HEADLINES
- Nov 1, All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation
- Retrouvaille on Nov 4-6

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

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

BAPTISM
Saturday 2nd & 4th at12:00N
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.

BAPTISMAL COORDINATORS
Deacon Virgil Capetti
Lari Collins

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

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Rene Ramoso, Pastor
Rev. Ed Dura, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Deacon
Sr. Nona Barairo, CCD & Confirmation Director
Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager
Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant

YOUTH MINISTER
Melanie Macaraeg
Daniel Diaz

YOUTH OFFICE
Open 2nd & 4th Sundays
9:30am to 2:30pm

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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.
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2016

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. — Psalm 121:1-2

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — As long as Moses’ hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).
Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).
Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).
Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:1; Lk 18:1-8

You might say your message from today’s readings has everything to do with prayer. Could Jesus put it more clearly than He does at the beginning of the Gospel from Luke? “Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.”

We may recall that St. Paul told us we needed to “pray constantly.” Prayer should be at the very core of our faith lives, and it is the beginning point of living lives of stewardship. Jesus probably did not mean that we should always be on our knees with our eyes closed in prayer, but He did expect us to always be in what one might call the “spirit of prayer.” Paul refers to this in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 when he says, “Pray without ceasing.”

To be sure, prayer is not easy. We may, as the Lord says, sometimes “lose heart” in prayer, because it is difficult for us to perceive the answer or the response to our prayers. (The term “lose heart” is another translation of what was translated in the Gospel as “becoming weary.”) Too often we use prayer as a last resort instead of a first resource. A healthy, consistent, and regular prayer life is in many ways the secret of a successful faith life.

John Chrysostom said, “Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness and a protection against sadness.”

“Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.”

COMMITMENT CARDS
Commitment cards have been mailed to homes of registered parishioners of St. Augustine Parish. What is a “registered parishioner”? A registered parishioner is one who applied in person as an individual or family during census or in the parish office to be officially a member of this parish.

Those who have filled out their commitment cards, please return them during Mass at the offertory or drop them in the Commitment Card Box in the vestibule or side entrance of the church.
**2016 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
(old name: Archbishop's Annual Appeal)

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Total Assessment  $ 122,640.00  
Collection to Date (Oct. 9)  $ 82,730.00  
Balance  $ 39,910.00

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal has been renamed as Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We have 2 months to meet our assessment for the year.

This Sunday’s second collection is for Landscape Maintenance.  
Next Sunday’s second collection is for Mission Sunday.
Retrouvaille

4 Stages of Marriage - The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille.

For confidential information or to register for the November 2016 program beginning with a weekend on November 4-6, call (415) 893-1005 or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

How Do We Change Our Culture of Death?

Pope John Paul II noted that the structure of man’s sin is characterized or manifest on a universal scale in our Culture of Death. He pointed out that the powerful are easily able to manhandle the weak (e.g. abortion and euthanasia).

The culture of death is not the result of philosophy or decrepit ethics, or political theory. The culture of death is a result of sin committed freely by persons.

Thus it is fundamentally a personal problem, not a political one. So, the battle will not be won solely by a political action or movement, because the battle is not against human beings or arid philosophies, but is a battle against sin: “For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens” (Eph. 6:12). Therefore, first and foremost, we must first recognize God’s saving action and saving mission, and then participate in it. This has always been, and will always be the Church’s role. We love because He loved us first (1 Jn. 4:19), and we spread that love through our testimony to the nations (Acts 1:8).

We must try to influence our culture with our words and deeds, realizing that the purpose of evangelization is always to introduce man to the Person of Christ, and the Person of Christ to man, that man might enter into His mystical body, the Church.

Thus, through grace attained by turning to Him, the culture of death can indeed be transformed, simply because the Gospel always has the power to transform the hearts of men…even when the culture seems most evil, hopeless and perverse.