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

**CONFESSIO**

- **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 Offic**

- **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

**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.
Dear St. Augustine Community,

As the year 2015 is coming to a close, it is my heart’s desire and prayer that this beloved parish will pause and reflect at Christmas time. Why reflect? Why at Christmas?

To stop and reflect allow us to be appreciative of what we have been given and accorded in the last twelve months. It may be in the form of a job, family, friendship, or it may have been a loss of a loved one, a home or career. Either way, it is our reality amidst the chaos and polarity that we see every day. The Lord recreated amidst the chaos and come home. We find the birth of our family, friendship, or it may have been the birth of the Son of Man provides us hope, peace, and love. He is Love.

I thank YOU, most especially, for considering St. Augustine Church a part of your lives. You have given your precious time, skill, and financial investment to this parish in many different ways. To the advisory teams and organizations, all lay ministers in various capacities, and individuals behind the scenes - my heartfelt gratitude. No one is excluded. Altogether, we bring St. Augustine Church to where it is now - a community that is engaging, filled with life, and abounding in God’s grace.

May YOU carry on the Spirit that Christmas brings as the New Year unfolds.

With my love,
Fr. Rene Ramoso

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1; 4:8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
**Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).
**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
**Second Reading** — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).
**Gospel** — “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:39-45).

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**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**December 21 - December 27**

**Monday - December 21**
- Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. A
- Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. B
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:30pm Church

**Tuesday - December 22**
- Youth Choir 5:00pm Hall
- Youth Group 6:30pm Hall
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:30pm Church

**Wednesday - December 23**
- Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. C
- K of C Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:30pm Church

**Thursday - December 24**
- Santo Niño 6:30pm Church

**Friday - December 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Sunday - December 27**
- Edith Stein SCC 9:00am Conf. B
- SAYG 9:00am YC
- Legion of Mary 9:30am Conf. C
- Jr. Legion 11:00am Conf. A

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**2015 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

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If you are considering a tax deductible contribution, this is the time to do so.

See Fr. Rene Ramoso or contact the Parish Office at 650-873-2282 or better yet, visit us at the office.

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**POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS**

St. Augustine Church is accepting donations of poinsettia planters for the church Christmas decoration. Planters may be dropped off at the parish office or placed by the church side entrance near the chapel.

THANK YOU!

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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**This Sunday’s second collection is for the Retired Religious Fund.**

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

**Date** | **Weekly 1<sup>st</sup> Collection** | **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**
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| 11/01/2015 | $10,988.00 | $4,468.00 |
| 11/08/2015 | $11,175.50 | $7,990.50 |
| 11/15/2015 | $10,481.50 | $3,736.50 |
| 11/22/2015 | $10,665.50 | $7,886.00 |
| 11/29/2015 | $11,009.50 | $3,435.50 |
CHRISTMAS 2015

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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NO CONFESSION
On Friday, December 25, 2015, there will be NO confession on Christmas Day.

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

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

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our most treasured traditions link the liturgy of the church with the hearth of the home. The food on the table at certain feasts and fasts helps to extend the mystery into everyday life. Tonight, for example, many families of Italian heritage, especially those with links to the south of Italy, will settle down to the “Feast of the Seven Fishes,” or *La Vigilia*. It is a command performance for the whole family, as the saying goes: *Natale con I tuoi, Pasqua conchi vuoi*, or “Christmas with your family, Easter with whomever you wish.” Seven different fish, some say one for each day of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem, others say one for each sacrament, or one for each day of creation, are served. Eel and shrimp, lobster and crab, calamari, pasta with clam sauce, flounder and hake all abound, but most especially baccala, dried salted cod. Why? Many say that it is a way to pay homage to the beasts of the stable who witnessed the holy birth and relinquished their manger to make way for God. Tonight, if someone asks you to “pass the shrimp,” you’ll be able to shed a little light on a menu that is a delicious treasure in our tradition!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.