Saint Augustine Church Celebrates
SIMBANG GABI
December 15 - 23, 2019 at 7pm

Theme:
“Shedding a New Light on the Mass”

Join our priests, Fr. Ray, Fr. Ed and Fr. Martin, our deacons, Deacon Nestor and Deacon Virgil, and our special guest celebrant, Fr. David Pettingill, as we celebrate our Simbang Gabi Novena Masses to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas day. With this year’s theme, “Shedding a New Light on the Mass,” the homilies will expound on the various parts of the Mass.

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Beloved Saint Augustine Parishioners,

You have probably received a Face Book posting last week regarding the great news that Pope Francis would be celebrating the first day of the Simbang Gabi Mass at Saint Peter’s Basilica on December 15th at 4:30pm (10:30pm Manila time). This is going to be the first time that a Pope will participate and join a Filipino community in holding Simbang Gabi, a much-treasured Filipino tradition to prepare for Christmas. This is truly a great blessing. The Holy Father imparts to the world his appreciation and endorsement of a Filipino tradition as an effective way to prepare for the meaningful celebration of the Lord’s birth.

Simbang Gabi refers to the nine (or Novena) Evening Masses before Christmas. This tradition has been in existence for over 400 years now since the Spanish era in the Philippines. It began when the Spanish clergy saw the growing devotion of the hard-working Filipinos who toiled all day in the fields even when the heat of the sun would be at its peak. During Christmas, the clergy noticed the Filipinos would still attend evening masses despite the day’s fatigue. As a compromise, the clergy began to hold Mass in the early dawn when the land would still be dark before the natives went out toil in the fields again. This has become the nine-day early dawn Masses before Christmas (commonly called as Missa de Gallo or Mass of the Rooster). Both the Filipino Simbang Gabi and the Misa de Gallo custom spread and evolved into what they are today. In the three counties of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, 52 parishes will be having the Simbang Gabi (Evening Masses) and 9 others will be having the early dawn Masses (Misa de Gallo). The Filipinos, wherever they are, regard this tradition to honor the gift the world received when God gave His only Son Jesus to be its savior.

At Saint Augustine’s Simbang Gabi this year, we shall be taking this great opportunity to explain anew the significance of the various parts of the Holy Mass from December 15th thru the 23rd. Each evening, a part of the mass will be expounded and prominently ritualized with the hope that devotees of the Simbang Gabi would grow in their love for the Mass or the Eucharist. Come and join the Simbang Gabi 2019 and accompany one another with great faith and hope as we journey as a parish to eternity with God.

Fr. Ray
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Stewardship of Giving

Regular Sunday Offering:
December 8, 2019 $ 11,630.95
AAA $ 10,714.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help $ 388.00
Sacred Heart Of Jesus $ 608.00

TOTAL as of the Month of November, 2019
Online Giving $7,344.00
Total Number of Online Donors - 45

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Assessment $145,939.00
Collected to Date (Dec 2019) $116,707.69
BALANCE $ 19,231.31

This Sunday’s SECOND COLLECTION is for the
RELIGIOUS FUND.

Next Sunday’s SECOND COLLECTION is for
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.
CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM CHRISTMAS/WINTER BREAK

December 22, 2019 to January 5, 2020

CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 8, 9 AND 11, 2020.

REMINDER TO ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

During the hours of Simbang Gabi and fellowship, there will be no other meetings to be held in the parish.

“Adriana” is a single mother with two sons and a daughter. Her husband was recently killed in an automobile accident and in addition to their emotional stress they were facing financial crisis as well.

Her husband had been the primary wage earner and her income was not enough to pay for funeral expenses, rent and utilities. She fell behind on the rent and the family was facing eviction. Adriana sought help from Coast Side Hope who referred them to St. Vincent De Paul’s Peninsula Family Resource Center (PFRC). Volunteers visited them with bags of groceries and agreed to pay the September rent.

Adriana has increased her work hours this month and now shares two rooms with extended family members. She expects to be able to pay the full rent moving forward.

HEALING

Manny Almojuela, Johnny Aquino, Gloria Babiera, Rose Badua, Ruby Cruz, Josie Calimlim, Marianne Courbis, Al LaTorraca, Lourdes Medios, Anthony Morales, Olive Nunez, Elette padilla, Colette Panelo, Evelyn Pimentel, Tony Regidor, Bob Topper

Maria Elizabeth Adorable

St. Augustine Parish Dollar Raffle
3700 Callan Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 873-2282
1st Prize .................55” Samsung TV
2nd Prize .................New iPhone 11
3rd Prize .................iPad Air
Tickets: $1 each or $10 for 12 tickets
 Prize Drawing on December 23, 2019
Need not be present to win.
Ticket Sponsors:
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EARLY BIRD DOLLAR RAFFLE WINNER

Ella Panelo

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
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Rev. Martin S. Njoalu, V.C, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Virgil D. Capetti, Deacon
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Amor T. Baldomero, Administrative Assistant
Daniel Diaz, Youth Minister

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Linda F. Gamboa, Secretary
Phone: 650-873-2878

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Deacon Virgil Capetti
Lari Collins

MASS SCHEDULE (NEW)
Mon-Fri: 8:30 am, 5:30 pm; Sat: 8:30 am 4:30 pm; Sun: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm; Holy Day: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

CONFESSION
Fri: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Sat: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

BAPTISM
2nd & 4th Sat: 12:00 nn; Sun: 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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
1st Friday: After 8:40 am Mass to 5:15 pm
All Other Fridays:
Exposition: 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY OPERATIONS
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
9:00 am to 12 Noon
Fridays: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Sundays
9:00 am to 5:00 pm