A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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
Mon-Fri 8:40 am, 5:30 pm
Saturday 8:40 am, 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:45 am, 9:30 am
11:00 am, 12:30 pm
5:30 pm
Holy Day 8:40 am, 12:15 pm
5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Closed between 12 nn-1:00 pm
Web: www.staugustinessf.org
Email staugustinessf@aol.com

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

CCD Office 650-873-2878
CCD OFFICE HOURS
M-W-F 9:30 am-12:00 pm
1:00 pm-5:30 pm
Sat- 8:30 am-1:00 pm, 2:00 pm-4:30 pm
1st & 3rd Wed-Thu 1pm-5:30 pm, 6:30-9 pm

BAPTISM
Saturday 2nd & 4th at 12:00 nn
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.

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, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager
Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant
Linda Gamboa, Rel. Ed. Secretary

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.

YOUTH MINISTER
Melanie Macaraeg
Daniel Diaz

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Friday 9:15am - 5:15pm

BAPTISMAL 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.
St. Augustine Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

REJOICE
Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God’s coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God’s coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today’s readings are full of joy. Mary’s Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).
Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).
Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presepio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presepio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presepio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presepio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presepios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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

The altar needs Poinsettia Flowers for Christmas. If you can donate, drop off poinsettia planters by the chapel or sacristy. Better yet, contact Lu Navor at 650-587-8478.

Thank you for your Spirit of Giving.

CHRISTMAS 2017

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.

2017 SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE
December 15 to December 23

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<td>12/16</td>
<td>Fr. Ed Dura</td>
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<td>Praise &amp; Glorify</td>
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<td>Fr. Jun Igrobay</td>
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<td>St. Therese</td>
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**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Stewardship of Ministry**

**December 18 - December 24**

**Monday - December 18**
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm  Conf. A
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm  Conf. B
- NYE Committee 3:00 pm  Hall
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church

**Tuesday - December 19**
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church
- NYE Committee 3:00 pm  Hall

**Wednesday - December 20**
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church

**Thursday - December 21**
- Pageant Rehearsal 5:30 pm  Church
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church

**Friday - December 22**
- Youth Choir 4:00 pm  Hall
- Children’s Choir 5:30 pm  Hall
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church

**Saturday - December 23**
- Pageant Rehearsal 5:30 pm  Church
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church

**Sunday - December 24**
- RCIA 9:30 am  Conf. C
- *Simbang Gabi* 7:00 pm  Church

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

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**Advent**

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

Next Sunday’s second collection is for Christmas Flowers.