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St. Augustine R. C. Parish

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021



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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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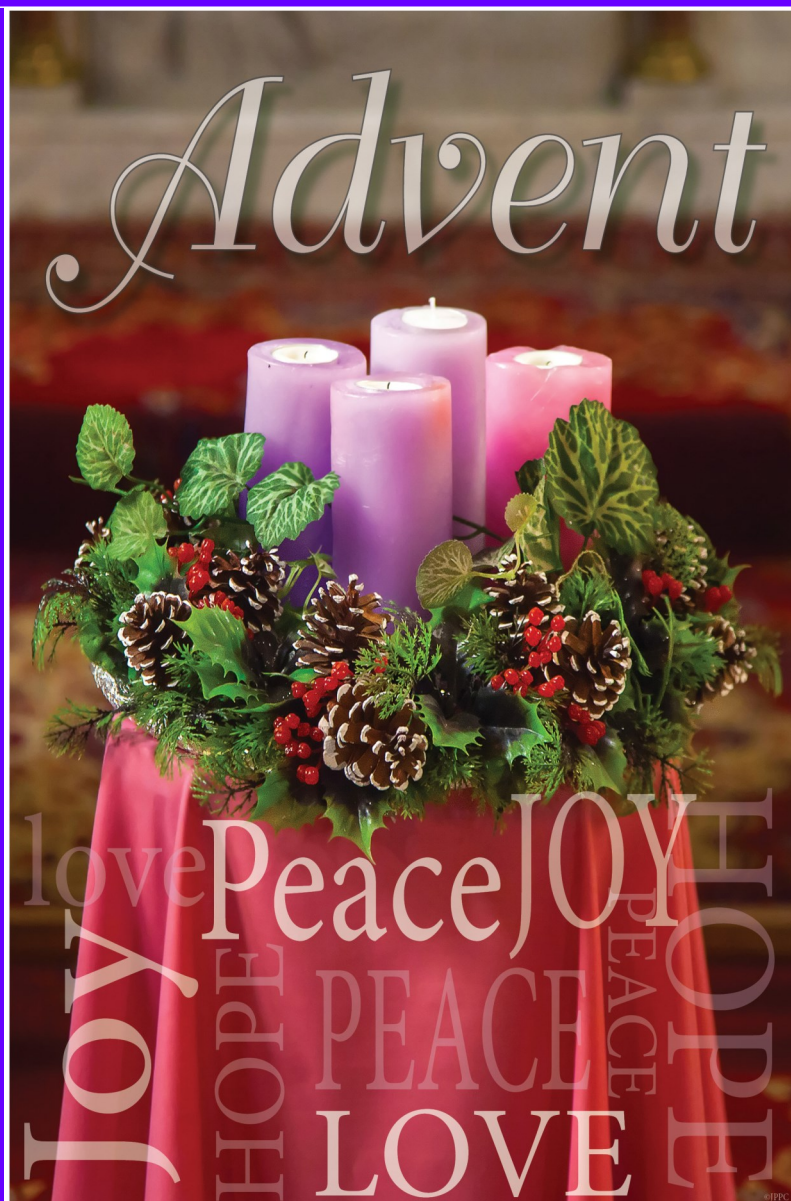
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Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

◆ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH** ◆

7:30 PM

Concert to Celebrate the Season

The Chamber Choir and the Filipino Choir will host their annual Pre-Christmas Concert to begin the Advent Season! Under the direction of Kim Barroso and featuring a wide variety of Christmas music. This Saint Augustine annual tradition is not to be missed!

Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!

FREE Admission! (Free will offering)



Baptism Celebration

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

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Addison Shea Belasco

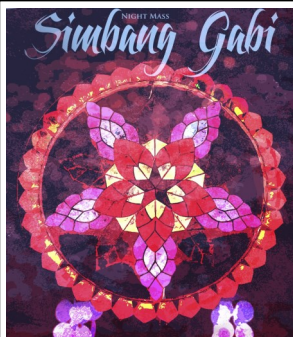
Daughter of James & Lauren Belasco

Keegan Dennis O'Shea

Son of Gavin & Alanna O'Shea

Congratulations!

Please keep Addison's & Keegan's family in your prayers.



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!



Save the Date !

Winter Sinulog Feast of Santo Niño

January 16th, 2022

11:00 AM Mass

All Are Welcome!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 28, 2021

- 9:00 AM † Theresa Waters Sabbath
- 11:00 AM † Nerissa Natividad
- 7:00 PM † Theresa Waters Sabbath

Monday, November 29, 2021

- 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Andrew Ponisciak

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

- 12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Marquart & Gallagher Family

Thursday, December 2, 2021

- 12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA

Friday, December 3, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Daniel F. Waters, Jr.

Saturday, December 4, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 212 Percentage: 105.8789%

Amount Pledged: \$794,091.68

Pledges Received: \$730,423.32

In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71

Campaign Total Rec'd: \$740,861.03

**Sacrificial Giving
November 21, 2021**

Number of Envelopes Used: 25

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,735.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$69.40

Electronic Giving: 46

Amount Electronic: \$1,190.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$25.87

Loose Money: \$385.00

Total Collection: \$3,310.00

Electronic Giving

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021

11:00 AM Addison Shea Belasco Baptism

11:00 AM Keegan Dennis O'Shea Baptism

Monday, November 29, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

7:00 PM Steering Committee—Zoom

Thursday, December 2, 2021

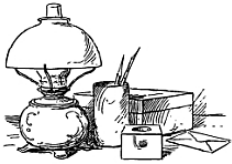
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

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Friday, December 3, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021

5 PM Mutya Christmas Party—Carr Hall



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year!

I know it's not January 1st, but it is the beginning of a new Church Year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent this weekend. This is a time for us to be aware of the three distinct comings of Christ: His first coming over 2000 years ago when he came among us as Son of God and son of Mary and Joseph which we prepare to celebrate at Christmas; his second coming in the future when he will return to gather all creation back in communion with our heavenly God; and how he is present among now in so many different ways, the community of the faithful, the sacraments, the scriptures, the poor, etc. In a sense, our whole life is an Advent preparing for the coming of Jesus.

Advent is truly a very special season that can be lost in the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas. I strongly encourage all of us to try to stay in the Advent spirit as much as we can in the next four weeks. So often when Christmas Day comes people are tired and Christmas Day is the end of the Christmas season. For us as Church, the Christmas season begins on Christmas Day and ends in January with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Hopefully, we can celebrate Christmas meaningfully during that period and not during Advent.

In order to help us keep the spirituality of Advent, there are a number of things for us in the parish in which you can take part:

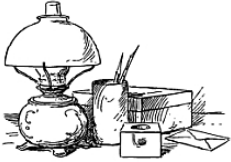
As has been announced for a number of weeks, you can participate in our parish Advent program, "Everything you always wanted to know about the Mass but were afraid to ask." Please go to the homepage of our parish website and register. It only takes about a minute to register for all four sessions. As of this writing, we have about 25 people who have registered for each of the four sessions.

Next Sunday, December 5th at the 7 PM Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance of our two Catechumens (Christine Rihn and April Biales) who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil (April 16th), and for Carlos Rice and Gina Moore who have been baptized and who will be fully initiated into the Church on the Sunday after Easter (April 24th). More about this next week.

As was announced last weekend, on Friday evening December 10th at 7:30 PM the music ministers of our parish and guests will present a concert helping us to stay in the Advent spirit and to prepare for Christmas. Please make arrangements to be with us and invite your friends and family as well. This is one of the highlights of our parish year.

In the back of the church you will find two pamphlets that will help with reflections for each day of Advent. One is entitled "Advent Expectation" in which there is a Scripture passage and a reflection for each day by Father Henri Nouwen. The second is a pamphlet entitled "Watch for the Lord" in which each day there is a Scripture passage and a reflection by either Pope Francis, Mother Theresa or Henri Nouwen. In the kiosk in the back of the church, you will find two pamphlets: one is entitled "How to Celebrate Advent" and the second is entitled "The Twelve Days of Christmas." All of these resources are there to help us to be able to keep the spirituality of Advent alive as we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus, be aware of his presence with us right now and be prepared for his second coming.

As you know, in Advent we usually participate in "The Giving Tree", an opportunity to give gifts to the disadvantaged. Because of complications with the pandemic we did not do this last year in the regular way. We did send donations from the parish to the agencies who are usually the recipients of our gifts. This year,



A word from Fr. Bill... CONTINUED

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because of the continuation of the pandemic, we will have another variation of participating in this outreach. Rather than bringing specific gifts like gloves, scarfs, etc., we are asking parishioners to participate by donating gift cards from places like CVS, Rite Aid, Wawa, Walgreens, Acme, ShopRite, Walmart, Target, etc. The agencies to which we usually support in The Giving Tree are Women of Hope (an assistant living facility for women on our parish property), Gift of Life (a residence for transplant patients and their families within our parish boundaries), Adeodatus (a branch of ADROP -Augustinians Defenders of the Rights the Poor-who serve recently released inmates and their families), and Merakey (an organization that serves individuals in foster care, and those dealing with autism and mental health issues). If you would like your gift card to go to a specific group, please indicate that on an envelope and place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office. If you do not have a preference which agency receives your gift card, just place it in the envelope and we will forward it to one of the agencies. The difference in this year's approach from last year's is that there is an opportunity for you as parishioners to actively participate in the Giving Tree.

Once again, may we avoid the temptation of getting involved with Christmas itself too early, like putting up Christmas trees and decorations way before Christmas itself. May we not waste this season of Advent but live it well with prayer (the pamphlets), study (the sessions on the Mass) and action (participating in the Giving Tree) in order that we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift that our heavenly God gives us at Christmas, his son, Jesus.

Have a wonderful week and a wonderful Advent.

Fr. Bill



Advent
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* But were afraid to ask

Is everything
we believe in
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Creed?

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

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

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/meeting/register/tZAtcuugqzsiE9VaKZLU_VBIs7TcmgXe_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/meeting/register/tZwsdOyprDliGda3qI-g1mXXTCfM50tnPegY>



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/meeting/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—

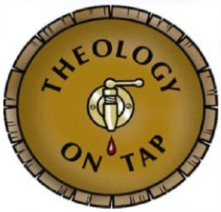
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For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:
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Presents:



**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??**



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THURSDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2021 / 7-8:30 PM

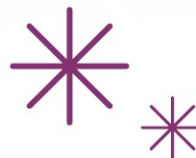
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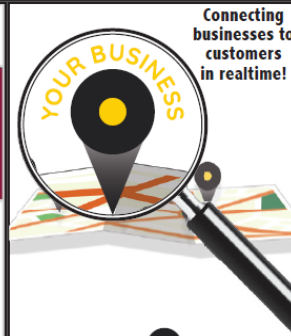
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