SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH 3700 Callan Boulevard South San Francisco, CA 94080

NOVEMBER 13, 2022 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lo, the day is coming,

blazing like an oven,

when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble.

- Malachi 3:19

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HOLY HOUR Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:00 PM

Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry & Saint Augustine Youth Group

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

November 24, 2022 9:00 AM

Concelebrated by Fathers Ray Reyes, Ed Dura, & Martin Njoalu

Deacon Virgil preaches



Reflections On My Pilgrimage to the Holy Land





A pilgrimage to the Holy Land was not in my bucket list this year, but after coaxing from my friends at St. Augustine Parish, I surprised myself ty relenting and signing up to join at the last minute. "It's the journey of a lifetime, and a rare opportunity to be on a pilgrimage with our beloved Praise & Glorify Choir," Father Ray told me. Patricia, our wonderful pilgrimage coordinator, whispered the magic words: "I have reserved the last spot for you...you can give me a postdated check..." she teased me. "Travel to the Holy Land involves a lot of walking so travel while you still can," a friend added. So, I took the journey of a lifetime, and I am so grateful I did. It's hard to capture in words what the life-changing, transformative experience the pilgrimage offered but I will do my best to focus on the highlights of our pilgrimage.

Our pilgrimage begins when we depart San Francisco on an overnight flight bound for Cairo, Egypt. It's a long flight so I decided to spend the night watching movies. Upon arrival, we're welcomed by our local tour guide. Although the pilgrimage itinerary emphasizes the spiritual aspect of ancient countries we'll be visiting, I find our local guides are also experts and passionate about contemporary topics ranging from military, politics, education, and other cultural aspects. On our first day in Cairo, we spend a full day of touring the wonders of the ancient world, some of which date back to 1000+ years prior to Abraham. The majestic view of the pyramids and the Sphinx fascinate us, and a tour of the Egyptian museum with Tutankhamen's treasures and well-preserved ancient remains fill us with awe and impress us on how much respect the ancient Egyptians have for the afterlife. The following day, we visit St. Joseph Catholic Church, where Father Ray celebrates the first Pilgrim Mass with Father Ed Ramin concelebrating and the Praise & Glorify Choir providing the music. Next, we visit the Hanging Church, the most famous Coptic church in Cairo. Our guide tells us the Hanging Church built by the Nile River over the Roman Gate of Babylon. He also points out that this section of the old city is definitely the route taken by Abraham, Joseph, Moses and the Holy Family. On our next stop, we visit the papyrus factory store with lovely Egyptian art pictures. I find myself purchasing a beautiful certified authentic Egyptian artwork on papyrus. The tour of the day ends with an enjoyable dinner on the Nile River. The following day, we leave our hotel at 11pm and travel on bus for three hours to St. Catherine Monastery located on the base of Mt Sinai. Climbing Mt. Sinai is a daunting task and I find myself to be among the first to sign up for a camel ride. I know my physical limitations, so I did not mind paying for the \$25 camel-ride fee. Riding a camel is not easy; it's uncomfortable to say the least even with the help of a B

After Egypt, we travel to Israel. To read about the Israelites in the Bible is one thing, but to travel on foot and see everything with one's own eyes is another experience altogether. It inspires me to know more about God's chosen people and how they paved the way for our faith. What a special blessing to be on a pilgrimage with three chaplains, Father Ray Reyes, Father Martin Njoalu and Father Ed Ramin. Along with the Praise and Glorify Choir, they truly bring healing and joy to our 16-day spiritual journey. P&G provides liturgical music at the almost daily mass and hold mini concerts on most churches we visit - at the Franciscan Shrine of the Good Shepherd in Jericho, at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the Church of Transfiguration in Mt. Tabor, at the Stella Maris Monastery, site of the shrine of prophet Elijah, the Church of St. Anne, and at the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame in Jerusalem. To be able to walk in the villages where the Holy Family and the apostles lived is truly a life-changing experience. Among the highlights of our pilgrimage in Israel is the renewal of wedding vows of some of the pilgrim couples at the Franciscan Wedding Church in Cana, Galilee, the site where Jesus performed the first public miracle at the wedding in Cana. I feel personally blessed to be the reader in the beautiful Mass presided by Father Ray with Father Martin and Father Ed concelebrating. We proceed to visit the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum and St. Peter's Primacy. Our day ends with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We then proceed to Bethlehem, where the Church of the Nativity in Manger Square is located. It was built in the fourth century. Inside the Church of the Nativity, there is a tiny area called the Grotto of the Nativity. In this grotto, there is a 14-pointed star, which is believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ. When we visit the Church of the Pater Noster, we are pleasantly surprised to see the posters of the Our Lord's prayer written in various languages, including Tagalog and Pampanga dialect. We walked the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) and attended Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After that, we proceed to the Western Wall, more popularly known as the Wailing Wall. We left our prayer petitions in the crevices of the wall. Later, we proceed to the Church of the Visitation, the home of Zachary and Elizabeth whom the Blessed Mother visited. At the sacred grounds of Dominus Flevit, Father Ray, Father Martin and Father Ed buried the blessed ashes of the intentions of the pilgrims that were prayed over at every sacred site we visited.

The last country on our pilgrimage is Jordan. We are impressed by Jordanian hospitality as they welcome us to their church and offer food after the Mass. Praise and Glorify Choir, with the participation of Father Ray, impress the local folks with their repertoire of songs at the mini concert they hold after the Mass at Our Lady of the Mount and at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Our local tour guide took us to the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. By the banks of the River Jordan, we have a ceremonial, not sacramental, renewal of our baptismal vows. Our three chaplains sprinkle the pilgrims with blessed water from the Jordan River. On the final days of our pilgrimage, we visit Moses Memorial Church atop Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land. It is believed the place where Moses died and was buried.

This pilgrimage comes at a special time in my life, as I contemplate in undertaking further studies of the Bible. I am eternally grateful to Father Ray and Patricia for inspiring me to join the pilgrimage. The experience of walking with Jesus not only in the Gospels, but also, literally, with my feet, accompanied by the 100+ pilgrims made my pilgrimage truly an enjoyable spiritual experience.

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MASS TIMES & OTHER SCHEDULES

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 1st Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM, livestreamed

Holy Day of Obligation: 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 AM

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 1st 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

1st Monday of the month, 7 PM, Virtual 3rd Monday of the month, 7PM, Virtual WEDDING

1st & 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 In the chapel, adoration until 5:00 PM HOLY HOUR

7:00 PM, every 1st Wednesday of the month SAYGM/YAM HOLY HOUR

7:00 PM, every 3rd 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: 9:00 am-2:00 pm Closed between 12 nn-1:00 pm

Children Faith Formation Program

Nerissa Broas, Interim Coordinator 650-797-5955 Office: 650-873-2878

CFFP OFFICE HOURS:

- *Wednesday: 6:00 pm 9:00 pm
- *Thursday: 4:00 pm 9:00 pm Sat: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- * Wed & Thu with classes

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymund Reyes, Pastor

Rev. Ed Dura, Associate Vicar

Rev. Martin Njoalu, Associate Vicar

Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon

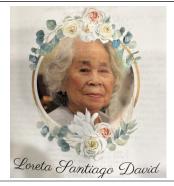
Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Deacon

Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager

Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant

Louis Consuegra, Security Officer

Linda Gamboa, Secretary, CFFP



The parish community remembers Nanay Loring "Loreta David", as an active member of the Legion of Mary in the 1990s, along with her husband, Jess David, Sr., who was a member of the council of the Knights of Columbus in Saint Augustine Parish.

Thank you for your services to the parish! May you and Tatay Jess rest in eternal peace with the Lord.

Hospitality Sunday After the 9:00 am Mass

Host Knights of Columbus Council 9714

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR DEAR PASTOR

Father Ray Reyes

As we celebrate your birthday, may we give you thanks for all that you do for the parish!

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Kobe Cristiano de Guzman Gabrielle Hernandez Mojica Jesselyn Morgan Kaufman Amaris Khalon Cordero

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Maryknoll & Ronnie Valdez

WELCOME TO NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

MASS INTENTION November 14 – November 20

Nov 14: Oscar Tumbaga, Forfirio Belgica, Sr., Veneracion Raro, Ming & Bec Solomon, Claro & Joseph Cervantes

Nov 15: Nelson Garcia, Mila Bustos, Claro & Joseph Cervantes

Nov 16: Jesse Rozal, Lu Navor, Lydia Salinda, Boanerges & Placida Duran, Sr., Edita Manduriaga, Fortuna Dela Cruz, Claro & Joseph Cervantes

Nov 17: Kristopher Davila, Leonora Dela Cruz, Maria Lourdes Allarcon, Victor Jimenez, Fe Aquino, Mary Sangervasi, William Flores, Claro & Joseph Cervantes

Nov 18: Jeff Diaz, Claro & Joseph Cervantes, Imelda Barlaan

Nov 19: Florentino Evangelista, Claro & Joseph Cervantes, Anita Sanchez

Nov 20: Miriam Licudine, Jesus Bantay, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Rufino Serranzana, Benedicto Tiquia, Myrna Serrano, Glenn Navor, Claro & Joseph Cervantes, Maryknoll & Ronnie Valdez, Benita Linco, Geronimo De Los Reyes

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, 3-8 PM DECEMBER 10, 2022 YBCA 70I MISSION ST 20TH ANNUAL PAROL LANTERN FESTIVAL FOR MORE INFO, VISIT HTTPS://PAROLLANTERNEFSTIVAL.COM & HTTPS://WWW.SOMAPILIPINAS.ORG PILIPINAS

OFFERTORY

First Collection (November 6, 2022) \$ 8,247.00
Debt Reduction \$ 2,456.00
Sacred Heart \$ 254.00

ONLINE GIVING - AUGUST, 2022 \$ 15,371.90 TOTAL NUMBER OF ONLINE DONORS - 265

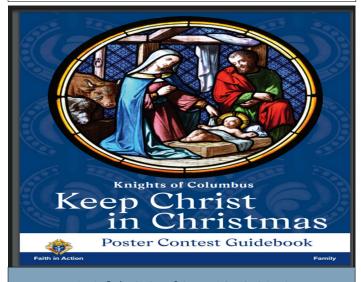
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

 2022 Total Assessment
 \$148,129.00

 Collected to date
 \$115,161.00

 Balance
 \$32,968.00





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT AUGUSTINE COUNCIL #9714

Our Faith in Action Program for Family is the Poster Contest. Members of the Knights of Columbus are accepting entries for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest.

OUR VISION. Saint Augustine is a worshipping community that enthusiastically manifests faith through action, with open arms for all of God's children.