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

DAILY MASSES
7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday from
3:00 to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
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Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - 59th Anniversary-Domenic T. Rianna
18th Anniversary-Iolanda Rianna
1st Anniversary-Charlene Barron

Sunday, December 7-The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM - Memorial-Robert and Jennivive Whalen And Deceased Members of the Whalen Family

9:30 AM - Memorial-Edmund Calcagni

11:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Paul Pagano
Memorial-Deceased Members of the Esposito and Smith Families

Monday, December 8-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

6:00 PM - Memorial-Americo and Anna Procaccini

Tuesday, December 9-Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Deceased Members of the Shea and Kerwick Families

Wednesday, December 10-Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-David Costantino
Birthday Memorial-Edward Ricci

Thursday, December 11-Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - 28th Anniversary-Philip Cedrone

Friday, December 12-Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM - Memorial-Ngo Dinh Diem

Saturday Vigil-The Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - Memorial-Joseph Aloisio

Sunday, December 14-The Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Martin J. Feid

9:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Paul Barrette

11:30 AM - Ted Ulrich (living)

November 22-23, 2025 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	7,322.65
Electronic Giving	$	2,467.96
TOTAL	$	9,790.61
Campaign for Human Development	$	1,506.00
Thanksgiving Poor Box	$	5,828.00

November 29-30, 2025 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	7,884.97
Electronic Giving	$	2,338.74
TOTAL	$	10,223.71
Poor Box	$	642.00

Dear Parishioners,

How are you when it comes to waiting? I was recently reading some statistics online about waiting and was surprised by how much time we spend waiting for things to happen. For instance, did you know that the average person will spend *five years* of their lives waiting in lines? We will spend some *six months* of our lives waiting in traffic and at red lights. Forty-three days of your life you will be "on hold" waiting for a response from a customer service representative. The average wait at a doctor's office is 32 minutes, and the average amount of time it takes to go through airport security screening is 28 minutes. That's a lot of waiting!

I mentioned at Mass last weekend that we are still waiting for Fr. Jacob to arrive from India and that he is hoping to interview again for the visa stamp in March. Due to the delay in the shipping of the elevator, that project is also scheduled to be completed in March. Those are certainly events worth waiting for, and we pray that both arrive on time!

Meanwhile, we are all waiting for the coming of Christ in the Advent Season. Advent is a time of waiting for the greatest Gift imaginable: God. Perhaps for that very reason, God gives us a special helper to assist us in our Advent waiting: **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. Our Lady waited for Christ to be born after she conceived at the message of the angel. She waited with Christ when He was a child and was preparing for His time of public ministry and His mission of salvation. Mary waited and watched with Christ at the foot of the cross. She can teach us how to wait well and to watch attentively for the coming of Christ.

Often while I am waiting in traffic or in lines I like to pray the Rosary. There is always time to invite Our Lady to wait with us and to ask for her intercession in our daily lives. She can help us to wait in hope and expectation, because she knows well what it means to wait for great things and to obtain that which has been promised. How can we welcome Mary to be more a part of our waiting this Advent?

This Monday we will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Since this day is a ***Holy Day of Obligation*** we will have three **Masses** that day: ***7:00am, 9:00am, and 6:00pm***. I look forward to celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with you this week, and joining you in waiting for the great things God has in store for us in the days ahead.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

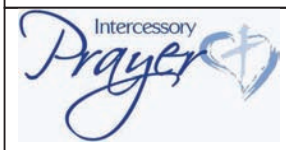
CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, December 7 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

CCD students in grades three through eight will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30am.

Confirmation I and II students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, December 14 at 12:30pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered alternate Sundays during the 9:30am 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.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated this Sunday, December 7



If you have a prayer request email staug4prayer@gmail.com.

Your intention will not be published but will be prayed for by the St. Augustine intercessors. If you would like to become an intercessor, contact Kathy Hollenbeck at the above email for more information.

Readings for the Week of December 7

The Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Monday
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent
Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent
Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13 Mt 11:11-15

Friday
The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zech 2:14-17 Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9-13

The Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

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 whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech Thee, send me what I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on Thee face to face in light
And be blest forever with Thy glory's sight.

from Adore Te Devote by Saint Thomas Aquinas
translated by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Join us for Adoration and Faith Sharing
3:30pm - 4:15pm
O'Brien Hall

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8

Masses at 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

Solemn Mass in honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12, 2025
The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

5:30pm Confessions
5:45pm Holy Rosary
6:30pm Serenade to the Virgin
Mariachi Santa Cecilia
7:00pm Bilingual Solemn Mass
Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, Celebrant and Homilist
8:30pm Gathering and Folk Dances

Spread the word and invite family and friends!

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus invite you for Christmas Caroling!

Wednesday, December 10 at 5:00 pm

We'll assemble in the Sheridan Room
and be led by choir maestro Stephen Romano.
We will provide battery-operated candles and caroling booklets, but suggest bringing flashlights.
Afterwards, we'll return to the Sheridan Room
for hot and cold apple cider and seasonal goodies.
Come join us for fellowship and holiday cheer.
Bring the whole family!

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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour next Sunday, **December 14** 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

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale was a big hit!

The Adams Assembly Knights of Columbus and St. Augustine Council raised $1100 to benefit the RI National Guard "Strong Bonds" program in support of service members and their families.

Remember Our Veterans At Christmas
Saturday, December 13
9:00am to 12:00pm

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will be collecting personal items: underwear and shirts, toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, shaving cream (no razors) and soap for the veterans at Bristol Veterans Home. Items can be dropped off in the lower parking lot.

MOSJI

Men of St. Joseph International

The Saint Augustine chapter of the Men of Saint Joseph would like to invite new members to join us to strengthen our relationship with the Blessed Trinity through the study of the scriptures and fellowship with other Catholic men. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, December 20** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members!

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Grandparents Day!

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