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.
I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33

SAVED BY GOD’S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.
Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called Dominus Flevit, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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“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.”
LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE
(Monday) March 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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!

MARRIED COUPLES

Plan to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.
May 18-20, 2018 in San Jose.
For more information visit sanjosewwme.org or
Contact Ken and Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or
Call 408-782-1413.

EASTER 2018

Palm Sunday, Mar 25, Blessing and distribution of Palms
Communal Penance, Mar 26, 7:00 pm (with individual confession)

Holy Thursday, Mar 29
Morning Prayer, 8:40 am
Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30 pm
Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, Mar 30
Morning Prayer, 8:40 am
Liturical Services, 12 Noon to 3:00 pm
Evening Service, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, Mar 31
Morning Prayer, 8:40 am
Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, Apr 1
5:00 am (Salubong) Sunrise Mass
Masses: 7:45 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm
NO 5:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY IN SAN FRANCISCO
March 22, 2018 at 5:00 PM
This Mass will be livestreamed on www.sfarchdioese.org

14 DAY PILGRIMAGE
JULY 9 to 22, 2018
SFO/SFO
$4,399.00
Land tour only, $3,199.00 (airfare excluded)

Medjugorje
Italy
Slovenia
Croatia
Montenegro

CONTACT:
Patricia Abdelalim at 650-873-2282
**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

**March 19 - March 25**

**Mon** 8:40am  COMMUNITY MASS

**Tue** 8:40am  Erick Valenzuela †

**Wed** 8:40am  Dennis Rozal †

**Thu** 8:40am  Carlito Manzarate †

**Fri** 8:40am  Eduardo Nazareno Marquez †

**Sat** 8:40am  Rudy & Thelma Dacanay †

**Sun** 8:40am  NO MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE

**++ Deceased  BD Birthday  TG Thanksgiving  WA Wedding Anniversary  SI Special Intention**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Stewardship of Ministry**

**March 19 - March 25**

**Monday - March 19**
- 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 20**
- Bible Study  7:00 pm  Chapel

**Wednesday - March 21**
- 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 22**
- CCD  4:30 pm  Hall
- Santo Niño  6:30 pm  Chapel
- 1st Yr Confirmation  7:00 pm  Hall

**Friday - March 23**
- Youth Choir  4:00 pm  Hall
- Children’s Choir  5:00 pm  Hall
- St. Augustine Chorale  7:00 pm  Hall

**Saturday - March 24**
- CCD  9:00 am  Hall
- St. Vincent Distribution  12:30 pm  Hall

**Sunday - March 25**
- Legion of Mary  9:00 am  Conf. A
- RCIA  9:30 am  Conf. C
- K of C Membership  Church Grounds

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**2018 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

**TOTAL ASSESSMENT**  $139,967.00

**COLLECTED as of 3/11/18**  $9,824.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION TO DATE**  $22,306.00

**BALANCE as of 3/6/18**  $117,661.00

Pledge cards are available in the Parish Office.

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**EASTER LILY DONATION**

Your donation of Easter lilies (for Easter Sunday) for the church altar is much welcome. Please leave the pots in front of the chapel or inform the parish office. THANK YOU!

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**MOVIE PRESENTATION**

**FREE**

March 28, 2018 at 6:00 PM
St. Augustine Church Parish Hall

**“Son of God”**
A Preparation for Holy Week

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**Stewardship of Giving**

**Regular Sunday Offering:**

**March 11, 2018**

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This Sunday’s second collection is for the Catholic Relief Services.