Saint Augustine Church Celebrates

SIMBANG GABI
December 15 - 23, 2019 at 7pm
THERE WILL BE NO 5:30 PM MASS ON DEC 16 - 20 AND 23

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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Dear Parishioners,

Are you ready for Christmas?

It’s a question we are often asked. But I ask: how can we as Catholics really be ready for Christmas? How can we keep the season of holiness in our hearts as we “wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ”?

First, I invite you to take some extra time in prayer. Even if it just a few extra minutes a day, take that time to reflect on the Nativity of our Lord, God’s gift to us as a promise of salvation. I encourage you also to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, which brings with it grace and peace. And finally, I urge us all to share our hope with friends and family, inviting them to celebrate Mass with us. In this way, we can truly be ready for Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Christmas, and throughout the year.

In Christ,
Father Ray Reyes and Staff

“Stewardship of Service”

Christmas is about Jesus’ birth. How can you comprehend the meaning of Christmas? How can you share the joy of the birth of Jesus with others? How can you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas in your heart? How can you share the love and joy of Christmas with others?

In this issue of our parish newsletter, we are featuring stories and photos of parishioners who have shared their experiences of Christmas cards. These stories highlight the importance of sharing the love of Christmas with others.

The stories include:

- "I learned that my church likes to give a lot to our community. They also really help the church which is why we have so many activities. I also learned that people are very generous when it comes to church." - Janelle, 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "It’s fun selling the cards and also helping the church...and because of selling the cards, I made new friends...I want to do it again." - Monica, 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "It helped me understand better the meaning of Christmas. I am able to spread the Christmas spirit simply by passing out cards and smiling with others. This was a fun experience that allowed me to stay close to the church."

"Sofia, 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "In advertising, I now know how it feels to be ignored, but that’s okay. I never made any sales, but at least I tried. It was nice some people bought the cards." - Zachary, 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "The Christmas card sale helped me appreciate my faith because I am helping people get those kind of cards to let them know Christmas is almost here." - Nicholas L., 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "It makes me feel like a better person because I helped the church and I supported it too." - Gabriel, 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "This activity made me appreciate more for my Catholic faith. I got me closer to God because it made me keep going than give up." - Noah, 1st Yr Confirmation Student.

- "Christmas cards are a way of connecting people together...we reflect on what we do, rejoice in our beliefs & what we have learned, as well as renewing our commitment for confirmation or our commitment to be good." - Monica, 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

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- "Selling Christmas cards help my Catholic faith by appreciating others. Selling in front of the church was great. Seeing people while they enter was really nice. I learned that doing community service is really hard work. This helps me by showing kindness." - Nicholas R., 2nd Yr Confirmation Student.

- "I was able to communicate with other people, seeing them smile when I would say Merry Christmas. Made me smile too. I was also able to get to know more of other people I don’t even talk to. It felt really nice to know others."

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- During this Advent season, please consider what you can do to offer your service to the glory of God!
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Stewardship of Ministry
December 23 - December 29

Monday - December 23
Mary’s Children SCC 1:30 pm Conf. C
Tuesday - December 24
Vigil Mass 4:00 pm Church
Children’s Mass 8:00 pm Church
Midnight Mass 12:00 am Church

Wednesday - December 25, Christmas Day
Mass 7:30 am Church
Mass 9:00 am Church
Mass 11:00 am Church
Mass 12:30 pm Church
NO 5:30 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

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December 15 will be published next week.

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH
Christmas Card Collections
AVAILABLE IN 8 COLLECTIBLE DESIGNS

$10 for pack of 10 cards

PARISH OFFICE 650.873.2282

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Stewardship of Prayer
December 23 - December 29

Mon 8:30 am COMMUNITY MASS
7:00 pm Mel & Del Zagala (TG)
Tue 8:30 am De Guzman-Martinez Family (TG)
4:00 pm Priests Intentions
8:00 pm Priests Intentions
12:00 M Priests Intentions
Wed 7:30 am Priests Intentions
9:00 am Priests Intentions
11:00 am Priests Intentions
12:30 pm Priests Intentions
Thu 8:30 am Flaviano Alcantara (BD)
5:30 pm Jemecha Ignacio (BD)
Fri 8:30 am Deceased Members of De Guzman-Martinez
5:30 pm Helen Horny †
Sat 8:30 am Ethan Luke balamiente (BD)
4:30 pm Bienvenido Joselito Lim †
Sun 8:30 am Abraham Paranal †
9:00 am The People of Saint Augustine
11:00 am Almojuela Family (TG)
12:30 pm Rene & Buena Dandan (TG)
5:30 pm Maria Ablang †

Stewardship of Giving

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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.
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:17; Mt 1:18-24

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

HEALING

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

NEW - HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Dec 25 & Jan 1

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, is a holy day of obligation. An evening Mass on Christmas Eve (a vigil Mass, meaning a Mass at 4:00 p or later) will fulfill the obligation for Wednesday Mass.

Wednesday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. Again, a vigil Mass on the evening of Dec 31 will fulfill the obligation for Jan1.

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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DOLLAR RAFFLE tickets addressed to your homes may be mailed back with your payment, submitted in the parish office or at the weekend Masses. Additional tickets may be purchased at the office.

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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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

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