

# St. Augustine Catholic Church

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## A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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](http://www.staugustinessf.org).

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Fri	8:40 am, 5:30 pm
Saturday	8:40 am, 4:30 pm
Sunday	7:45 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am, 12:30 pm 5:30 pm
Holy Day	8:40 am, 12:15 pm 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

### CONFESSION

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

### BAPTISM

Saturday	2nd & 4th at 12:00 nn
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.

### 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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday	9:15am - 5:15pm
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### YOUTH OFFICE

Open 2nd & 4th Sundays  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### 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
Web:	<a href="http://www.staugustinessf.org">www.staugustinessf.org</a>
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**CCD Office** 650-873-2878

### CCD OFFICE HOURS

M-W-F	9:30 am-12:00 pm 1:00 pm-5:30 pm
Sat-	8:30 am-1:00 pm, 2:00 pm-4:30 pm
1st & 3rd Wed-Thu	1 pm-5:30 pm, 6:30-9 pm

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rene Ramoso, Pastor  
Rev. Ed Dura, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Deacon  
Sr. Nona Barairo, Dir. of Rel. Ed.  
Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager  
Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant  
Linda Gamboa, Rel. Ed. Secretary

### YOUTH MINISTER

Melanie Macaraeg  
Daniel Diaz

### BAPTISMAL COORDINATORS

Deacon Virgil Capetti  
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.



## Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

### NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, “Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God” (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalms** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for “surround” or “hedge.”

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**“Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God gift's and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.”**

**KEEP THE HOMELESS  
WARM THIS WINTER**

For the last three days of Simbang Gabi, December 21 to 23 we are launching a campaign—Keep the Homeless Warm this Winter. Please bring socks, blankets, beanies and scarves. Receptacles will be available to drop off your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE WITH  
INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION**

Monday, December 11, 2017  
7:00 PM

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
DURING SIMBANG GABI  
(Dec. 15-23)**

MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:40 AM 7:00 PM

SATURDAY  
8:40 AM, 4:30 PM 7:00 PM

SUNDAY  
7:45 AM, 9:30 AM  
11:00 AM, 12:30 PM  
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND  
COLLECTION**

December 16-17, 2017

Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

**THE CHRISTMAS  
PRAYER TREE**

Do you have a special prayer this Christmas to be offered to the Child Jesus? Pick cards available at the vestibule and write your prayer at the back of the cards. The prayer cards will be hanged to decorate the Christmas Tree in the vestibule and will be randomly selected to be read as part of the *Prayers of the Faithful* at the Simbang Gabi.



CASSIEL ALEXIS SABILE  
CLIMACO

**Pray for ... HEALING**

Johnny Aquino, Rose Badua  
Louie Decena, Josie Calimlim  
Marianne Courbis  
Randall Gadduang  
Olive Nunez, Elette Padilla  
Jason Ramoso, Aaron Rauls



Gilda Bajamundi

St. Augustine Church  
Benefit Dance  
New Year's Eve  
**DISCO**  
Sunday December 31  
6:30 PM to 12:30 AM  
PARISH HALL  
\$50 Dinner & Dance Ticket  
LIMITED to FIRST 200  
For inquiries, please contact  
Rita Liu or Malou Cu at 650-452-9272

**SIMBANG GABI FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE 2017**

*Simbang Gabi* Novena/Masses from December 15 to December 23 will start at 7:00 PM. (There will be no 5:30 PM Masses from 12-15 to 12-23, 2017).

Organizations and ministries sponsoring the *Simbang Gabi* Fellowship are the following:

- Dec 15 Knights of Columbus
- Dec 16 Legion of Mary, Liturgical Arts, Altar Society
- Dec 17 CCD Catechists, Parents of the Children's Choir
- Dec 18 Music Ministry, includes all choirs and cantors; St. Vincent de Paul
- Dec 19 Fil-Am, SCC, AFFT, Hospitality Ministers
- Dec 20 Bible Study, Charismatic Group, Santo Niño
- Dec 21 Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist
- Dec 22 Youth Group, Youth Choir, Young Adult, Para-liturgy, Sacristans, Altar Servers
- Dec 23 Finance Council, Parish Council, Liturgy Committee

**See or call Patricia at the Parish Office, 650-873-2282 for arrangements or details.**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**  
**Stewardship of Ministry**  
**December 11 - December 17**

**Monday - December 11**

Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A  
 Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. B

**Tuesday - December 12**

ICF 6:00 pm Hall  
 Bible Study 7:00 pm Chapel  
 St. Vincent 7:00 pm Hall  
 Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm YC

**Wednesday - December 13**

Legion of Mary 5:30 pm Conf. C  
 Divine Will 6:30 pm Conf. A  
 K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel

**Thursday - December 14**

CCD Christmas Party 4:30 pm Hall  
 Santo Niño 6:30 pm Chapel

**Friday - December 15**

Youth Choir 4:00 pm Hall  
 Children's Choir 7:00 pm Hall

**Saturday - December 16**

CCD Christmas Party 9:00 am Hall  
 St. Vincent Distribution 1:00 pm Hall

**Sunday - December 17**

Legion of Mary 9:00 am Conf. A  
 RCIA 9:30 am Conf. C  
 K of C Exemplification 2:00 pm Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Stewardship of Prayer**  
**December 11 - December 17**

Mon	8:40 am	COMMUNITY MASS
	5:30 pm	Gerardo Jimenez †
	7:00 pm	COMMUNAL PENANCE
Tue	8:40 am	Bishop Jesus Cabrera (BD)
	5:30 pm	Cecilia Laurente †
Wed	8:40 am	Alfred Esperante †
	5:30 pm	Menaflor Mejia (BD)
Thu	8:40 am	Rosario Manalo †
	5:30 pm	Felicidad Ignacio †
Fri	8:40 am	Felipe Ragsag †
	7:00 pm	Theodore Steiner †
		Liza Ignacio (BD)
Sat	8:40 am	Micaela & Rachele Ignacio (BD)
	4:30 pm	Carmelita Padilla (BD)
	7:00 pm	Mauro de la Cruz, Sr. †
Sun	7:45 am	Luis Restua †
	9:30 am	People of St. Augustine
	11:00 am	Ricardo R. Lopez (BD)
	12:30 pm	Andrew Besas (TG)
	5:30 pm	Marcelino Bulante †
	7:00 pm	Pete & Rosario Resuello †

**Stewardship of Treasure**

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>\$11,895.32</b>
<b>Debt Reduction Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,829.00</b>
<b>Our Lady Of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>\$ 257.00</b>
<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	<b>\$ 664.00</b>
<b>2017 AAA Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 119,522.00</b>
<b>Total AAA Collected</b>	<b>\$ 84,625.00</b>
<b>Balance on the AAA as of 11/2017</b>	<b>\$ 34,897.00</b>

**CHRISTMAS 2017**

**Dec 11, Mon, 7:00 PM,** Communal Penance with Individual confession

**Dec 15-23, 7:00 PM,** Novena of Masses  
*(Simbang Gabi)*

**Dec 24,** Christmas Vigil  
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass  
 7:30 PM Children's Caroling  
 8:00 PM Children's Mass  
 11:00 PM Caroling  
 12:00 Midnight Mass

**Dec 25,** Christmas Day,  
 7:45 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM.

There is no 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day.

**Jan 1, 2018, 9:00 AM Mass ONLY.**

Date	Weekly First Collection	Second Collection
10/01/2017	\$ 12,559.00	\$ 5,663.00
10/08/2017	\$ 11,355.00	\$ 7,961.00
10/15/2017	\$ 11,799.00	\$ 3304.00
10/22/2017	\$ 10,817.02	\$ 3548.00
10/29/2017	\$ 10,984.00	\$4,132.00

**This Sunday's second collection is for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.**

**Next Sunday's second collection is for the Retired Religious Fund.**

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