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
- Santo Niño Novena and Feast Day
- Back to School Dates for CCD/Confirmation
- No Masses During Priests’ Convocation
- Change in Schedule of Masses during Holidays

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
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.
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 (12-17).

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year’s Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe “Sylvester Night” is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester’s papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They’ve been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year’s customs have pagan roots, like the British “First Footer” tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household’s first footer?

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
December 28, 2015 - January 03, 2016

Monday - December 28
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. A
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. B
K of C Officers 7:00pm Conf. C

Tuesday - December 29
Youth Choir 5:00pm Hall
Youth Group 6:30pm Hall

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

Thursday - December 31
Santo Niño 6:30pm Church

Friday - January 01
Solemnity of Mary 8:40am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Saturday, January 02
K of C Choir 5:30pm Hall

Sunday - January 03
Edith Stein SCC 9:00am Conf. B
SAYG 9:00am YC
Legion of Mary 9:30am Conf. C
Jr. Legion 11:00am Conf. A
RCIA 9:30am Conf. A

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
December 28, 2015 - January 03, 2016

MON 8:40am COMMUNITY MASS
5:30pm Nannette Allender
TUE 8:40am Sofia Marcial
5:30pm Rene & Buena Dandan (Thanksgiving)
WED 8:40am Ben Marcial
5:30pm Severo Magtoto
THU 8:40am Donato Herrera
5:30pm Dina Schmidt
FRI 8:40am Lagundi, Larona & Raymundo (Thanksgiving)
11:00am Darren Mamaril
12:30pm Mel & Del Zagala (Thanksgiving)
SAT 8:40am Joshua Salas
4:30pm
SUN 7:45am Lily Cayaban (Healing)
9:30am People of St. Augustine
11:00am Augustus Stella
12:30pm Darilo Zagala
5:30pm

OFFERINGS

This bulletin issue is printed in advance. Collection received on the weekend of December 20, 2015 will be published in the January 10 bulletin issue.

This Sunday’s second collection is for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.
Next Sunday’s second collection is for our Debt Reduction Program.

THE NAME FOR GOD
Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.
—William Makepeace Thackeray
December 31 and January 01 Masses

**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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**SANTO NINO NOVENA AND FIESTA**

**Santo Niño Novena**
January 7-15, 2016
Novena will be recited immediately after the regularly scheduled afternoon mass.

**Santo Niño Fiesta**
January 16, 2016
Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 PM.

Contact Person: Vilma Lorenzo  
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**NO MASS DURING THE CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS**

**January 12-15, 2016**
Please note that on January 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2016, the Archdiocese of San Francisco will hold a Convocation of Priests. There will be no Masses held in St. Augustine Church on those dates. **Communion Services** will be celebrated at 8:40 AM and 5:30 PM, in lieu of Masses.

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**CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF MASSES DURING OBSERVED FEDERAL HOLIDAYS IN 2016**

On the following dates that are observed as Federal Holidays, St. Augustine Church will provide only **ONE MASS** in the morning at 8:40 AM:

- Monday, May 30, 2016 **MEMORIAL DAY**
- Monday, July 4, 2016 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- Monday, September 5, 2016 **LABOR DAY**
- Thursday, November 24, 2016 **THANKSGIVING DAY (9:00 AM MASS)**
- Monday, December 26, 2016 **CHRISTMAS DAY**, in lieu of Sunday, Dec 25

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**BACK TO SCHOOL DATES**

**CCD**
Thursday Class returns on January 7, 2016  
Saturday Class returns January 9, 2016

**CONFIRMATION**
2nd Year Confirmation returns January 6, 2016

1st Year Confirmation returns January 7, 2016

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**SPECIAL THANK YOU**
A special mention and gratitude to the members of the St. Augustine Volunteer Landscaping and Gardening Team: Elmer Macaraeg, Tess Hernandez, Manny Almojuela, Cora Tugade, and Bert Tandoc. All year round, they have maintained and beautified the church gardens and at Christmas time, they have decorated the yard with Christmas lights. You are much appreciated and honored for what you give the parish!