SANTACRUZAN, Part II

What is “Flores de Mayo”?

This is a religious festival in honor of Mary, the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The feast is marked with the offering of flowers by sagalas or shepherd girls. The “Mayflower” offering may refer to the whole flower festival celebrated in the month of May in honor of the Virgin Mary.

During the festival in May, flowers are offered to the Virgin Mary at the altar in the church. Every afternoon, young girls dressed in white, visit the church with cut flowers or baskets of petals in their hands. While walking to the altar, they either sprinkle the petals in honor of Mary or offer bouquets of flowers.

In Saint Augustine Parish, members of the Legion of Mary process with a stem of rose or flower offering it to the Blessed Virgin.

The Santacruzan procession is always the final part and the highlight of the festival of “Flores de Mayo”.

Instead of icons or images, women portray biblical and historical characters. The women in the parade called “Sagalas” symbolize queens from the past and are dressed appropriately emulating these queens.

This custom and celebration started after the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854. Introduced by the Spanish conquerors, this religious tradition is more than a century old. The tradition is religiously celebrated preceded by a nine-day novena of prayer, a novena in honor of the Holy Cross and coupled with the “Flores de Mayo”. (to be continued)
PARISH FELLOWSHIP
after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays

Join fellow parishioners for some Continental Breakfast. It’s a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones. See you at the hall!

Santo Niño Feast Day

Celebration of the Santo Niño Feast Day will be on January 25, 2019 at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26, 2020
11:00am - 2:00pm
Holy Angels School
20 Reiner Street
Colma, CA 94014
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Stewardship of Prayer
January 20 - January 26

Mon 8:30am COMMUNITY MASS
Tue 8:30am Renato Manzarate †
Wed 8:30am Conchita Balingit (Healing)
Thur 8:30am Jordan Sam (BD)
Fri 8:30am Jose Apostol, Jr. †
Sat 8:30am Steven & Marina Bradley (WA)
Sun 8:30am Esperanza Jimenez †

WALK FOR LIFE
Saturday, January 25, 2020
Civic Center at 12 Noon

SHEDDING LIGHT ON ALL ISSUES OF LIFE RALLY.

GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Parish Hall
Heads of committees - please submit your updated report via group email to the Golden Jubilee Committee before the meeting date.

Stewardship of Giving

Regular Sunday Offering:
January 12, 2020 $ 10,856.47
AAA $ 6,860.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help $ 362.00
Sacred Heart Of Jesus $ 351.00

TOTAL as of the Month of December, 2019
Online Giving $7,383.00
Total Number of Online Donors - 43

This Sunday’s SECOND COLLECTION is for LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE.

Next Sunday’s SECOND COLLECTION is for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS.
**BAPTISM**

During the weeks of Lent, starting Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 to the first Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, BAPTISM WILL NOT BE PERFORMED at Saint Augustine Parish in observance of the Lenten season. Baptisms will resume on April 25 and 26. Applications, interviews and classes will continue during Lent.

**Marriage Help**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage.

For confidential information about, or to register for the program on February 28 - March 1 call (415) 893-1005 or email: sf@retroca.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

**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
Parish Phone: 650-873-2282
Email staugustinessf@aol.com
Web: www.staugustinessf.org

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Deacon Virgil Capetti
Lari Collins

**MASS SCHEDULE (NEW)**

**Weekdays:**
- 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
- 5:00 pm
- Holy Day: 8:30 am, 12:15 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 noon, 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.

**EUCHARISTICADORATION**

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

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the LORD are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3). Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit shows through Israel, a light to all nations, to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:10).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc -17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1b, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday:** Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]