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.

**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.
Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There’s no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby)!

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: “The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul” (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus’ name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 / 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42.


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod’s temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician’s dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to “depart from error” and declare that “Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God.” In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitled the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
**Lenten Retreat March 11, 2018  2:00 PM  Parish Hall**

Thirsting for God’s Word? “Come and be filled.” Join the community for a Lenten Retreat on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Invite your family and friends.

Save the date.

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St. Vincent de Paul, St. Augustine Conference will have their annual Easter Food Distribution for the needy families on March 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If you would like to donate, we are in need of the following: spaghetti, pasta sauce, boxed au gratin potatoes, spam, corn, boxed macaroni and cheese, Jello/pudding, canned pineapples or fruit cocktail, and Easter candies. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please place donations in the blue receptacle bin at the side of the church. If you have any questions or concerns please call 650-273-7088. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**Mass Wedding on August, 2018**

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary

Pre-requisites:

1. A couple living together with the same partner for 5 years or civilly married in the court of law by a judge or clerk,
2. A couple without previous marriages, divorces or annulment;
3. A couple who will be able to submit these documents:
   A. newly validated civil marriage license or certificate
   B. newly validated baptismal certificate

To apply, contact Rosalinda Lopez at 650-270-0002, or Lita Songco at 650-270-8985.

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**14 Day Pilgrimage, July 9, 2018 - July 22, 2018  SFO/SFO  $4,399.00**

Medjugorje, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Montenegro

Land tour only, $3,199.00 (airfare excluded)

July 9/Depart SFO; July 10/Arrive Milan/Padua; July 11/Padua/Venice/Ljubljana: July 12/Ljubljana/Marija Bistrica/Zagreb; July 13/Zagreb/Medjugorje; July 14/Medjugorje; July 15/Medjugorje/Dubrovnik; July 16/Dubrovnik/Monetenegro/Fery; July 17/Bari/San Giovanni Rotondo; July 18/San Giovanni Rotondo/Lanciano/Loreto; July 19/Loreto/Assisi/Rome; July 20/Basilicas/Vatican Museums; July 21/Imperial Rome/Castel

Contact: Patricia Abdelalim at 650-873-2282

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**Stewardship Prayer**

“My parish is composed of people like me. I help make what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others in to worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.”

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**Pray for... Healing**

Johnny Aquino, Rose Badua
Louie Decena, Josie Calimlim
Marianne Courbis
Randall Gadduang, Yolly Molina
Olive Nunez, Elette Padilla
Colette Panelo
Jason Ramoso, Aaron Rauls
Soledad Tapiador

Thanking the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 9714 of their support and solidarity with the St. Augustine Parish - giving time, prayer, and resources, especially with the 2018 New Year’s Eve celebration at the hall. May you continue to aspire to be good stewards in this community.
**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

March 05 - March 11

**Weekly First Collection**

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**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Stewardship of Ministry**

March 05 - March 11

**Monday - March 05**

- Altar Servers: 6:00 pm Chapel
- Legion of Mary: 6:30 pm Conf. A
- Legion of Mary: 6:30 pm Conf. B
- Pre-Baptismal Class: 7:00 pm Hall

**Tuesday - March 06**

- Divine Will: 6:30 pm Hall
- Bible Study: 7:00 pm Chapel

**Wednesday - March 07**

- Legion of Mary: 6:30 pm Conf. C
- K of C Rosary: 7:00 pm Chapel
- 2nd Yr Confirmation: 7:00 pm Hall

**Thursday - March 08**

- CCD Lenten Prep’n: 4:30 pm Church
- Santo Niño: 6:30 pm Chapel

**Friday - March 09**

- Youth Choir: 4:00 pm Hall
- Children’s Choir: 5:30 pm Hall
- St. Augustine Chorale: 7:00 pm Hall

**Saturday - March 10**

- CCD: 9:00 am Hall

**Sunday - March 11**

- Legion of Mary: 9:00 am Conf. A
- RCIA: 9:30 am Conf. C
- Lenten Retreat: 2:00 pm Hall

**THANK YOU**

WHAT A BLESSING! The Annual CCD Rummage & Food Sale was a huge success! Our deepest gratitude goes out to Khay & Deo Acosta for organizing the event and the (CCD & Confirmation) Catechists, Parents & Students who helped sort, cook and sell. A big shout out goes to all our Confirmation Students who eagerly volunteered throughout the weekend. Special mention goes to everyone who supported the sale! Through our collaborative efforts, we were able to raise a record breaking amount of $4,231.20. Thank God for the blessing of beautiful weather and for such a wonderfully-awesome Parish Community!

**Stewardship of Giving**

**Regular Sunday Offering:**

February 25, 2018 $11,533.00
Maintenance Fund $4,087.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help $289.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus $345.00

2018 AAA Assessment $139,967.00
Paid as of 2/11/18 $10,222.00
Balance $129,745.00

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

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