"Embracing the Icons of Love"

Conducted by

The Redemptorist Fathers

St. Augustine Church has been blessed with the presence of the Redemptorist Fathers, Fr. Ted Lawson and Fr. Eugene Batungbacal. Together, they presided over the Masses, Novena Prayers and Veneration of the Icons of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Mother of Perpetual Help from June 19th to the 28th. With this year’s theme, “Embracing the Icons of Love”, the devotees that came daily for the services were able to experience God’s unique presence through the prayers and the fervent celebrations of the Sacraments of Healing and the Holy Mass. Majority of our homebound parishioners and those in convalescent homes were visited and blessed by our Redemptorist priests. In this bulletin, various testimonies of some parishioners on their experience as well as photos of the Novenas are shared.
Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

THE BLESSINGS of the NOVENAS at Saint Augustine Church

From the heart, on this day dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and after the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, I send a Big thank you to Fr. Ray for inviting the two Redemptorist priests to celebrate Masses and lead us in praying the Novena from June 20-27! What a great decision Fr.! It has been a wonderful spiritual experience for me and for many parishioners. Incredible outpouring of graces! Many of us would share with each other after the novena - Wasn’t it so touching? Did you feel it too? It seemed to us, each day was better than before! I couldn’t help but exclaim, what surprise will our Lord & Mother have for us today? An example of a surprise... I am not one who touches pictures. But I was so moved on the first day when I observed Fr. Ted, this big strapping American, a man of obvious strength and authority, go forward to touch the Icons with such reverence and love toward our Lord and Mother pictured there - that I felt it! The grace just flowed over me like a gentle wave, it was sweet & yet so powerful! I thought to myself, here is a priest after Their hearts. Fr. Eugene’s refreshing & fiery way of sharing his call to priesthood. Also, my Mom Ferry & I love how prayerful they are. Noticed they really prayed for each other, that’s why the Holy Spirit was working powerfully. (Had a difference on the last day when Fr Ted wasn’t around to pray.) And who wasn’t moved to tears when Fr. Ted told us about Fr. Bob, the organist, who was old & dying. He was alone in his room, & he grasped Fr. Ted’s hand and asked they pray the Jesus prayer with him: “Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on me a poor sinner.” Fr. Ted was with him that night and they clasped hands & prayed whenever Fr. Bob wanted. Fr. Ted heard him emit his last breath and this powerful event has stayed with him. But what about Jesus in the Eucharist? He not only touches us, but He Himself literally comes to us to feed us in the Eucharist. He comes to be part of us, He comes within us to make us new. He helps us grow in our capacity to be better disciples. Greatest word we say, the challenge in receiving the Eucharist is when the priest/minister says: Body of Christ. We should say a hearty Amen! Today is a reminder, a challenge for us that every holy communion is special! Its not just bread, a symbol. It is really Jesus and our Amen is our acknowledgement that we recognize Him present, giving Himself to us. We wants us to be part of Him. He comes to feed us, renew us, transform us, make us new, better than when we first entered the door... His Holiness, sanctifies us. What i got is, it depends on me, my attitude to this EVENT called MASS. As Mass can be just ordinary, same old, same old thing. But things change, the dynamic can change – IF I change my attitude & pay Attention. Fr. Eugene used that word & it grabbed me.

THE BLESSINGS of the NOVENAS at Saint Augustine Church (continued)

The Eucharist will change for me, if I am aware, awake to the FACT that IT is Jesus, true God and true Man, giving Himself to me. Then my communion will truly be holy and will make me holier, a better person than when i first walked through the church door! Incredible grace that day!

And finally, who wasn’t floored by the unexpected grace of receiving the Anointing of the Sick. All in church received it! Incredible grace. Eleanor and I were so excited! We were filled with such joy, we felt something undefinable happen in us. So thank you so much Our Mother of Perpetual Help and dear Sacred Heart of Jesus for inspiring Fr Ray to invite Fr. Ted & Fr. Eugene. We’ve been incredibly graced by these special days of prayer and as the good Fathers said, we can extend our prayers with our Lord & Mother to our whole parish, our families, our churches, our Archdiocese & the Universal Church.

Your fellow parishioner and reader,
Lizette Sioson

Homebound visitation - Legion of Mary Lady of Mediatrix president, Lita Songco. Visiting Redemptorist Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, anointing the sick, Hope & Don Wisk.
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Stewardship of Ministry
July 08 - July 14

Monday - July 08
Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A

Tuesday - July 09
ICF 4:00 pm Hall
Bible Study 7:00 pm Chapel
SVdP 7:00 pm Conf. C
Stewardship Council 7:00 pm YC

Wednesday - July 10
Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Conf. A
Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Conf. C
K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel

Thursday - July 11
Legion of Mary 9:30 am Conf. A
Santo Nino 6:30 pm Chapel
Children’s Choir 5:00 pm Hall
Zumba 7:00 pm Hall

Friday - July 12
Youth Choir 4:00 pm Hall
Children’s Choir 5:30 pm Hall
St. Augustine Chorale 7:00 pm Hall

Saturday - July 13
Baptism 12:00 noon Church
Pilgrimage Reunion 1:00 pm Hall
K of C Choir 6:00 pm Hall

Sunday - July 14
Youth 9:00 am YC
Legion of Mary 9:15 am Conf. A
Baptism 2:30 pm Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Stewardship of Prayer
July 08 - July 14
† Deceased BD Birthd BD

Mon 8:40am COMMUNITY MASS
5:30am Cesar Santos †
Tue 8:40am Loreto Sarmiento †
5:30pm Courtney Uy (BD)
Wed 8:40am Shana Alyssa Castro (BD)
5:30pm Paula Ruiz Black †
Thu 8:40am Kaitelyn Balamiento (BD)
5:30pm Tom Brosen †
Fri 8:40am Maddox Penaflor (BD)
5:30pm Gerardo Milian (BD)
Sat 8:40am Martina Pace †
4:30pm Monica, Mely, Loy and Norbie Banez †
Sun 7:45am Winston Espinueva (TG)
9:30am People of Saint Augustine Parish
11:00am Francis De Souza †
12:30pm Luis Restua
5:30pm Marianita Lachica †

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

Stewardship of Giving

Collection for June 30 will be reported in the next bulletin issue.

TOTAL as of the Month of May, 2019
Online Giving $7,370.50
Total Number of Online Donors - 49

We have 6 more months to complete the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Please support our community by your generosity in providing assistance to the less fortunate.

Total AAA Collection as of June 2019
$49,654.00

WINE & CHEESE...and sparkling water
Saturday, July 27 after the 4:30 pm Mass

Everyone is welcome.
Juice for kids.
Special cake for July birthdays & anniversaries.
In the parish hall.
Come & visit for fellowship.

Last day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Sacred Heart of Jesus novenas with the visiting Redemptorist fathers, Ed Lawson & Eugene Batungbacal. The faithful venerating both icons.
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Nine days of daily masses and novena prayers were a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday. It brought me closer to God and the Blessed Mother. During this joyful encounter, I felt blessings of comfort, consolation, forgiveness and security being showered upon me. Security and peace pervaded my soul. A taste of heaven on earth!

Thank you Father Ted and Father Eugene for your spiritually uplifting and eloquently delivered homilies. A million thanks to Father Ray for making it possible. 

Rosalinda Lopez

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