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.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018
Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— Psalm 95:6

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).
Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter’s crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today’s basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul’s was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul’s stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

“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.”
ACTIVITIES IN and AROUND THE PARISH

Jan 28, church grounds — K of C Membership Drive
Feb 10, 1 pm to 9 pm, parish hall — First Year Confirmation Retreat

Knights of Columbus Council 9714
Pre-Valentine Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 3, 2018
6:00 PM - Midnight
St. Augustine Parish Hall

Donation: $35 Semi-Formal
GK Ruben Manalo, 973-867-8115 Mila Braganza, 650-303-2707

Feb 11, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, parish hall — First Year Confirmation Retreat
Feb 14, Masses at 8:40 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm — Ash Wednesday
Feb 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 — Stations of the Cross
Feb 24 & 25, parish hall — Rummage Sale
Feb 25, church grounds — K of C Membership Drive

PROCEEDS FROM THE NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER DANCE

The New year’s Eve Dinner Dance generated $6,979.97 for St. Augustine Parish. MANY THANKS to Fr. Ed Dura, Malou Cu and Rita Liu for putting this event together with flying colors.

WALK for LIFE

JANUARY 27 2018

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. There will be a Mass at 9:30 AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city’s Market St, begins at 1:30 PM. Visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL’s Annual Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan 28, 2018 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. You are invited to come visit our school and meet our families and staff.

Located at 909 Oceana Blvd., Pacifica, CA 94044 650-359-4544.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER in San Jose on February 9-11, 2018. Visit sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken and Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

—PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
May 31, 2018 to Jun 14, 2018

—PILGRIMAGE to the HOLY LAND, JORDAN and TURKEY
Jun 14, 2018 to Jun 27, 2018

Contact Parish Office, 650-873-2282

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Give God a beautiful sacrifice this Lent:
From Feb 14 - March 25 commit yourself to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) to the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo. Make this Lenten commitment in several ways: contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-572-1468 or themunns@yahoo.com or go to: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo
God will surely bless you for it – And you may save a life!
**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Stewardship of Ministry**

**January 29 - February 04**

**Monday - January 29**
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. B
- K of C Officers 6:30 pm Hall

**Tuesday - January 30**
- Bible Study 7:00 pm Chapel

**Wednesday - January 31**
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. C
- K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel
- 2nd Yr Confirmation 7:00 pm Church

**Thursday - February 01**
- CCD 4:30 pm Hall
- Santo Niño 6:30 pm Chapel
- 1st Yr Confirmation 7:00 pm Church

**Friday - February 02**
- Youth Choir 4:00 pm Hall
- Children’s Choir 5:30 pm Hall
- St. Augustine Choir 8:00 pm Hall

**Saturday - February 03**
- CCD 9:00 am Hall
- Gr 6 Recollection 1:30 pm Hall
- Pre-Valentine Dance 6:00 pm Hall

**Sunday - February 04**
- K of C Council 9:00 am Hall
- Legion of Mary 9:00 am Conf. A
- RCIA 9:30 am Conf. C

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

**January 29 - February 04**

- Mon 8:40am COMMUNITY MASS
- 5:30pm Adela Pena (BD)
- Tue 8:40am Martina T. Sagun †
- 5:30pm Anna Raia †
- Wed 8:40am Noralyn Legaspi (Healing)
- 5:30pm Victorino Sayo †
- Thu 8:40am Rowena Ignacio (BD)
- 5:30pm Antonia & Cornelio Soriano †
- Fri 8:40am Del Zagala (TG)
- 5:30pm Teresito Dela Cruz †
- Sat 8:40am Arturo Ebuen †
- 4:30pm Augustus Stella †
- Sun 7:45am Porfirio Ramirez †
- 9:30am People of Saint Augustine Church
- 11:00am Josefa Clamor †
- 12:30pm Ambrosia S. Miranda †
- 5:30pm Chloe Sunga (Healing)

† Deceased  BD Birthday  TG Thanksgiving  WA Wedding Anniversary  SI Special Intention

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**Regular Sunday Offering:**

**January 21, 2018**

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**St. Augustine Choir**

**2018 AAA Assessment**

$139,967.00

We are launching the 2018 AAA Assessment this weekend. Pledge cards are now available.

**“LIVING A GRATEFUL & GENEROUS LIFE”**

Presented by Dave Baranowski from the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Saturday, Feb 24, 2018, 10 am to 3 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
St. Michael’s Hall
1040 Alameda de las Pulgas
Belmont, CA 94002

Register with Florian at 415-614-5537

**This Sunday’s second collection is for Saint Augustine Religious Education Congress.**

**Next Sunday’s second collection is for Debt Reduction.**