

Welcome

SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Archdiocese of San Francisco

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December 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cycle A



Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 24:1-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

On this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke). We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

MASS TIMES & OTHER SCHEDULES

Monday to Saturday—Livestreamed*	9:00 AM
Weekday afternoon Mass:	5:30 pm
Saturday Anticipated/Vigil Mass:	4:30 PM
Sunday Masses:	7:30 am, 11:00 am 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm

***NO 5:30 PM MASS from DEC 15 to DEC 23, 2025**

Sunday People's Mass—Livestreamed* 9:00 AM

Tagalog Mass—Every 1st Sunday of the month* 5:30 PM

***Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 am (TBA)

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Every Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, in the Courtyard.

CONFESION

Friday:	4:30 pm
Saturday:	3:30pm - 4:15pm

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Saturday:	12:00 Noon
1st Sunday:	2:30 pm
3rd Sunday (within the Mass):	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 VIRTUAL CLASSES

1st Monday of the month:	7:00 pm
3rd Monday of the month:	7:00 pm

WEDDING

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:	9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday:	9:00 am- 12:00 pm, 1:00pm- 2:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymund Reyes, Pastor

Rev. Ifeanyichukwu Henry Uwabunkeonye, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ed Dura, In-residence

Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Permanent Deacon

Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager

Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant

Linda Gamboa

Louis Consuegra

Erlan Tapawan, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM OFFICE

Weekdays (except Tuesday):	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Closed:	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am to 2:00 pm

CLOSED ON SUNDAY, TUESDAY AND HOLIDAYS

Sister Ruth Linaac, RVM, Director of Religious Education

Mobile: 650-797-5955

Office Landline: 650-873-2878

staugustinecdre@gmail.com

EUCARISTIC ADORATION (livestreamed)

Fridays, immediately after 9:00 am Mass

In the chapel. Adoration ends at 5:00 pm

Benediction on First Fridays

HOLY HOUR (K of C sponsored)

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

HOLY HOUR (SAYGM/YAM sponsored)

7:00 PM, every 3rd Wednesday of the month

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

8:30 AM, every Tuesday of the month

TIME TO UPDATE THE ST. Augustine Parish & Pictorial Directory

PHOTO SHOOTS ONGOING AT SIMBANG GABI EVENING
MASSES AT 8 PM IN THE PARISH HALL. ON WEEKENDS, AFTER
EACH MASS ON DEC 21 AND DEC 28 IN THE PARISH HALL.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, ST. AUGUSTINE CONFERENCE CORNER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.



Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

Contact our conference at 650-273-7088 to let us know you want to help the poor.

HAVE EARS TO HEAR THE "CRIES OF THE POOR"

HAVE EYES TO "SEEK AND FIND THE FORGOTTEN, THE SUFFERING OR THE DEPRIVED"

HAVE HEARTS THAT "BRING GOD'S LOVE TO THE POOR"
THROUGH THEIR GENEROSITY AND DONATIONS.

Would you like to help people?
Join St. Vincent de Paul Society,
Saint Augustine Conference.
Contact: Jeunesse Raymundo
jeunesse00@yahoo.com
650-273-7088

MASS INTENTION

December 22 to December 28

Dec 22: Fritz de Lara, Loreto Dimaculangan, Luz Manansala, Imelda & Delfin Santos, Oscar Chan Kuo, Fr. Ray Reyes, Jeffery Milcarek, Dulce Angelica Garza, Isabelita Agbayani, Del Zagala

Dec 23: Jeremias Manio, Sarah Lee, Bonifacio Perez, Imelda & Delfin Santos, Ramirez Family, Cecilio Tolentino, Josefa Tolentino, Fr. Rey Reyes, Rosita Sison, Romson Clemente, Del Zagala, Jeffery Milcarek, John Squires, Gene Sevilla, Dulce Angelica Garza, Rosita Sison, Isabelita Agbayani

Dec 24, 9:00 am: Florencio Babaran, Lumen Santos, Augustus Stella, Arnold & Mimi Nicer Family, Rey Pimentel, Tomas Carpio IV, Myrna Evangelista, Remedios Miranda, Jose Mari & Ching Antunez, Imelda & Delfin Santos, Lilia San Juan, Jeffery Milcarek, Net Pangan, Jonathan Ramirez

Dec 25: PRIESTS INTENTIONS

Dec 26: Miriam Licudine, Sarah Licudine, Ray Alvarez, Jemecha Ignacio, Johan Gavieres, Imelda & Delfin Santos, Remedios Leyran, Jeffery Milcarek, Helen Borlongan

Dec 27: Marino Gueco, Jocelyn Malibiran, Jennifer Sam, Flaviano Alcantara, Rene & Buena Dandan, Trina Stella, Agripino Tumang, Jr., Efren & Cita delos Angeles, Carla Gavieres, Imelda & Delfin Santos, Jeffery Milcarek, Olivia Sugay

Dec 28: Maria Ablang, Luciano Ortega, Aurelio & Susan Lanorias, Jesus Bantay, Ethan Balamiento, Leffler Miller, Francesca Cruz, Juliana Tolentino, Ernesto Santos, Hideliza & Enrique Tuason, Michael Salonga, Glenn Navor, Jeffery Milcarek, Erlinda Amante, Segui Family, Bienvenido Lim, Tomas Carpio IV, Lupita Alvir, Benjamin Surio, Noel Dolar

DISCLAIMER: MASS INTENTIONS APPEARING IN THE BULLETIN ARE OFFERED TWO WEEKS **OR MORE** IN ADVANCE. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLINE INTENTIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED. REQUEST MUST BE DONE IN PERSON AT THE PARISH OFFICE IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED.

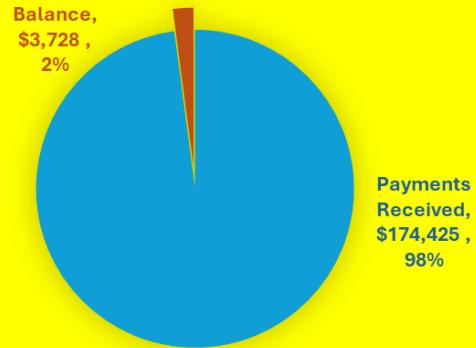
OFFERTORY

First Collection (December 14 , 2025)	\$ 8,917.00
AAA	\$ 6,062.00
Tuesday	\$ 208.00
Friday	\$ 414.00

ONLINE GIVING - October 2025 \$21,848.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS DURING THE YEAR OF 2025 TO OUR FIRST, SECOND, & AAA COLLECTIONS. YOUR GENEROSITY IS MUCH APPRECIATED FOR BEING STEWARDS OF GOD'S KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
AAA 2025 CAMPAIGN GOAL \$178,153
AS OF DECEMBER 16, 2025

**IN MEMORY**

**Rev. Msgr.
Romulo
(“Loi”) Vergara**

OLMC Parish Leader

Viewing and Vigil Service

Sunday, December 21 | 3 pm - 8 pm

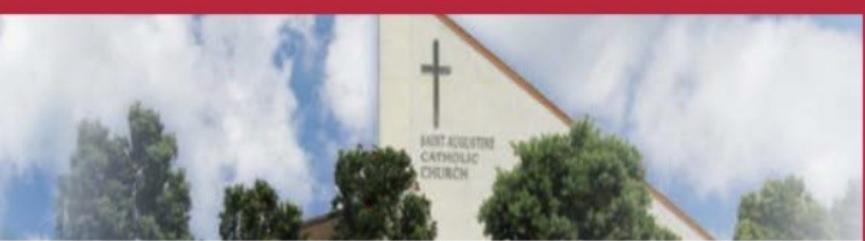
Funeral Mass

Monday, December 22 | 11 am
presided by Archbishop Cordileone

All services will be held at OLMC

SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO



Christmas 2025

Advent Communal Penance with Individual Confessions

Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00pm

Novena of Masses (Simbang Gabi)

December 15-23 at 7:00pm (Livestreamed)

December 16-24 at 6:00am

Christmas Vigil

Wednesday, December 24

4:30pm Vigil Mass | 7:30pm Children's Caroling

8:00pm Children's Mass

11:00pm Caroling | 12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:45pm

There is NO 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31 at 5:30pm

New Year's Day & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 1

9:00am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm

Confessions by Appointment

Please call (650) 873-2282

3700 Callan Blvd., SSF, CA 94080

Want to be a Deacon?

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons

The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation Program and the Application Process.

Please check the FLYER below for the dates of the Informational Evenings.



Dates:

Wednesday, January 07, 2026
St. Raphael Church
1104 5th Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Archdioceses of San Francisco
One Peter Yorke Way
San Francisco, CA 94109

Wednesday, January 21, 2026
St. Mark Catholic Church
325 Marine View Avenue
Belmont, CA 94002

Time:

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program and the application process. Please join us.

Deacon Fred Totah, Director of Diaconate Formation
Deacon Arthur Sanchez, Director of Permanent Diaconate

Who should attend?

Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants must be married at least five years. All married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program; therefore, wives are encouraged to attend.

Diaconate Formation Office
Deacon Fred Totah, Director of Diaconate Formation
Phone: 415-614-5615
Email: totah.fred@sfarch.org


JUBILEE 2025, MONTH OF DECEMBER

Joint Jubilee Years' message in Simbang Gabi Video, Dec. 24 Coinciding Pope's Holy Door Opening, Rite of proclamation of Joint Jubilee Year. SAC 55 & 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Unveiled Joint Jubilee Logo Jubilee Prayer printed.

Simbang Gabi & Early Dawn Novena Masses

December 15-23 @ 7:00 pm (livestreamed) | December 16-24 @ 6:00 am

Reception follows after Mass



FATHER JEROME MAGAT
December 15, 7:00 pm



FATHER MARTIN NJALU
December 16, 7:00 pm



FATHER PAULO CALINGASAN
December 17, 7:00 pm



FATHER JAYSON MIRANDA
December 18, 7:00 pm
December 16, 6:00 am
December 19, 6:00 am
December 21, 6:00 am



FATHER RENE RAMOSO
December 19, 7:00 pm



FATHER JERALD GERONIMO
December 20, 7:00 pm



FATHER IFEANYI UWANBUNKEONYE
December 21, 7:00 pm
December 23, 6:00 am



FATHER MAURICE TOKAY
December 22, 7:00 pm
December 17, 6:00 am
December 22, 6:00 am



FATHER RAY REYES
December 23, 7:00 pm



FATHER ED DURA
December 18, 6:00 am
December 20, 6:00 am
December 24, 6:00 am

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 <https://www.youtube.com/c/StAugustineSSF>

SIMBANG GABI FELLOWSHIP 2025 AFTER 7:00 PM Mass

- Dec 15 Legion of Mary
- Dec 16 EM/Readers
- Dec 17 Altar Servers Parents & Hospitality Ministry
- Dec 18 K of C/ Fil - Am
- Dec 19 FFP Catechists & Parents
- Dec 20 St. Mark Transport
- Dec 21 Children's Choir Parents
- Dec 22 SVdP/ Sto. Nino/ SCC
- Dec 23 Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Council

SIMBANG GABI FELLOWSHIP 2025 AFTER 6:00 AM MASS

- Dec 16 Sagalas
- Dec 17 Macabebe Seniors & Care Team
- Dec 18 Marthas
- Dec 19 Claire Reinares Family
- Dec 20 Valdez - dela Cruz Family
- Dec 21 Alex Trinidad Family & Sunga Family
- Dec 22 Cruzada Virgen delos Remedios
- Dec 23 St. Joseph Ministry
- Dec 24 Praise & Glorify Choir



Let's spark some joy, hope & love!

Holiday Charitable Gift Giving Opportunities
CHRISTMAS TREE GIFT GIVING
Donation Drive For
Catholic Charities & Gabriel Project

Help us support moms, babies, and seniors this holiday. We are requesting donations of NEW blankets for seniors, baby items or Gift Cards to Target, Walmart, or Safeway. The Knights of Columbus will be ready to receive your unwrapped Gift donations with the Angel ornament after Mass Services on the following weekend:

December 13 & 14 and 20 & 21

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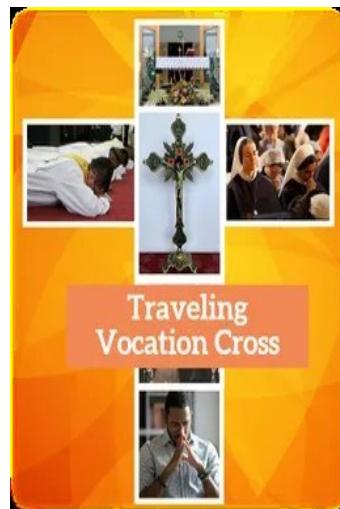
Interested in joining a ministry or organization in Saint Augustine Parish?

Call the Parish Office
 650-873-2282



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you have a family member or friend who is homebound and wants to receive communion? Call the Parish Office at 650-873-2282. A priest or eucharistic minister may visit them at home.



To host the TRAVELING VOCATION CROSS

please call
 Elsa Rozal at
 (650) 922-9618 or email her at
entroz09@yahoo.com

Merry Christmas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Isaiah 9:2)

As we gather in our beautiful Bay Area parishes this Christmas 2025, these ancient words of the prophet Isaiah resonate with a fresh and urgent clarity. We stand at a unique moment in history, not only celebrating the Nativity of our Lord but also standing at the threshold of the **Jubilee Year 2025**, which Pope Francis has themed "**Pilgrims of Hope**."

Living in the Bay Area, we are blessed with a tapestry of cultures, innovation, and natural beauty. Yet, we are not immune to the shadows of our time, the anxieties of a fast-paced world, the loneliness that can hide behind digital screens, and the global unrest that weighs heavily on our hearts. Into this reality, the Christ Child is born. He does not arrive in a palace of power, but in the humility of a manger, reminding us that God meets us exactly where we are: in our vulnerability, our struggles, and our hopes.

This Christmas, I invite you to see our community through the lens of the Jubilee. To be a "**Pilgrim of Hope**" means to recognize that our journey is not solitary. Whether you are a lifelong parishioner, a newcomer seeking a spiritual home, or someone returning to the pews after a long absence, you are a vital part of this family. Our parishes must be "**oases of mercy**" where the light of Christ is not just a **candle we light, but a fire we carry into our neighborhoods**.

As we celebrate, let us also be mindful of those for whom the season is difficult. In the spirit of the Jubilee, I ask you to extend the "radical hospitality" of the Gospel. Let us reach out to the marginalized, the homeless on our streets, and the elderly who may be spending this day alone. When we open our hearts to the "least of these," we truly open the doors of our hearts to Christ.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your faith and your presence. I see the face of Christ in your service to our food pantries, your dedication to our youth, and the way you support one another in times of grief and joy. You are the living stones of this Church.

May the Prince of Peace dwell in your homes this Christmas. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who carried Hope into the world, guide us as we continue to embark on this Jubilee Year together.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, holy, and Joyful Christmas!

In Christ's Love,

Father Ray