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 online at www.staugustinessf.org.

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.
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “ behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

TOO INE’S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O L ORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).
Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall ( Rathaus) of Gengenbach in Germany’s Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children’s books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ’s coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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DONUT SUNDAY

Come for donuts and coffee at the parish hall on Sunday, December 10, after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Get to know your fellow parishioners.

SOME CHANGES OF MASS SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER during Simbang Gabi

Dec 15, Fri - 8:40am, 7:00pm
Dec 16, Sat - 8:40am, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Dec 17, Sun - 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Dec 18, Mon - 8:40am, 7:00pm
Dec 19, Tue - 8:40am, 7:00pm
Dec 20, Wed - 8:40am, 7:00pm
Dec 21, Thu - 8:40am, 7:00pm
Dec 22, Fri - 8:40am, 7:00pm
Dec 23, Sat - 8:40am, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

Dec 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8 is a holy day of obligation.

Schedule of Masses:

Vigil Mass: Dec. 7 –5:30PM
- 8:40 am
- 12:15 pm
- 5:30 pm
- 7:00 pm

COMMUNAL PENANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00 PM

SANTO NINO NOVENA AND FEAST

Novena
January 18 - 26, 2017
After the regularly scheduled morning and afternoon Masses.

Feast
Reception will follow at the parish hall.

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SIMBANG GABI FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE 2017

Simbang Gabi Novena/Masses from December 15 to December 23 will start at 7:00 PM. (There will be no 5:30 PM Masses from 12-15 to 12-23, 2017).

Organizations and Ministries sponsoring the Simbang Gabi Fellowship are the following:

Dec 15  Knights of Columbus
Dec 16  Legion of Mary, Liturgical Arts, Altar Society
Dec 17  CCD Catechists, Parents of the Children’s Choir
Dec 18  Music Ministry, includes all choirs and cantors; St. Vincent de Paul
Dec 19  Fil-Am, SCC, AFFT, Hospitality Ministers
Dec 20  Bible Study, Charismatic Group, Santo Niño
Dec 21  Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist
Dec 22  Youth Group, Youth Choir, Young Adult, Para-liturgy, Sacristans, Altar Servers
Dec 23  Finance Council, Parish Council, Liturgy Committee

Aviana  Joy Aguilar
Alessandra  Alvarado-Guerrero
Shyla  Vicenta  Devore
Kingston Kealoha  Sto. Domingo

Pray for... HEALING

Johnny Aquino, Rose Badua
Louie Decena, Josie Calimlim
Marianne Courbis
Randall Gadduang
Olive Nunez, Elette Padilla
Jason Ramoso, Aaron Rauls

Victorina Vitug

Deaths

New Year's Eve Disco
Sunday, December 31
6:30 PM to 12:30 AM
Parish Hall
$50 Dinner & Dance Ticket Limited to First 200
For inquiries, please contact
Rita Liu or Malou Cu at 650-452-9272
**CHRISTMAS 2017**

Dec 11, Mon, 7:00 PM, Communal Penance with Individual confession

Dec 15-23, 7:00 PM, Novena of Masses (*Simbang Gabi*)

Dec 24, Christmas Vigil
   4:30 PM Vigil Mass
   7:30 PM Children’s Caroling
   8:00 PM Children’s Mass
   11:00 PM Caroling
   12:00 Midnight Mass

Dec 25, Christmas Day, 7:45 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM. There is no 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day.

Jan 1, 2018, 9:00 AM Mass ONLY.

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**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

**December 04 - December 10**

**Monday - December 04**
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. B
- Pre-Baptismal Class 7:00 pm Hall

**Tuesday - December 05**
- Bible Study 7:00 pm Chapel
- Children’s Choir 5:00 pm Hall

**Wednesday - December 06**
- Legion of Mary 5:30 pm Conf. C
- Divine Will 6:30 pm Conf. A
- K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel
- 2nd Yr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Hall

**Thursday - December 07**
- CCD 4:30 pm Hall
- Santo Niño 6:30 pm Chapel
- 1st Yr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Hall

**Friday - December 08**
- Youth Choir 4:00 pm Hall
- Children’s Choir 7:00 pm Hall
- Chorale 8:00 pm Hall

**Saturday - December 09**
- CCD 9:00 am Hall
- Praise & Glorify 2:00 pm Hall
- K of C Christmas 6:00 pm Hall

**Sunday - December 10**
- Legion of Mary 9:00 am Conf. A
- RCIA 9:30 am Conf. C
- Children’s Choir 1:30 pm Hall

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

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**1st Collection** $11,756.00
**St. Patrick’s Seminary** $5,341.00
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help** $250.00
**Sacred Heart of Jesus** $239.00

**2017 AAA Assessment** $119,522.00
**Total AAA Collected** $84,625.00
**Balance on the AAA as of 11/2017** $34,897.00

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**This Sunday’s second collection is for Debt Reduction Program.**

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