

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022



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Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)  
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
(All Masses are LiveStreamed  
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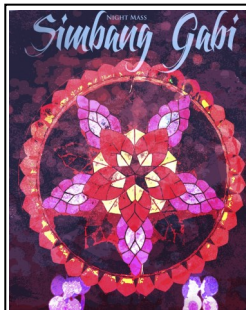
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday  
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday  
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

**OSA Friends**

OSA Friends is an association whose members have an interest in learning about St. Augustine’s theology and spirituality. OSA Friends already exist in several parishes staffed by the Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Anyone interested in learning about Saint Augustine, his thought and spirituality is asked to contact Fr. Jim Keating at St. Augustine’s Parish or call him at (215) 629-6351 for more information.



**On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at a 7:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate the annual beginning of Simbang Gabi, the Novena of Masses, in preparation for the Christ Child’s coming.**  
*All are welcome!*



**Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11:00 AM Mass  
All Are Welcome!**

**The Third Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob."

*Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1*



**Gaudete Sunday**

The day takes its common name from the Latin word Gaudete ("Rejoice"), the first word of the introit of this day's Mass.

On Gaudete Sunday rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet, which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday."

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose coloured candle is lit in addition to two of the violet coloured candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme, the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.



**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.**

*Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke)*



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**  
9:00 AM Special Intention  
11:00 AM † Elsa Oh Sanchez  
7:00 PM For An End To The Death Penalty

**Monday, December 12, 2022**  
12:05 PM Betty Roxas-Chua (Intention)

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**  
12:05 PM Betty Roxas-Chua (Intention)

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**  
12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**  
12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactor of the OSA  
7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

**Friday, December 16, 2022**  
12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

† = Deceased



**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
Pledges: 214 Percentage: 106.3225%  
Amount Pledged: \$797,418.68  
Pledges Received: \$740,288.68  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$750,726.39

**Sacrificial Giving  
December 4, 2022**

Number of Envelopes Used: 28  
Amount in Envelopes: \$3,242.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$115.79  
Electronic Giving: 43  
Amount Electronic: \$1,655.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$38.49  
Loose Money: \$444.00  
Total Collection: \$5,341.00

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**The Bulletin Board**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 11, 2022**  
4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

**Monday, December 12, 2022**

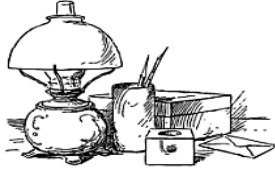
**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**  
7:00 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting

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7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Novena Mass  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

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## *A word from Fr. Bill...*

Dear Parishioners:

There are three parish committees on which I rely a great deal in my responsibilities as pastor of St. Augustine Parish, namely the Parish Finance Commission, the Steering Committee of our Capital Campaign and our Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Finance Commission (PFC) which meets once a month oversees the preparation and implementation of the yearly parish budget. Each month, the members receive an updated finance report and a projection for the next several months. They advise me on projects and capital improvements for our facilities and grounds. They just compiled an employee handbook recommending procedures and policies for parish personnel. They receive regular updates on the activity of the Steering Committee of the Parish Capital Campaign. Its members are Rosemary and Jerry Lorenz, Ferdi and Ruth Luyun, Gerry Rigby, Tim Babbage, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. and myself.

The Steering Committee of the Capital Campaign has been meeting once a month since 2017 overseeing the parish's Capital Campaign. In Phase I of the campaign, we have received 98.7% of our goal of \$750,000. The committee directed the projects for which this money has been used. Please see the Capital Campaign page of our parish website for more specific information. Also, in Phase 2 of the campaign, the committee has been overseeing the request of grants from various foundations. Now, the committee is spearheading the effort to establish the St. Augustine Heritage Foundation and a 501(c)(3) status for this newly formed foundation. Rene Quinlan, Fran Richards, Gerry and Kathy Rigby, Melissa Huggins, Tim Babbage, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. and I comprise the membership of this committee.

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), which also meets once a month, is to advise me on the pastoral needs of the parish. The directives of the Archdiocese state, "The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the church which reflects the mission of Christ who was sent 'to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release the prisoners.'"

The general function of the PPC is to consult with me on the pastoral concerns of the community. Each month I ask them what do they hear that I don't hear. They recommend, and evaluate procedures, and programs which would help the parish in the areas of worship, spirituality, community, evangelization, education and service.

Right now, the PPC is in the process of developing a 3-5 year pastoral plan for the parish. We are doing this in collaboration with an outside resource, based on the findings of the survey in which our parish participated last spring. Stay tuned for the development of this exciting project.

Each month the members of the PPC get an "update" on the financial and administrative aspects of the parish. It is important for them to have this information in order to share it with other members of the community, as needed.

In general, an important function of the PPC is to inform me of pastoral needs of the parish and to inform parishioners of developments in the parish. Keeping this in mind, it was recently observed by the council that many parishioners may not know who the members of the PPC are or how to reach them. Their names and email addresses can be found on our parish website on the page which gives information about the ministries and the councils in the parish. Members of the PPC who serve three year terms will be introduced to the community at each of the Masses this weekend: Brian Halpin, Bob and Cathy Schuck at the 9:00 AM Mass, Sally Corpuz, Agnes Amora, Lala Borres, and Gene Poligrates at the 11:00 AM Mass, Bill and Maureen Castro at the 7:00 PM Mass. Kim Barroso, our Director of Music and Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., our Director of Parish Services, serve as staff resources to the PPC.

I am extremely indebted to all of the members of these committees. I truly would not be able to function in carrying out my duties as pastor without their consultation.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

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## **SIMBANG GABI**

**Mass of the Novena of the Nativity  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5:30 PM and 8:30 PM**

## **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**No 7:00 PM Mass**

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**New Year's Day**

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

**Holy Day Vigil Mass 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 01, 2023**

**9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.

Presents:

Everything you  
always wanted to  
know about ~~sex~~\*  
*The Creed*

\* But were afraid to ask

Why do we  
have more than  
one Creed?"

Why do  
we call God,  
Father?

What does  
"consubstantial"  
mean?

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** Submit your questions and join us this Advent for the first four sessions of our multi-part series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." (This series will continue during Lent.) Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



**11/29 "I believe . . ." What is the Creed? - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocuqrrDggGNeGXTJzEsqvQ2Srn3EnTV5>



**12/6 "I believe in one God, the Father . . ." - Ms. Paula Manchester, M.A, Adjunct Professor, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, School of Theological Studies - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodeGsrz8jGNwlJG2U3CUUm0cvXqwHiRto>



**12/13 "I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ . . ." - Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvrTgiHtadFfCo16\\_ZMzwHeYeurteu](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvrTgiHtadFfCo16_ZMzwHeYeurteu)



**12/20 "I believe in the Holy Spirit . . ." - Rev. Kevin DePrinzio, OSA, PhD., Vice President for Ministry; Faculty, Theology Department, Villanova University - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-qtpj0qG9DIYhkdDd8u4-Kpf9klaMi>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: [staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com) or call (215) 627-1838

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### **Comments on Discussion of Sacraments from the Advent series 2020:**

Thank you for organizing these zoom events. They have made me feel more connected to my faith, especially during this trying time. Although Father patiently and thoroughly explained several questions, I feel as if I almost understood. However, I can now see my fellow receivers of Communion differently, as a community of receivers of Jesus and not just as individually waiting our turn in line. I look forward to the topics of Lent!

Donna , St. Bridget Parish, East Falls

### **Comments on Discussion of Sacraments from the Lent Series 2021:**

I am enjoying the sessions.....relaxed-informal but enough structure to have some excellent exchange of ideas and knowledge! Peace - Michael Cuff

My friend and I listened to your program on Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Last week he went to Reconciliation. Today he received the Anointing of the Sick. His surgery is Thursday. Neither the operation nor the recovery will be easy. Please keep him, , in your prayers. Anonymous

### **Comments on Discussion of The Liturgy of the Word Advent series 2021**

Thank you and your committee for putting together the Advent program. I have enjoyed each presentation and looked forward to Tuesday evenings during the 4 weeks of sessions. The presenters were very impressive, welcomed questions, and just wanted to share their knowledge. I am always seeking ways to grow in my faith and spirituality and this Advent program has certainly been a vehicle to help me along my journey. I have been going to church my entire life and had no idea how much I was missing – the Mass has taken on new meaning for me! Dr. Kelly Anderson was incredible. Her knowledge of scripture and her ability to explain it are a true gift. I went to law school and listening to her I felt like a 1<sup>st</sup> grader. I truly thought it fascinating how she showed us how interwoven the Old Testament and New Testament are and the role of Psalms. How do we lay people even begin to understand the readings without someone like her by our side?

Brian Halpin, St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia

### **Comments on Liturgy of the Eucharist sessions in Lent, 2022**

Thank you so much for providing these interesting and informative series. I've always been "religious" but through studies such as your, I'm also increasing the level of my Spirituality. May "God bless you" as you continue to shepherd the lambs in your flock!

Joanna Chowka Wolfe Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church Shamokin, PA



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