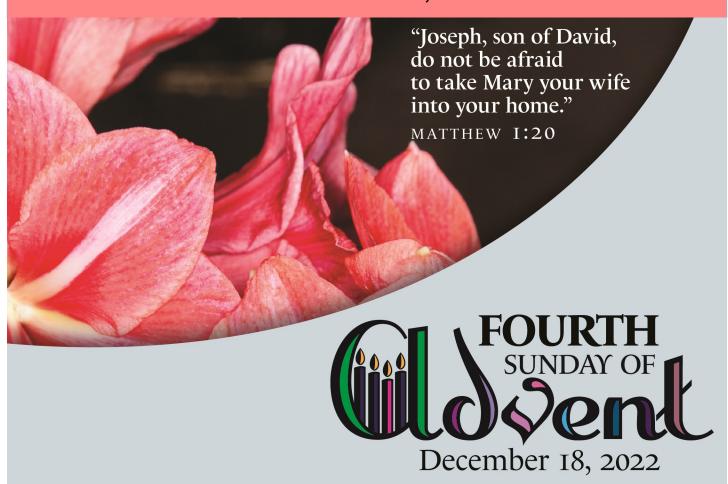
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A Season of Gracious Gifts

Advent – a season of waiting, of silent but joyful expectation. This Advent offers a prayerful opportunity to slowdown in the midst of this busy season and reflect on the gracious gifts of Advent. Let us explore the different gracious gifts of God during the Advent season (and beyond).

The Gracious Gift of Never-Ending Presence

We are never without God. We don't need to wait until heaven to be with God; God is with us constantly. This, of course, leads us to another consideration: how do we experience God? What are our names, our images for God? God becoming human means God pervades our world. We can find God in everything that happens, in every person that we meet in our 24/7 days which makes all the moments of our everyday lives holy. Advent summons us to be watchful for the many ways God's Boundless Presence is alive in the ordinary (the kindness of a stranger, the love of family and friends, a phone call when we need it; the older person who has trouble hearing and is difficult to converse with; the young mother with the restless toddlers behind us in the grocery line; the inconsiderate driver who cuts us off on the freeway; the telephone solicitor who calls at mealtime; the friend who disappoints us). The Advent and Christmas seasons are a call to see God everywhere, and especially in those places we would not expect to find glory and grace.

Reflection: How do I experience being in God's presence? What are some of the longings, dreams, or hopes that have led me to recognize God's presence in my life? In the lives of others?

The Gracious Gift of Expectant Waiting

During the Advent season, what are we waiting for? Christmas day? Often we say we're waiting for the coming of Jesus. Yes, there will be a second coming (and we need to think about that), but the reality is that Jesus is already here. Advent waiting anticipates that a promise will be fulfilled. People who wait have received a promise which, then, allows them to wait. They have received news of something that is at work in them, like a seed that has started to grow. This is the foundation of Advent waiting: we can truly wait only if what we are waiting for has already begun for/within us. Waiting is never a movement from nothing to something. It is always a journey from something to something more. Often We think of waiting as something very passive, a hopeless state determined by events which are wholly beyond our control. Yet, in Scripture waiting is not passive. Those who are waiting wait very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the very place where they are standing. The secret of waiting lies in the faith that the seed has been planted, that something has wondrously begun. Active waiting means to be present fully to and within the moment, with the confidence that something is happening where we are and we want to be present to it.

Reflection: What promise(s) have you received from God? From others? Do these promises influence your waiting?

The Gracious Gift of Unquenchable Hope

Often some people think only about hope when they're going through hard times. But it's a reality for each and every day (and certainly one of our predominant Advent themes). There are probably many lenses through which to understand and experience hope. Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turned out (Vaclav Havel). Hope is more than a word – it's a state of being. It's a firm belief that even if you don't know how, even if you don't know when, God will come through and better days are ahead. The figures of Advent radiate hope: Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, and, of course, Jesus, the longawaited hope. All are intent on reminding us who we are and the promises that call us back to God's dream for us. On these Advent days, we're called to pray with hope, live in hope, and be a source of hope for others who are in our lives. The Advent season – and Advent Scripture readings – are the story of how hope becomes visible and takes on flesh. Our reason for hope is embodied in a person, Jesus our brother. As we think about hope in our lives today, some people like to use images rather than words. Certainly the predominant image for us is the image of God being born as a child in our midst which gives meaning – which brings hope – to all we are as humans. Even though many things could be said to define hope, one crucial reality is that hope is not optimism. Those who are hopeful experience as many frustrations and disappointments as anyone else, but they're better equipped to withstand them and thus keep on for the long haul. It's because of God that we are hopeful. It's been said that Hope means: Hold On; Possibilities Exist. Something is always possible – because of God.

Reflection: What has helped hope to deepen in you?

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Would you like to donate poinsettia planters for the church altar? You may leave the planters in the hallway of the church by the chapel or bring the planters to the parish office. **THANK YOU!**





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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 MassParents 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 (livestreamed)

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

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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 Confirmation classes

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymund Reyes, Pastor

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Rev. Martin Njoalu, Associate Vicar

Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Deacon

Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager

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Hospitality Sunday After the 9:00 am Mass

Host

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CHRISTMAS 2022

Advent Communal Penance with Individual Confession Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM

Novena of Masses (Simbang Gabi) December 15-23 at 7:00 PM (Livestreamed), December 16-24 at 6:00AM

Christmas Vigil

Saturday, December 24 4:30 PM Vigil Mass 7:30 PM Children's Caroling 8:00 PM Children's Mass 11:00 PM Caroling 12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM There is no 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, the Hoy Mother of God <u>Sunday, January 1</u> 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

There is no 5:30 PM Mass on New Year's Day

MASS INTENTION December 19 - December 25

Dec 19: Greco & Belgica Family, Jesus Reyes, Gilbert Garcia, Elivie Lucente, Imelda, Flores, Stella Montenegro, Florliza Agramon Family, Salvacion & Wilfredo Pretencio

Dec 20: Chito & Nanette Iglesias, Juanito Guno, Erlinda Lapinid, Gene & Vicy Licauco, Serafin Enriquez, Gilda Reyes, Louie Gavino. Julieta Javellana, Florliza Agramon Family, Luis & Benilda Madronio, Joebel Pagarigan, Benjamin Pagarigan, Sr.

Dec 21: Encarnacion Beltran, Olivia & Nestor Nunez, Sr., Estelle Oloresisimo, Melyssa Solomon, Florliza Agramon Family, Ricardo de los Reyes, Leonardo Gutierrez, Sr., Andy Baldomero, Violeta & Romulo Raval. Aida & Tony Ramos

Dec 22: Vicente Barairo, Fritz De Lara, Lazaro, Elena , Vicky, Jane Belgica, Elsie Palencia, Dana Estipona, Cita de los Angeles, Florliza Agramon Family, Artemio Abad, Wilfredo Malibiran, Angel Ignacio, Braynard Bryan Ramirez

Dec 23: Jeremiah Manio, Tony Arrobio, Imelda Barlaan, Cita de los Angeles, Florliza Agramon Family, Rufino Serranzana, Susana Serranzana, Leonardo & Caridad Gutierrez, Francisco & Ferdinand Gutierrez, Apolonia & Julita Claros, Jean Gutierrez, Renato Sacristia, Juanita Manalang, Pedro & Asuncion Serranzana

Dec 24: 9:00 am Mass: Miriam Licudine, Sarah Licudine, Maria Bantay Family, Rosalinda Del Rosario, Florencio Babaran, Patrick Robledo, Maryanne Courbis, Gloria Devincenzi, Remedios Miranda, Myrna Evangelista, Pretencio Family

Dec 24: Afternoon & Evening Masses: For The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Dec 25: All Masses: For The People of Saint Augustine Parish

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (CFFP or old name, CCD) SCHEDULE

Dec 18 to Jan 4 - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Jan 5, CCD Thursday classes resume Jan 7, CCD Saturday classes resume

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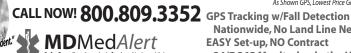
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