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Saturday at 4:00
Sunday at 7:30,
9:30 & 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES
7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

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Saturday from
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BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
three months prior to
the birth of your child.

MARRIAGE
Please call the Rectory
one year in advance.

DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal,
Fridays immediately following
the 7:00 am Mass

May & October
Rosary & Latin Benediction
Mondays at 7:00 pm

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Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil - The Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Cavalloro, Doti and Ung Families
Sunday, December 15--Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - A Special Intention
9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Maureen Maratta
11:30 AM - Memorial-Louis Soares
Monday, December 16-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
Tuesday, December 17–Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - In Honor of the Holy Family & Guardian Angels of My Family
Wednesday, December 18– Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial-Lorraine Thorne
Thursday, December 19-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - The Souls in Purgatory
Friday, December 20-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Salvatore and Ann Minicucci
Saturday Vigil-Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Marilyn DePardo
Sunday, December 22-Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Ralph T. Salvatore
11:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Albert A. Menna

December 8, 2024 Collection

Sunday Collection	$.....8114.32
Electronic Giving	$.....2723.31
TOTAL	$.....10,837.63
Poor Box.....	$.....305.00
Religious Retirement.....	$.....2476.00
Annual Collection.....	$ 5793.30

Parish Giving

Parish Giving is an opportunity to make budget contributions from your bank account or credit/debit card directly to Saint Augustine Church. Go to www.parishgiving.org - click on new member sign up tab and follow the easy instructions. Or use the Giving tab on our new website.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who have so very generously donated to beautify our sacred church space during this holy season. As an expression of gratitude Christmas Day Masses will be offered for the intentions of our donors

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a great joy for me to journey with you on the way to Christmas in this Advent Season. As we continue to draw ever closer to the coming of the Lord, the Church this week gives us a special gift to enkindle our hearts and awaken them for Christ. Since the Sixth Century the Church has focused on seven special antiphons or prayers that are intoned during Vespers or Evening Prayer from December 17 until December 23. Each antiphon begins with the exclamation "O", and hence they are referred to as the ***"O Antiphons."*** Specifically, the "O Antiphons" are intoned before Mary's song of the Magnificat, which is recited at Vespers every evening by priests and religious around the world.

The "O Antiphons" are all taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and reflect the Messianic titles that Isaiah offers in that beautiful book. This coming week we pray: **DECEMBER 17**—***O Wisdom of our God Most High***, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

DECEMBER 18—***O Leader of the House of Israel***, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

DECEMBER 19—***O Root of Jesse's stem***, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

DECEMBER 20—***O Key of David***, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

DECEMBER 21—***O Radiant Dawn***, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 22—***O King of all nations*** and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

DECEMBER 23—***O Emmanuel***, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

As we await the coming of Christ in these final days of the Advent Season, may we be filled with hope and expectation and open to all that the Messiah wants to bring into our lives and our Church this Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet next Sunday, December 22, from 10:30am-11:30am in the school cafeteria. CCD classes for all grades will be cancelled Sunday, December 29 and Monday, December 30 in observance of the Nativity of our Lord. Classes for all grades will be cancelled Sunday, January 5 in observance of the New Year holiday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Sunday, December 15 during the 9:30 am Mass. This is an opportunity for the Word of God to be addressed to children in Grades K through Six as an age-appropriate and personal invitation to participate in the Mass.

Bible Readings for the Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday
Zep 3: 14-18 Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3: 10-18

Monday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17 Ps 25: 5-9 Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday
Gn 49: 2, 8-10 Ps 72: 1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1: 1-17

Wednesday
Jer 23: 5-8 Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1: 18-25

Thursday
Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25 Ps 71: 3-6, 16-17 Lk 1: 5-25

Friday
Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-6 Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday
Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18 Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5: 1-4 Ps 80: 2-3,15-16, 18-19 Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45

Annual Collection Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the Annual Collection. This is the major fund raiser that helps us keep our parish physical plant running. The 12/1 bulletin reported a total to date in error. The updated total to date is $ 68,384.40. There is still time to contribute. Kindly mail in your donation or place it in the collection basket. Just remember to mark your envelope—Annual Collection.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday
Exposition at 12 Noon
Closing Benediction at 5 PM
You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith… May our adoration never cease.
St. John Paul II

VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER

The parish is looking for individuals who can volunteer to be a projectionist for one Mass per month. We are in particular need of projectionists for the 7:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday. This is a great way to be involved in the celebration of the Mass and to serve your parish community. Training is available.
For more information, please contact Mr. McGinn at timmcginn66@gmail.com or call 831-3503.

ChristLife

The next session of **"Following Christ"** a journey that explores and encourages Catholic discipleship, will meet on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall.

THE MEANING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Candle of Hope - Purple is the color associated with Advent. It symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

Candle of Peace - During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming more like Christ in preparation for Jesus' coming.

Candle of Joy - This pink candle symbolizes anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas.

Candle of Love - During this week we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son.

Lights are lit daily from 5PM-9PM
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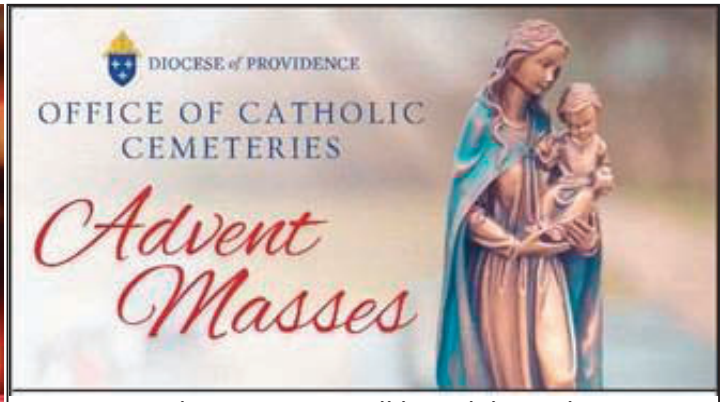


Advent Masses will be celebrated
at all Catholic Cemeteries
December 9 through December 24.
For a schedule of dates and times
call the Catholic Cemetery Office at 944-8383

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Each year children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square in Rome for "Bambinelli Sunday." The families bring with them the figure of the Christ Child from their family crèche (Nativity scene) at home, and the figurines are blessed by the Pope. Following this tradition, we'll be celebrating our own "Bambinelli Sunday" here on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21-22.** You are invited to bring to Mass your figure of the Christ Child from your home crèche.

FOR WOMEN

Thursday, December 19th, 9:45 - 11:30

Saint Pius V Church

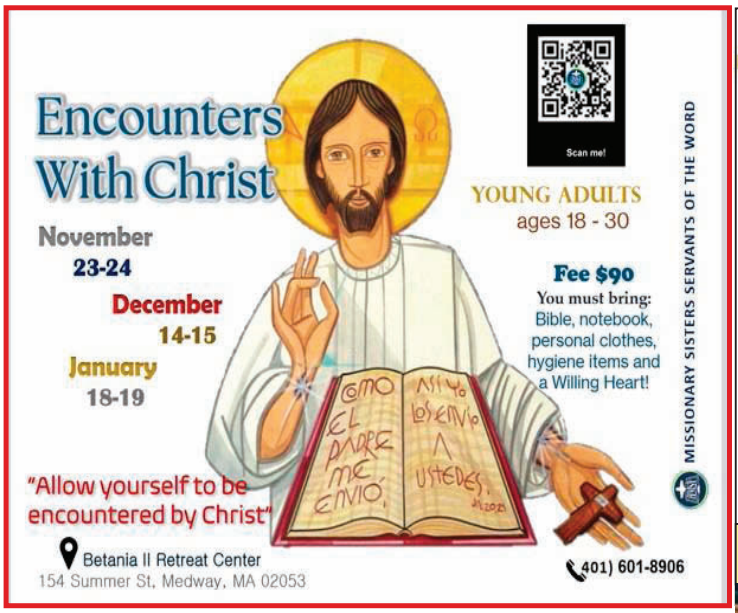
240 Eaton Street, Providence

Meetings are led by a priest of Opus Dei on topics to help in living the Christian life.

Morning Recollection

Spiritual Direction and Confession will be available

For questions contact Mary Ellen Lally at lally33@gmail.com



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"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."
- Proverbs 19:17

Our Knights of Columbus donated a wheelchair ramp to Habitat for Humanity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, December 15 after the 9:30AM Mass in O'Brien Hall. Get to know the people you attend Mass with! Parents of CCD students - enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids are in class.

To find out more about becoming a Knight email Mike Geraghty at mjg1geraghty@hotmail.com

COR CHRISTI

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 10557 in conjunction with the Men of St. Joseph are excited to share the implementation of ***Cor***, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Augustine parish. ***Cor*** exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. Gatherings will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Sheridan room. Next meeting is December 28rd at 8:30 am. For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

Please join the St. Augustine Council of the Knights of Columbus, Men of St. Joseph, and our friends at Relevant Radio For the

Five First Saturday Devotions

On the first Saturday of each month from January – May

The First Devotion will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025

Beginning with Confessions at 3:00 PM – (continuing until 3:45), the Rosary in music & song at 3:00 PM,
15 Minutes of Private Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 3:30 PM, and
Holy Mass with reception of the Holy Eucharist at 4:00 PM.
This is an opportunity to fulfill the requests of Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima and obtain all the benefits promised to those who do.

The remaining First Saturday Devotions will be on February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3.

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