A BLESSED EASTER
TO ALL!

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“Seek out the LORD and his might…”
(Psalm 105: 4)

Dear Parishioners, Family and Friends of Saint Augustine Church,

Honestly, I didn’t know how to begin this Easter message. Somehow this particular verse from Psalm 105 caught my attention before Holy Week this year started. The psalm was written by King David to celebrate the fulfillment of God’s promises to His people that included the arrival of the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem, the city where the First Temple would be built. In this psalm, King David invites the people not just to seek God himself, but also His strength. He proclaims in this psalm that this strength is given to God’s people as they seek Him. Saint Paul would later write, “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.” (Eph. 6:10).

Seeking the Lord during this pandemic has become bleak and senseless to many. The effects continue to sow anxiety and despair. God’s absence seems to be obvious with the rise of the number of those who have been affected as well as those who have perished despite the many efforts to stop the spread of this deadly virus. But at the same time, many of those who have been going through this horrible and painful ordeal have also experienced something heroic and encouraging from those who risk their lives in the frontlines, the health care workers and essential workers in the government and private sectors. Because of their selfless and caring acts, many of those who have been anxious and suffering never felt alone and abandoned. God’s strength continues to be present in each of our unsung heroes of today.

During this distressing time, we are given this unique moment to celebrate Easter. Because of the Risen Lord, we have a new creation, a new life. Easter is a time to be reminded on what Julian of Norwich, an English mystic, once said, “All will be well…” Indeed, Easter proclaims to us that all will be well in God’s time. And if it is not well, it is definitely not yet the end for all will be well in the end.

Where we are today, in the coming weeks and months may not be the end. Easter reminds us to look forward to God’s time and His intervention. Easter teaches us to take courage that despite our fears and anxieties because of the pandemic, the Risen Christ, is present and active in our lives and in the goodness of others especially those who extend mercy and compassion to the sick and the dying.

I commend the many parish families, groups and ministries that kept themselves connected through various and creative ways in the internet during this trying time. They have become closer to each other and prayed often for the safety and health of everyone. Please consider participating in our daily livestream masses at 10am by checking our parish website and our Face Book (FB) Home Page for more details. We received many comments on how our daily livestream masses have been benefitting many thousands who regularly view them.

Thank you to all who, in the midst of our shared trials and challenges, are doing their best to keep Saint Augustine Church maintain its ministries. It may be embarrassing to mention money during this pandemic, but know that Saint Augustine Church needs us even more at this time. We would appreciate any help you can offer through our ONLINE GIVING LINK that is very safe and accessible in our parish website and FB Home Page. We are most grateful to those who have mailed in their Easter gifts as well as their financial support to our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society, thus enabling our parish Vincentians to help the poor right here in our parish and beyond.

From all of us, the Clergy and Staff of Saint Augustine Church, HAPPY EASTER and may the Risen Lord bless all of us, and keep us all safe from harm.

Fr. Ray
HEALING
The community prays for all who are ailing and suffering from the present condition of the world.


PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

God of everlasting goodness, you sent your Son among us to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world. Be with all health care workers and their assistants in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care, renew them in mind, body, and spirit. Keep them safe from infection and illness, and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name, Christ the healer, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness; The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4)
or (2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).


HELP OUT OUR ADVERTISERS

Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you, especially during these days of the Coronavirus pandemic. It might be the only way that we can reach some of you. Every bulletin that you receive is paid for through the generosity of the businesses that you see advertised on the back cover. Most of these advertisers are members of our local community, and many belong to our parish. We urge you to think of them when you decide to have a meal or other item delivered to your door. Tell the business owners that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertisements in the bulletin. This is one small way that we can work within our own community to weather the challenges that we face. Together we can help each other make it through.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

CHRIST HAS RISEN
Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are Overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.
—Byzantine Pentekostarion

THANK YOU ST. AUGUSTINE CONFERENCE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
A message to our elderly parishioners who may need assistance in getting groceries, accompaniment to a doctor’s visit or picking up a prescription from the pharmacy.
Our conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is here to help you. Please call 650-273-7088.

PARISH OFFICE
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CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION
Phone: 650-873-2878.
CCD and Confirmation teachers are continually communicating with the students with their homework, assignments, and schedules. If you don’t know your teacher’s phone number or email address, go to the parish website, www.staugustinessf.org, and email your teacher.

The “shelter-in” policy is in effect until May 3, 2020 or until further notice.

Reception of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation by students will be announced at a future date when it will be safe to hold a public event.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION & BAPTISMAL CEREMONY
There are no baptismal preparation: interview and class, and baptisms during Lent. Because of the pandemic Covid-19 that we are experiencing, all CCD and Confirmation events are halted. We will continue updating parents, students, and teachers.

WEDDING
Saint Augustine Church has quite a number of weddings scheduled in 2020. Please call the office number above for any concerns about your preparation.

FUNERAL
Services may be limited based on mandates updated almost daily. Please call 650-873-2282 to discuss and confirm service.

CONFESSION
Please call the parish office at 650-873-2282 to set up availability and confirmation of appointed date, time and place.

VIRTUAL MASS
SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
10:00 AM DAILY
Fr. Ray Reyes *** Fr. Ed Dura *** Fr. Martin Njolu