

## PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2022

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (CFF) IN SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

WATCH OUT FOR THE CCD OR FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION SCHEDULE THIS SUMMER on the parish website, bulletin and pulpit announcements.

Faith formation starts at age 6 and continues through age 12 (grades 1-6).
Two-year confirmation program, ages 13 \& 14 ( 7 th - 8th grades).
Baptism certificate required at enrollment. School year starts in September and ends in May.

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## Sister Nona: A Walking Miracle <br> God allowed her to live so she can fulfill God's Mission

From the historic town of Taal, Batangas, approximately 101 kilometers ( 63 miles) south of Manila, a baby girl was born lifeless, literally dead for 20 minutes. Realizing she was not breathing, the attending doctor lightly spanked the newborn on the butt to stimulate her to take her first breath. After a few seconds, they heard her cry and the people in the room burst into thunderous applause. Right then and there, her parents decided to have her baptized. Thankfully, the newborn's uncle happened to be a priest and he happily officiated at her baptism. The baby girl was baptized Ramona Nonata Zenaida Barairo.

The story of our beloved Sister Nona is akin to the parable of mustard seed found in the Gospel of Matthew. At Saint Augustine parish, where she planted small seeds of faith in the heart of every child who attended the CCD and Confirmation program, the power of each small seed is strong and enduring, and it will grow to become something far greater as the years go by.

From her near fatal birth seventy-six years ago, Sr. Nona suffered from serious illnesses and faced death multiple times but by the grace of God, she survived and is thriving well in the authentic life God called her to pursue.

Sr. Nona attended elementary education at Our Lady of Caysasay Academy in Taal, Batangas. She started learning piano at the age of 5 and at age of 10 , she was ready for her first recital. But an illness intervened and she was not able to perform at her recital. She had acute appendicitis and was taken to the hospital. She underwent three surgeries in a span of six months, and on her third surgery, she thought she was going to die. Lying in her bed at the Lourdes Hospital in Lipa City, she caught a glimpse of the Blessed Mother smiling at her. She thought she was at the end of her life and was ready to be taken up in heaven. But she survived and continued her high school studies at Our Lady of Caysasay Academy. She pursued college education at Santa Isabel College where she obtained a bachelor's degree in Music. It was there that she was able to give her first piano recital.

After college graduation, Sr. Nona decided to take time to discern God's call for her to pursue religious life. On August 22, 1970, she started her professional life as an organist at Colegio de Santa Rosa. It was there that she discovered the religious organization, Servias de San Jose, and where she later took her vows of consecrated life. In 1972, she went to serve at Siervas in Rome and at the same time took further theology studies for one year at Regina Mundi. In 1974, she was called back to the Philippines and was stationed at Colegio de Santa Rosa's Holy Family School in Makati. She was later assigned to serve at Siervas in Silay, Negros Oriental and spent over three years there. In 1988, Sr. Nona took a leave of absence from her congregation and moved to South San Francisco to take care of her ailing mother. She and her mom resided at a house on Georgetown Court, a stone's throw from St. Augustine Church. It was during those two years while taking care of her mother that she volunteered to play the piano during Mass at St. Augustine's. For almost a year, she was able to establish an active youth choir. But after her mother's passing, she was summoned to go back to her congregation in the Philippines. The members of the children's choir were brokenhearted when she left. In 1991, she was able to come back to St. Augustine parish. At that time, Sr. Michaela, the Director of Religious Education retired from her post due to illness. The pastor at that time, Fr. Arcamo (who later became a Monsignor) offered the DRE position to Sr. Nona. Later, during the administration of Fr. Eugene Tungol, she was offered the Director of Music position. With two ministries under her care, Sr. Nona led a super busy life but was able to transform her hectic activities into daily offering of prayers to God. Furthermore, she was blessed to receive a full scholarship at Santa Clara University where she graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministries in 1995.

In 2004, Fr. Eugene was assigned to be the pastor of Epiphany Church and Fr. Rene Ramoso succeeded him at St. Augustine's. Fr. Rene realized the need to strengthen the Religious Education program and he relieved Sr. Nona of her responsibility as Music Director. The CCD and Confirmation programs were combined and it made Sr. Nona very happy knowing that combining the two programs would solidify St. Augustine's leadership in faith formation.

In 2008, Sr. Nona suffered from a serious illness that almost took her life. She underwent four surgeries,
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## SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

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## MASS TIMES

9 AM Monday to Saturday, Livestreamed on Facebook \& You Tube

4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass
7:30AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, \& 5:30 PM Sunday Masses

9:00 AM Sunday, "Misa Pro Populo", Livestreamed
"Tagalog" Mass every 1 st Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm, livestreamed

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, after the 9:00 am Mass, in the courtyard

## CONFESSION

Saturday:3:30 pm - 4:15pm

## COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd \& 4th Saturday at 12:00 Noon 1 st Sunday at 2:30 PM
3rd Sunday within the 12:30 PM Mass
Parents must contact the office at least one month before baptism. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal catechesis.

## PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

1 st Monday of the month, 7 pm, Virtual
3rd Monday of the month, 7pm , Virtual

## WEDDING

1 st \& 3rd Saturdays of the month at 12:00 noon, or 2:00 pm

Parishioners who wish to be wed in St. Augustine Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the desired date.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays, immediately after the morning Mass

## HOLY HOUR

7:00 pm, every 1 st Wednesday of the month

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

8:30 am, every Tuesday of the month

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Saturday: $\quad 9: 00 \mathrm{am}-2: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
Closed between $12 \mathrm{nn}-1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
CFFP Office (CCD) 650-873-2878

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymund Reyes, Pastor
Rev. Ed Dura, Associate Vicar
Rev. Martin Nioalu, Associate Vicar
Bro. Maurice Tokay, Pastoral Associate
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Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Deacon
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Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant
Louis Consuegra, Security Officer
Mike Gotuaco, Parish Faith Formation
Coordinator
Linda Gamboa, Secretary, CFFP

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED BABIES!

Camila Cancio
Jermaine Parayno Jirron Suyo Amelia Szeto

Hospitality Sunday
After the 9:00 am Mass
Host
Catechists

PRAYERS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Norma Calica


## ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022

June 18-19 Corpus Christi, launching of the National Eucharistic Revival with a Eucharistic procession after the 9:00 am Misa Pro Populo Mass

June 15-23
June 24 Feast Day
June 18-26
June 25
June 27
June 25 \& 26 Deacon Chris Mariano preaches in all the masses

## MASS INTENTION <br> June 06 - June 12

Jun 06: Robert Cabreras (BD), $\dagger$ Martin Medina, Ernest Evangelista (SI), $\dagger$ Arnold Serafica, $\dagger$ Manuel Acosta, Sr., $\dagger$ Elisa Reyes, †Severa Surban
Jun 07: Brian Malibiran (BD), Jenny Clemente (BD), $\dagger$ Sarah Licudine, †Primitiva Daquioag, Jeromina Torres (BD), $\dagger$ Mariano Fuentecilla, Ernest Evangelista (SI), $\dagger$ Manuel Acosta, Sr., †Severa Surban
Jun 08: †Christopher Yock, †Cornelio Dayao, Anorico Family (TG), Ernest Evangelista (SI), †Felicidad Santos, Carolina Soriano (BD), $\dagger$ Manuel Acosta, Sr., †Severa Surban
Jun 09: $\dagger$ Solita Damian, Rosalinda Viloria (BD), †Rubin
Torres, Ernest Evangelista (SI), $\dagger$ Linda Ruiz, †Manuel
Acosta, Sr., Briana Chandler (BD), †Emma Belgica,
$\dagger$ Severa Surban
Jun 10: †Florencio Revelo, $\dagger$ Bill Hurter, $\dagger$ Margarita \& Sancho Pineda, †Jaime Samson, Sr., Ernest Evangelista (SI), Wilbert Gaweliu (BD), †Linda Ruiz, †Manuel Acosta, Sr., Janessa Chin (H), Jesse Rozal (SI), $\dagger$ Severa Surban
Jun 11: †Elette Padilla, Ernest Evangelista (SI), †Linda Ruiz, †Manuel Acosta, Sr., †Conrado Payumo Jun 12: $\dagger$ Jose Guevarra, $\dagger$ Jesus Bantay, Ernest Evangelista (SI), †Marygrace Carreon, †Angela Villamar, $\dagger$ Linda Ruiz, $\dagger$ Manuel Acosta, Sr., $\dagger$ Antonino Gilbuena, Jr., †Benita Linco
† Deceased, TG Thanksgiving, BD Birthday, H Healing WA Wedding Anniversary, SI Special Intention

OFFERTORY
First Collection (May 29, 2022) \$ 6,553.00
Catholic Communications \$ 2,639.00
OLPH
Sacred Heart
\$ 182.00

ONLINE GIVING - APRIL, 2022 \$ 16,122.00 TOTAL NUMBER OF ONLINE DONORS - 265

## 2022 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

| Total Assessment | $\$ 148,129.00$ |
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| Collection to date, May 29 | $\$ 44,349.00$ |

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
AAA 2022 CAMPAIGN GOAL \$148,129
AS OF MAY 24, 2022

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with each surgery lasting from 6-10 hours. During those tense medical procedures, Sr. Nona experienced deep spiritual communion with the Lord's sufferings and celestial visions. But at the same time, she suffered from hallucinations that almost broke her spirit. But her strong faith in God, along with the prayers of her family, friends, catechists and the parishioners of St. Augustine's, Sr. Nona was able to recover and she continued sowing the
 seeds of faith in the hearts of the children and young adults in the Faith Formation and Confirmation programs.

After serving at St. Augustine's for 31 years, Sr. Nona is being called again to pursue another path to serve the Lord. As she enters a new chapter in her life, the faithful of Saint Augustine Church invoke upon her an abundance of divine graces through the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Therese of Lisieux and Saint Augustine so she may continue to fulfill God's mission in making a difference in the lives of others. The photo below shows Father Ray Reyes presenting the "Certificate of Appreciation" to Sr. Nona at the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2022.
——Estelle Oloresisimo


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