

From the cloud
came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

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SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule: 10:00 AM Monday to Sunday In-person (weather permitting)
Livestreamed, Audio, FM 88.1, when in the car in the
church parking lot
4:30 PM Saturday, in-person (weather permitting) not
livestreamed

Saturday Confession: 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM, appointment encouraged
Church Visitation: 11:00 am - 5:00 PM, lighting of candle & visit for 15



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Permanent Deacon
Permanent Deacon

We live God's Word and continue His work.

If you are sick or have any flu-like symptoms such as cough and fever, please stay home and attend the 10:00 AM live streamed Mass on Facebook. Help save a life!

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (CFFP)

Mar 03	2nd Year Confirmation Adult Faith Formation
Mar 04	1st Year Confirmation Adult Faith Formation
Mar 05, 06, & 07	2nd Year Confirmation Retreat
Mar 10	2nd Year Confirmation Class
Mar 11	1st Year Confirmation Class
Mar 13	CCD Adult Faith Formation, Grade 1 & SP 1

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY. Interested to be a hospitality minister or usher? Get trained and join this energetic group of ministers. Contact Rita Liu at RitaLiu2020@gmail.com,

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9714. "We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what *Knights* do." Contact Grand Knight Ren Luna at moonmill2019@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY. "The main apostolate of the **Legion** is activities directed towards Catholics and non-Catholics encouraging them in their faith or inviting them to become Catholic. This is usually done by encouraging them in prayer, attending Mass and learning more about the Catholic faith."

MASS INTENTION OFFERING. May be offered in person or online: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1625 Where it says, "Give one time without creating an account!", click "**Quick Give**". Enter information required. For **Fund** choice, click on **Mass Intentions**. In the block, **Special Intentions, if any**, indicate First and Last Names ONLY for whom the intention is offered, type of intention (for the dead, birthday, wedding anniversary, healing, special intention), Holy Mass date and time intention is to be offered. Please allow 3 days or more to process on line requests.

PRIVATE BAPTISM. Call 650-873-2282. Due to restriction guidelines on Covid-19, there are no group baptisms in St. Augustine, only one child is baptized per scheduled event unless there are more than one child to be baptized in the same family.

SACRAMENTS. For anointing of the sick and confession, call 650-873-2282 to make an appointment.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SAINT AUGUSTINE CONFERENCE. "Inspired by gospel values, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, **St. Vincent de Paul**." Call 650-273-7088.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES. Do you wish to participate in a small faith sharing group or form your own group? During the next few Sundays of Lent, we are offering virtual faith sessions from 2pm to 4 pm through Zoom. Contact Malou Salumbides at sccatstaugustine@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS. If you are between the ages of 19-39 years old, join The Young Adult Ministry. Find a deeper meaning and purpose to your life. Meet other young adults while expressing your faith.

**OUR PRAYERS
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
GONE BEFORE US:**

Philip Gambucci
Julia Rojo
Marcela Sicat

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Augustine will take part in the 40 Days for Life, an international campaign to begin the end of abortion. Join the Legion of Mary in Prayer and Peaceful Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at Grand Avenue in South City. If you have 30 mins or an hour *any day from now through March 28, please contact* Lita Songco 650 270 8985 or Rosalinda Lopez 650.878.9248 to schedule your time to pray to protect the unborn babies and those who suffer from the aftermath of abortion.



Finding Hope in Suffering

A BIBLICAL JOURNEY MARKED WITH SUFFERING, LEADING TO JOY
BY MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO

Clearly, one of the greatest models of faith in the Old Testament is Abraham. Jews, Christians and Muslims all acclaim him as such.

But Abraham also is a model of suffering. Abraham's choice to say yes to God, leave civilization and lead his family into the desert involved great hardship (Gen 12:1-4).

What was the motivation that drove him to do it? Simple. There was something that God promised him that he desperately wanted. He already had a lot: a wife, property, servants and all the creature comforts afforded by his civilization. Yet he lacked a son.

For Abraham, a son was the main pathway to immortality. A son would, presumably, go out and beget sons, keeping his father's name and memory alive. God promised not only descendants but a progeny so numerous that all the communities of the earth would find blessing in Abraham's name.

The desire for future glory enabled Abraham to put up with the hardships, just as we sometimes

endure hardship and suffering because we know it will lead us to some place better—perhaps in eternity.

St. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God" (2 Tm 1:8).

To be a Christian during the first 300 years of the faith meant risking everything. If the Romans caught you, it could mean torture or death. If you got off easy, it meant the confiscation of your possessions.

Why would people take this chance? For the same reason Abraham embraced hardship: hope. They had been given a promise of eternal glory. They understood that no earthly good could compare with everlasting joy and were willing to suffer whatever loss was necessary to secure it.

In this, they followed the Master: "For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame" (Heb 12:2).

Obviously the sober, penitential spirit of Lent looks forward to the festivities of Easter. But Lenten

penance means more than that. It is an opportunity for us to re-examine what's most important in our lives—the gift of friendship with God.

Do we react to the ups and downs of daily life as if that were truly the case? In Lent, the deeper reason we "give up" earthly goods through fasting is to make more room for heavenly goods, to remind ourselves that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

How do we live with the suffering in our lives that is not voluntary, with the hardships that seem to find us no matter how we try to escape?

Lent is a time to choose to embrace hardships with faith, hope and love, and unite them to the cross of Christ. We can transform inconvenience and even tragedy into steppingstones to glory.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2021

Palm Sunday, Mar 27 & 28, Blessing and distribution of Palms 4:30 pm Sat 10:00 am & 12:00 PM Sunday*

Holy Monday, Mar 29
Mass 10:00 AM*
Confession 5:00 PM

Holy Tuesday Mar 30
Mass 10:00 AM*
Confession 5:00 PM

Holy Wednesday Mar 31
Mass 10:00 AM*
Confession 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday Apr 1
Morning Prayer 9:00AM*
Confession 5:00 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM*
Adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday Apr 2
Morning Prayer 9:00AM*
Live Stations of the Cross 12 Noon*
Seven Last Words 1:00 PM*
Celebration of the Passion of The Lord 2:00 PM*
Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 PM
Confession 5:00 PM

Holy Saturday Apr 3
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 PM*
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM*

Easter Sunday Apr 4
Easter Masses 10:00 AM & 12 Noon*
Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 PM

* Livestreamed



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THE HOLY HOUR
EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY
7 PM TO 8 PM
LIVESTREAMED

<https://www.facebook.com/SACC45thYear>

TO PRAY FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE, FOR VOCATIONS,
AND FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MCGIVNEY.



PENITENTIAL PRACTICES FOR LENT

PRAYER, that process of listening to and responding to God's daily call, sustains and nurtures our relationship with our triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Without prayer, personal or communal, this relationship is diminished, sometimes to the point of complete silence on our part. Every day the Spirit of Jesus invites us to enter into that serious conversion that leads to blessed communion.

FASTING, a very special form of penance, and Jesus' second call, has been a consistent part of our Catholic tradition. Fasting assists us in getting our own house in order. All of us have to deal with areas of servitude, whether in regard to smoking or alcohol consumption, misused sexuality, uncontrolled gambling, psychological hang-ups, spiritual obsessions, use of stimulants, immoderate use of the Internet, excessive amounts of television watching, or preoccupations with other forms of entertainment. By fasting and self-denial, by living lives of moderation, we have more energy to devote to God's purposes and a better self-esteem that helps us to be more concerned with the well-being of others.

GIVE ALMS, Jesus was always concerned about those who were poor and in need. He was impressed by the widow, who though having so little, shared her resources with others: "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood" (Lk 21:3-4). To be a disciple of Jesus is to live a life of stewardship, generously giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

At the heart of all penance is the **call to conversion**. "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15) makes explicit this connection between authentic discipleship and penitential discipline. Discipleship, our following of Jesus, embraces discipline, a firm commitment to do whatever is demanded in furthering God's kingdom. Viewed in this way, the virtue of penance is not optional, just as weeding a garden is not optional for a responsible caretaker.

If we are serious about embracing the penitential discipline that is rooted in the call of discipleship, then we will identify specific times and places for prayer, penance, and works of charity. Growth in spiritual maturity demands a certain level of specificity, for it shows that we take seriously God's call to discipline and are willing to hold ourselves accountable.

Excerpt from the USCCB

MASS INTENTIONS March 1 - March 7

Mar 01: Caridad Nastor†, Mario & Feliza Em†, Ed Machado (H), Norma Yabut†, Myrna Bartolo†, Msgr. Eugenio Mercado†, Fidela Arcilla†

Mar 02: Janessa Chin (H), Edward Gonzales†, Mario & Feliza Em†, Milagros Divine†, Marino Machate† (40th day), Dorothy Hurter†, Ed Machado (H), Myrna Bartolo†, Msgr. Eugenio Mercado†

Mar 03 : Eddie Bean, Jr. (SI), Mario & Feliza Em†, Dolores Benson† (9th day), Malou Cu (BD), Myrna Bartolo†, Msgr. Eugenio Mercado†

Mar 04: Mario & Feliza Em†, Milagros Divine†, Enid Corpus (BD), Amelita Prijoles (BD), Lucio Arabitt†, Romeo Labao, Sr.†, Renato Santos†, Myrna Bartolo†, Msgr. Eugenio Mercado

Mar 05: Lydia Bobila†, Isabel Zeitschel (BD), Jesus Ablang†, Mario & Feliza Em, Maryann Ruiz (BD), Rey Pimentel†, Anorico Family (TG)

Mar 06: Esie Victoria†, Renato Moscardon (BD), Mario & Feliza Em†, Mila Mendoza (TG), Ofelia Capistrano†, Coleta & Sirforiano Melgar†

Mar 07: MaryGrace Carreon†, Marina Espina (BD), Paulita & Erning Villaluz†, Emiliana Malasig†, Taciana Sula†, Mario & Feliza Em†, Marianito Alarcon (H), Adonis Paterno, Sr.†, Eiffel Canlas†, Mariano Machate†, Romeo Fernandez+ (40th day)

GIVING

Regular Sunday Offering

First Collection (Feb 21, 2021)	\$ 5,980.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 998.00
OLPH	\$ 137.00
Sacred Heart	\$ 93.00

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

2020 Assessment	\$146,608.00
Paid to date (Feb 07, 2021)	\$146,608.00
Balance	\$ 00.00

ON LINE GIVING - January 30, 2021

\$ 18,342.67

TOTAL NUMBER OF ON LINE DONORS - 190