



St. Augustine R. C. Parish Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021



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Our community joyfully welcomes all who are searching for a spiritual center to call home.

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Office Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

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
on masslivestream.com)

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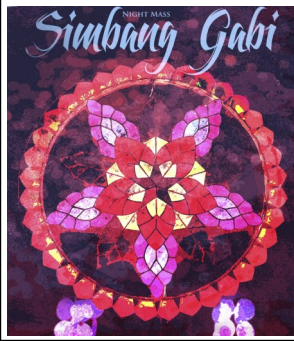
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On Wednesday,
December 15th, at the
7:00 PM Mass,
we will celebrate the
annual beginning of
Simbang Gabi,
the Novena of Masses,
in preparation for the Christ
Child's coming.
All are welcome!



Baptism Celebration

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Finn Thomas Milligan

Son of Jeffrey & Kaileen Milligan

Congratulations!

Please keep Finn's family in your prayers.



St. Augustine Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations this year:
Adeodatus, Merakey Care, The Gift of Life Family House, and Women of Hope

Please donate GIFT CARDS for:
CVS, RiteAid, Wawa, Walgreens, Acme, ShopRite, Walmart, Target, etc.

Place gift cards in the collection basket in an envelope marked with the organization of your choice or drop off at the Parish Office.

Your consistent generosity has brought and continues to bring joy to each of the organizations over the Christmas Season.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 AM † Elsie Manning
11:00 AM † Anastasia Mendana
7:00 PM † Theresa Waters Sabbath

Monday, December 13, 2021

12:05 PM † John Bee

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Augustinian Family
7:00 PM **SIMBANG GABI**

Thursday, December 16, 2021

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, December 17, 2021

12:05 PM † Anne Manning

Saturday, December 18, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 212 Percentage: 105.9081%

Amount Pledged: \$794,310.68

Pledges Received: \$731,278.32

In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71

Campaign Total Rec'd: \$741,716.03

Sacrificial Giving December 5, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 25

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,271.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$50.87

Electronic Giving: 49

Amount Electronic: \$2,431.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$49.61

Loose Money: \$348.00

Total Collection: \$4,050.00

Electronic Giving

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
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"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"

Parish Giving



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021

11:00 AM Finn Thomas Milligan Baptism

Monday, December 13, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Thursday, December 16, 2021

4:00 PM Bunnell-Frusco Rehearsal

6:00 PM Hoban-Sullivan Rehearsal

7:00 PM Welcome Home For Christmas
at The Plough & Stars Pub —

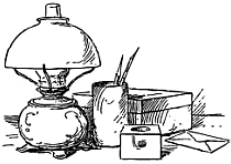
Theology On Tap

Friday, December 17, 2021

4:00 PM Hoban-Sullivan Wedding

Saturday, December 18, 2021

12:30 PM Bunnell-Frusco Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

In one of the Penitential Rites at Mass, we pray Christ has come, Christ is here and Christ will come again. In the first two weeks of Advent our liturgies direct us to look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus. In last Sunday's scripture readings, Baruch, St. Paul and John the Baptist were all telling the people with whom they were communicating to look beyond their problems of exile and other hardships as Christ will come again and the crooked roads will be straight.

This weekend and next weekend, we are asked to reflect on the first coming of Jesus. We know Jesus is not going to be born literally again as he was two thousand years ago. But, we are going to celebrate with great fanfare the fact that he was born over two thousand years ago. We are going to celebrate that God loves us so much he took on our flesh. He became one with us and was like us in everything but sin.

In the midst of a lot of hectic days, may we not lose the opportunities to reflect on what we truly are celebrating on December 25th.

How can we do this?

May we take a scripture passage each day and reflect on God's unconditional love for us as expressed in the gift of Jesus.

May we take use of the beautiful sacrament of Penance and celebrate that Jesus came to forgive us our sins.

May we make amends with someone with whom we have difficulties as Jesus prayed that we may be one as he and the one who sent him are one.

May we list the ways we experience Jesus comes to us regularly between his first coming and second coming.

May we take a few minutes each day and think of what would our lives, personally and collectively, be like today if Jesus was not born two thousand years ago.

It is easy to go thru the next several of weeks mechanically: send the cards, receive the cards, get the gifts, receive the gifts, put up the lights, buy a tree, bring the tree out of the attic, decorate the tree, go to parties and on December 26th take a deep breath and get ready for the next holiday.

There is an old saying that states "Jesus is the reason for the season." How will we make it a point to remember that? Because of the challenges of our society, may we use some of the suggestions I made above or come up with our own to keep the focus of what the gifts, cards, trees and meals are all about.

These next two weeks are an opportunity to truly prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus, the fact that he was born two thousand years ago and what the ramifications of that are for me individually and us collectively.

I pray that in my own life that the next two weeks will not be mechanical and that I am not just going thru the motions.

Have a SAFE and good week.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Bill



1st in a series



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Presents:

After being away from the CATHOLIC CHURCH
After being hurt by the CATHOLIC CHURCH
After a divorce - After an abortion - After the pandemic
After my questions have gone unanswered ...
HOW DO I RETURN??

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Thirsty

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2021 / 7-8:30 PM

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A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated, holding the infant Jesus in her arms. To the left, three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are kneeling and offering gifts. To the right, Joseph is seated, looking down at the child. A young boy, likely the stable boy, stands nearby. In the foreground, two white lambs are visible. The background features a simple wooden manger structure, palm trees, and a night sky with stars.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021 - 2022

Friday, December 24, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM and 8:30 PM

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**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saturday, December 25, 2021

10:00 AM

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

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

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
New Year's Day**

Friday, December 31, 2021

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 01, 2022

10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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Sunday, January 02, 2022

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

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.
Presents:

Everything you
always wanted to
know about ~~sex~~
The Mass

* But were afraid to ask

Is everything
we believe in
included in the
Creed?

Why don't we
pray the Mass in
Latin anymore?

Are my sins
forgiven when
we pray the
"Kyrie?"

Are the scriptures
truly the "Word
of God?"

WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS? Submit your questions and join us this Advent for the first four sessions of our eight-part series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Mass." (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!

11/30 What is the Mass? - Rev. David Friel, STL, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Professor of Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAtcuugqzsiE9VaKZLU_VBls7TcmgXe_9OT



12/7 The Introductory Rites (Sign of the Cross, Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria, Opening Prayer) -

Rev. Daniel E. Mackle, M.Div., M.A., Director of Liturgy and Professor of Pastoral Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwsdOyprDliGda3ql-g1mXXTCfM50tnPegv>



12/14 The Liturgy of the Word: Part I (The Scriptures) - Dr. Kelly Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwvc-GsrTwtG9ffkkoCbrYUTyNEkLA94xYP>



12/21 The Liturgy of the Word: Part II (Homily, Creed, Prayer of the Faithful) - Rev. Tom Dailey, O.S.F.S., John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics and Social Communication, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—

Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEIc-GhrDMiHN0FyVeKdiJa9uCyH7-Yzi01>



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