St. Augustine Catholic Church

HEADLINES
- Taize, March 25
- Chrism Mass
- Communion Service
- Communal Penance, March 31

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please do so in the vestibule, visit the parish office, or go on line at www.staugustinessf.org.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday  8:40am, 5:30pm
Saturday      8:40am, 4:30pm
Sunday        7:45am, 9:30am
              11:00am, 12:30pm
              5:30pm
Holy Day      8:40am, 12:15pm
              5:30pm, 7:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday  9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday      9:00am-3:00pm
Closed between 12noon-1:00pm
Web: www.staugustinessf.org
Email staugustinessf@aol.com

CONFESSION
Friday        4:30pm - 5:00pm
Saturday      3:30pm - 4:00 pm

CASS OFFICE HOURS
Mon & Fri     9:30am to 5:30pm
Wed & Thu     2:00pm to 9:00pm
Sat           8:00am to 1:30pm

BAPTISM
Saturday      2nd & 4th at 12:00N
Sunday        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.

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Rene Ramoso, Pastor
Rev. Ed Dura, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon
Sr. Nona Barairo, Parish Catechetical Leader
Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager
Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant

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.

YOUTH MINISTERS
Nicole Macaraeg
Melanie Macaraeg

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Friday        9:15am - 5:15pm

BAPTISMAL COORDINATORS
Loy Bañez
Lari Collins

OUR VISION
St. Augustine Parish is a worshipping community that enthusiastically manifests faith through action, with open arms for all of God’s children.

OUR MISSION
We live God’s Word and continue His Work.
I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people

— Jeremiah 31:33

THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].


READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent immediately after the 5:30 PM Mass in the church.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ’s passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people’s best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria’s letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
March 23 - March 29

Mon - March 23
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. A
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. B

Tue - March 24
Youth Choir 5:00pm Hall
Youth Group 6:30pm Youth Center
Bible Study 7:00pm Conf. A
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Conf. B
Ways & Means 7:00pm Conf. C

Wed - March 25
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Conf. C
K of C Rosary 7:00pm Chapel
Taize 7:00pm Church

Thu - March 26
CCD Adult Formation 6:00pm Hall
Santo Niño 7:30pm Chapel

Fri - March 27
Children’s Choir 5:00pm Hall
St. Augustine Choir 7:30pm Hall

Sat - March 28
CCD Adult Formation 9:00am Hall
Grade 6 Recollection 2:00pm Hall

Sun - March 29
Legion of Mary 9:30am Conf. C
Jr. Legion 11:00am Conf. A
RCIA 9:00am Conf. B

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
March 23 - March 29

MON 8:40am COMMUNITY MASS
5:30pm Marcelina Rapanut †
TUE 8:40am Maurito Tugade, Jr. (BD)
5:30pm Margarita & Sancho Pineda †
WED 8:40am Irenea Barairo †
5:30pm Constancia Rozal †
THU 8:40am Jeremiah & Jordan (BD)
5:30pm (Communion Service)
FRI 8:40am Lauren Gamboa (BD)
5:30pm Tan Yao Lam †
SAT 8:40am Rosario Resuello †
4:30pm Rene Barrantes †
SUN 7:45am Flora Alcantara †
9:30am The People of St. Augustine
11:00am Adoracion Ballesteros †
12:30pm May Malic Ferrario & Conrado Malic †
5:30pm Minnie Imperio (TG)

Regular Sunday Offering:
March 14, 2015 $10,446.56
Catholic Relief Services $ 3,058.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Tue) $ 302.00
Sacred Heart Of Jesus (Fri) $ 349.00

Next Sunday’s second collection is for our Debt Reduction Program.

OFFERINGS
COMMUNION SERVICE
March 26, 2015, 5:30 PM (in lieu of Mass)
St. Augustine Church

CHRISM MASS
March 26, 2015 at 5:30 PM
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
111 Gough St.
San Francisco, CA 94109

COMMUNAL PENCE
St. Augustine Church
March 31 at 7:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
Please go to www.staugustinessf.org for their schedule of classes and activities.

PILGRIMAGE NEWS

EASTERN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE
Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Hungary & Poland
October 11-23, 2015
Chaplain, Fr. Rene Ramoso
$3,699

LAND OF THE BIBLE PILGRIMAGE
November 6-20, 2015
Chaplain, Fr. Ed Dura
$3,499
For more information, visit the parish office or call 650-873-2282.

EASTER 2015

PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2015
Blessing and Distribution of Palms

COMMUNAL PENCE
(with individual confession)
TUESDAY, March 31, 2015
7:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY
April 02, 2015
Morning Prayer 8:40 AM
Mass of the Last Supper 7:30 PM
Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 03, 2015
Morning Prayer 8:40 AM
Liturgical Services
12 Noon - 3:00 PM
Evening Service 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY
April 04, 2015
Morning Prayer 8:40 AM
Easter Vigil Mass  8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
April 05, 2015
Masses: 5:00 AM Salubong (Sunrise Mass)
7:45 AM  9:30 AM
11:00 AM  12:30 PM

NO 5:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

RCIA - RITE OF INITIATION OF CHRISTIAN ADULTS
The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all those seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil.

The days of Lent are the final period of purification and enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the catechumens receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

After the person is initiated, formation and education continue in the period of the post baptismal catechesis, which is called "mystagogic." This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church’s mission and outreach activities.

Bella Alfajora
Eleanor Breite
Josie Calimlim
Kingsley Escanio
Mike Ignacio
Carmelo Mendoza
Domingo Nuesca
Jun Panelo
Linda Pascual

Francisco Aurelio
Carmen Barlaan
Edgardo Sapiandante

Deaths

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