

St. Augustine R. C. Parish



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020

“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796

St. Augustine parish is an open, diverse, and active Roman Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and founded in the Augustinian Tradition. We invite all to participate in our worship, service to others, and our faith development. These endeavors allow us to grow in the knowledge of God present in ourselves and each other.

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: 5:15 PM— *Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because

He **L·O·V·E·S** us!
John 3:16-17



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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



Friday, December 25th ~ CLOSED
 Monday, December 28th
 Re-Open at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Friday, January 1st ~ CLOSED

Saint Basil Academy is looking for male teens (ages 13 - 18) to audition for High School Musical with performance dates in April - basketball skills a plus - Auditions will begin in December and rehearsals will start in January. The Academy Theater department will follow all COVID protocols to safely. For more information please contact Terry Dillinger at: tdillinger@stbasilacademy.org



Did You Know?

The birthplace of Jesus, "Bethlehem," means "House of Bread." Many ancient commentators interpret this as prefiguring the Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in the "House of Bread," and comes to us in the form of Living Bread, every time we receive him under the forms of bread and wine in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus.



The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.....Jesus!

Merry Christmas



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 205 Percentage: 104.4259%
 Amount Pledged: \$783,194.50
 Pledges Received: \$677,990.25
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: 688,427.96

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 89

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Augustine Parish during the pandemic through the use of your Sunday envelopes and Parish Electronic Giving. Sunday envelopes may be dropped off at the rectory, or mailed directly to the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20, 2020
 9:00 AM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.
 11:00 AM † Maria Lourdes Concepcion
 7:00 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

Monday, December 21, 2020
 12:05 PM † JoAnne Brady

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
 12:05 PM † Marge Smith

Wednesday, December 23, 2020
 12:05 PM † Catalina Insong Gahob

Thursday, December 24, 2020
CHRISTMAS EVE
 3:30 PM
 5:30 PM The Parish Community
 8:30 PM Young & Ong Families
 10:30 PM All Souls In Purgatory

Friday, December 25, 2020
CHRISTMAS DAY
 10:00 AM Young & Ong Families

Saturday, December 26, 2020

† = Deceased

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life official program will be held on **Friday, January 29, 2021** National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Pre-Rally Concert:
 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Rally Program and March:
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
www.marchforlife.org

End abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.

Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website, www.st-augustinechurch.com and click on: "Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



The Bulletin Board

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Sunday, December 20, 2020

Monday, December 21, 2020

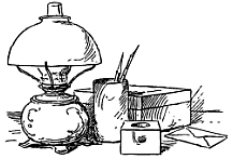
Tuesday, December 22, 2020
 7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Thursday, December 24, 2020
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Friday, December 25, 2020
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Saturday, December 26, 2020



A word from Fr. Bill.....



Dear Parishioners:

We are receiving many calls asking about the time of the Masses on Christmas Eve, this coming Thursday evening. There has been a great deal of discussion with a number of people concerning this. There are many variables. Obviously, the major concern is the safety and comfort of all those who will be here.

Usually, we cannot have a Vigil Mass before 4:00 PM. Because of the present circumstances with the pandemic, the Archbishop has relaxed that directive this year and will permit earlier Masses on Christmas Eve. Consequently, at the recommendation of a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, we are adding another Mass (3:30 PM) with the hope this will reduce the number at the 5:30 PM Mass which traditionally has the largest number in attendance. We will continue to have the 5:30 and 8:30 Masses as a number of parishioners have come to these Masses in the past years. There was a great deal of discussion if we should continue to have the 10:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. I have decided we should because last year there were 40 people at that Mass. I would like to accommodate as many people as possible. I also hope that with having four Masses on Christmas Eve, the number of attendees will be spread out.

We hear it said over and over that these are unprecedented times. Because of several variables: the increase number of people getting the virus, the fact that by the directive of Archbishop Perez it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, the fact that many people understandably do not want to be in a crowd, and the fact that not as many people will be traveling as usual, we have no idea what the attendance at Christmas Eve Masses will be like. At the same time, we would like the numbers to be spread out and we want everyone to be SAFE and comfortable. After considering various options, the bottom line is we are maintaining the times of Christmas Eve Masses that we have had for a number of years, but adding one at 3:30 PM. A lot of thought and discussion has gone into this.

We certainly will have the 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day.

It is important to repeat that the Archbishop has removed the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas. He very much encourages the elderly and those who have other physical ailments which would compromise them not to come to Christmas Mass. We will LiveStream all 4 of our Christmas Eve Masses and the one on Christmas Day.

This will be a very different Christmas for all of us. Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of our Augustinian Community and our staff that you have a very blessed and beautiful Christmas.

Christmas Eve, December 24 - 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM, and 10:30 PM

Christmas Day, December 25 - 10:00 AM

All Masses will be LiveStreamed. Please go to our website to connect to them or go to: masslivestream.com/churches

Fr. Bill

*Merry
Christmas*

Maligayang Pasko!



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 kings 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 boy Jesus, stands to the right of Mary, looking at the infant. In the foreground, several white lambs are grazing on hay. The background features a stone archway, palm trees, and a night sky with stars. The overall scene is set in a rustic, outdoor environment.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2020

Thursday, December 24, 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 AM

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Friday, January 01, 2021

(New Year's Day)

10:00 AM