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 - 4:00pm

**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.

**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
  - M-W-F: 9:30am-12:00pm
  - 1:00pm-5:30pm
  - Sat: 8:30am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-4:30pm
  - 1st & 3rd Wed-Thu 1pm-5:30pm, 6:30-9pm

**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 Borairo, 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

**BAPISMAL COORDINATORS**
- Deacon Virgil Capetti
- 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.
Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.
— Isaiah 35:10a

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Is 35: 1-6A, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice.” Although Advent is a season of penitence and preparation, today is always set aside by the Church to relax and rejoice in the Lord. All of our readings today deal with Christian joy. This may seem not in keeping with the overall mood encouraged for Advent, but it is most definitely in keeping with what we need to feel, and it is definitely appropriate for those who embrace stewardship as a way of life.

Stewardship is, of course, based upon an “attitude of gratitude” and today is a day to focus on the joy that results from that gratitude. Father Henri Nouwen was a well known Catholic priest, professor, writer, and theologian. In describing the significance of this particular day, Father Nouwen clarified the difference between joy and happiness. He said, “While happiness is dependent upon external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that we are unconditionally loved by God and nothing—not sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death—can take that love away. Joy can be present in the midst of sadness.”

This “joy” that is reflected in lives of stewardship was also emphasized by Pope Francis, who said in his homily for Gaudete Sunday in 2014, “Today is a day of joy. Rather than fretting about all we have not done or accomplished to prepare for Christmas during Advent, we need to think of all the good things God, and life, has given us.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: Las Posadas begins

ADVENT COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE
Monday, December 12
7:00 PM
in the church

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).
Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).
Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcede, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
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 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

OFFERINGS

Regular Sunday Offering:  
**November 20, 2016**  
$10,168.50

Campaign for Human Development  $4,023.00
Our Lady Of Perpetual Help (Tue)  $238.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Fri)  $302.00

Regular Sunday Offering:  
**December 4, 2016**  
$12,231.82

Altar Renovation  $5,300.00
Our Lady Of Perpetual Help (Tue)  $266.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Fri)  $499.00

This Sunday’s second collection is for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

Next Sunday’s second collection is for Retired Religious Fund.
Dear Organization and Ministry Members in St. Augustine Parish,

Christmas is fast approaching. In preparation for celebrating the coming of Jesus and in observance of one of our cherished traditions and devotions, we will be holding our nine-day novena of Masses, commonly referred to as Simbang Gabi, from December 15-23, 2016.

This year’s theme for our Simbang Gabi is STEWARDSHIP. As in previous years, the Masses will be followed by fellowship at the Parish Hall. In the spirit of Christmas and Stewardship, we ask that your ministry /organization be a sponsor at our fellowship. Please see the schedule below and kindly coordinate with the Parish Office regarding your plans for your sponsorship of the fellowship.

Thank you very much for your continued support to our parish. May the peace, joy and love of Christ be with you and your loved ones this Christmas Season.

Sincerely,

Fr. Rene Ramoso
Pastor

SIMBANG GABI FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

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2017 SIMBANG GABI
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POINSETTIA DONATIONS

The church altar will be adorned with poinsettias for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to donate some poinsettia planters, please drop it off at the side entrance of the church by the courtyard.

Or, contact Lu Navor at 650-587-8478.

Luzviminda Mangabat
Angela Mangoba