WED 8:40am   Patsy Capetillo  
5:30pm   Micaela & Rachel Ignacio (Birthday)  
7:30pm   Carmelita Padilla (Birthday)  
THU 8:40am   Ricardo Liao  
5:30pm   Antonia Soriano  
7:30pm   Ricardo Lopez  
FRI 8:40am   Gorgonio & Rosenda Gadong  
5:30pm   Lourdes Estiqueta  
7:30pm   7:45am   9:30am   11:00am   12:30pm   5:30pm   7:30pm  
SAT 8:40am   Holly Hawarth (Birthday)  
5:30pm   Fermin C. Ballesteros, Sr.  
7:30pm   7:45am   9:30am   11:00am   12:30pm   5:30pm   7:30pm  
SUN 7:45am   Martha Arnaldo  
9:30am   People of St. Augustine  
11:00am   Manuel & Fabiana Gadong  
12:30pm   Andy Pimentel (Birthday)  
5:30pm   Augustus “Sonny” Stella  
7:30pm

OFFERINGS

Regular Sunday Offering:  
December 6, 2015 $ 10,040.06  
Debt Reduction $ 4,059.00  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help $ 302.00  
Sacred Heart Of Jesus (Fri) $ 557.00

This Sunday’s second collection is for the  
Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.  
Next Sunday’s second collection is for the  
Retired Religious Fund.

NO CONFESSION  
On Friday, December 25, 2015 (CHRISTMAS DAY), there will be NO confession.
SIMBANG GABI IN ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
This Simbang Gabi we are celebrating the Year of Mercy as recently proclaimed by Pope Francis. To show our compassion to the poor, we are asking for items to be distributed to the homeless. We are assembling Blessing Bags. Our goal is 100 bags that will be distributed before Christmas. A Blessing Bag includes the following:

- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, floss, deodorant)
- Pair of socks
- Something to eat (can of tuna with crackers, jello, fruitcups, individually wrapped crackers/bars, or something small and can be eaten on the go)
- Quarters for bus fare, shower mobiles, cup of coffee, etc.

Please bring any of the above items during the nights of Simbang Gabi. Donations will be included during the offertory. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Ortiz at sal_ymail.com or 650-273-7088.

NO BIBLE STUDY DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK
There will be no Bible Study meetings from now through January 4, 2016. Meeting will resume on January 5, 2016.

2015 SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE
Year of Mercy

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL
Reminder to those participating in the Children’s Christmas Pageant. Rehearsal dates are: Friday, December 11 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 PM in the church.