

SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

Magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:I-2



Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in this global Synod on Synodality. By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” Following in the wake of the renewal of the Church proposed by the Second Vatican Council, this common journey together is both a gift and a task. By reflecting together on the journey that has been made so far, the diverse members of the Church will be able to learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit (PD, 1). Enlightened by the Word of God and united in

prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God’s will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world (Vademecum 1.2). **You are invited to participate in the Disciples Maker Index (DMI) Survey starting on January 15.** To learn more, please visit the SF Archdiocese Synod Portal: <https://www.sfarch.org/synod/>

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

OUR MISSION. We live God’s Word and continue His work.

Simbang Gabi and the Advent Recollection at St. Augustine Church

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. The Advent season invites us to step away from the “commercialization” of the holiday season when people indulge in endless shopping and parties, and consider focusing instead on the reason why we are celebrating Christmas. This was front and center in the mind of Father Ray Reyes when he invited Father Dave Pettingill to be the speaker at the Advent Recollection held on December 18. Father Ray thought it's important to make time in our schedules to prayerfully observe Advent by listening to inspirational talks and participating in the Simbang Gabi. The Advent Recollection was intended to complement the celebration of Simbang Gabi, a novena of Advent Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary to help prepare us spiritually for Christmas. The event on December 18 started with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration. It was followed by the introduction of the Guest Speaker by Deacon Nes Fernandez. He introduced Father Dave as a renowned speaker and homilist, a strong advocate of Vatican II Council, former principal at Marin Catholic High School, and former professor at St. Patrick Seminary and University. Father Dave's talk focused on the readings from the three Advent Characters: The Prophet Isaiah (before the exile, during the exile, and after the exile); Matthew 11:2-6 (John the Baptist) and Luke 11:27-28 (Mary). In his reflection, he connected all three readings and emphasized that Jesus is the embodiment or the “blueprint” for LIVING, DYING and RISING. For most of us, understanding the readings pose a real challenge and sometimes the message gets lost in translation. Thanks to Father Dave, he clearly showed that all three readings are connected. The Prophet Isaiah spoke in the voice of God and called the people of Israel to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of His Son. Isaiah also prophesied about a person in the desert who will prepare the way for the Lord. This prophecy foreshadowed the life of John the Baptist, who played an important role in preparing the groundwork for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The afternoon session focused on Mary. According to Father Dave, Mary was transformed from being a mother to a “Perfect Disciple.” Mary showed us how to evolve because change is part of being alive. Mary showed us that she was adaptable. She truly became a model of evolution. As Christians, we should all strive to be like Mary. We are part of a pilgrim church that is constantly evolving so we need to adapt to the changes of the world. In the words of Father Dave, Catholics need to loosen up. We don't need to dwell on the past; instead set our sight on the future where there is hope. Despite the gloom and sadness surrounding us due to the pandemic, we see “resurrection” in the doctors, nurses, medical practitioners and caregivers who are giving their all to save others.

The Advent Season is also a great time to reconcile with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thanks to our clergy, confession was offered to the Recollection attendees during Adoration, both in the morning and afternoon sessions. Our special thanks to Father Dave who showed us that by living one's faith more fully, and sharing it with those around us, it will allow all of us to make Advent a worthy preparation for the celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth and the joyful anticipation for His coming again to the world.

— Estelle Oloresisimo, Communication Ministry



SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Thank you to Malou Salumbides, Coordinator of Small Christian Communities in the parish, for concerting the Annual Christmas Raffle, in spite of the very late start. Winners in the grand drawing will be announced in the next bulletin issue.

St. Augustine Church acknowledges our donors for 2021 Christmas Raffle Prizes

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MASS TIMES

9 AM Monday to Saturday, Livestreamed

5:30 PM Monday to Friday

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**

10:00 AM Hospitality in the Courtyard*
* Adhering to Coronavirus health guidelines
of masking, distancing, and sanitizing of
hands.

**"Tagalog" Mass every 1st Sunday of the
month at 5:30 pm, livestreamed**

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 catech-
esis.

WEDDING

**1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at
10am, 12noon, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays immediately after the morning Mass

HOLY HOUR

7:00 pm, every 1st 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: 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Closed between 12 nn-1:00 pm

CFFP Office (CCD) 650-873-2878

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymund Reyes, Pastor

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- Keep hands sanitized.
- Wear a mask indoor and outdoor when in public
- Keep your distance (at least 3 feet) from each other

Children's Participation in Simbang Gabi Masses at St. Augustine

For nine days before Christmas, many parishioners of St. Augustine get up before the break of dawn to take part in the early morning Mass at 6AM, December 16-24. But for some, it's a challenge to get up so early in the morning to attend Mass when it's super cold and raining. So, get ready to be inspired by the siblings, Malia and Thomas Valdez, our 6AM Simbang Gabi altar servers. According to Father Ray, the siblings arrived in the church every single day ahead of him! St. Augustine parish is truly blessed to have Catholic parishioners who know how to raise good Catholic children. Malia and Thomas, children of Ronnie and Mary Valdez, are truly remarkable in the way they are able to show their strong devotion to their faith at such a young age! In the next issues of the Sunday Bulletin, we will feature the CCD students who participated in the 7PM Simbang Gabi Masses, and spoke eloquently about their personal reflection on topics assigned to them.

Estelle Oloresisimo



MASS INTENTIO January 03 – January 09

Jan 03: †Danilo Zagala, Jose Paguntalan (H),
†Rebecca Camara

Jan 04: †Primo Doreza, Chito Yglesias (BD), Arnold & Mimi Nicer (WA), †Mildred Dizon,
†Olympia & Nicasio Bustos, Jose Paguntalan (H),
†Benjamin Sosa

Jan 05: Jennifer Chang (BD), Jose Paguntalan (H),

Jan 06: †Lilia Doreza, Jeffrey James Diaz (BD), Janessa Chin (BD), †Lydia Salinda, †Epifania Reyes, Jose Paguntalan (H), †Vicenta Keil

Jan 07: †Esmeraldo Doreza, Michael Nicer (TG), †Rey Pimentel, Jose Paguntalan (H)

Jan 08: Mark A. (H), Jim M. (H), Tori C. (H), Severino Apolo, Sr. (BD), Andrew Nicer (TG), Jose Paguntalan (H)

Jan 09: Our Lady's Rosary Makerts (SI), †Benita Linco, San Francisco City & County Santo Nino Group

†Deceased, TG Thanksgiving, BD Birthday, H Healing
WA Wedding Anniversary, SI Special Intention

Important Notice:

Due to the Bulletin Publication and Printing Deadlines, the list of Mass Intentions posted in the weekly Parish Bulletin are names of Mass Intention Offerings made in-person at the Parish Office ONLY. Online Mass Intentions are not included. For further inquiry, please call Parish office at (650) 873-2282.

First Collection (December 19, 2021)	\$ 7,804.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 2,507.00
OLPH	\$ 164.00
Sacred Heart	\$ 127.00

ONLINE GIVING - NOVEMBER, 2021 \$ 15,891.50
TOTAL NUMBER OF ONLINE DONORS - 265

THANK YOU!

This bulletin is printed in advance due to the holidays.

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (CFFP or CCD)

Jan 05, 7:00 pm, 2nd Yr Confirmation Class
Jan 06, 4:30 pm, CCD Thursday Class
Jan 08, 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 11:30 am; CCD Saturday

Jan 12, 7:00 pm, 2nd Yr Confirmation, Spell-a-thon starts

Jan 13, 4:30 pm, Spell-a-thon starts
7:00 pm, 1st Yr Confirmation, Spell-a-thon starts

Jan 15, 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 11:30 am; Spell-a-thon starts

Jan 16, 9:00 am, Rite of Promise, Affirming Names of Candidates (2nd Yr Confirmation Students, Parents, Sponsors & Catechists)

Jan 19, 7:00 pm, 2nd Yr Confirmation
Jan 20, 4:40 pm, CCD Thursday
7:00 pm, 1st Yr Confirmation
Jan 22, 9:00am, 10:15 am, 1:30 am Saturday CCD

SEARCH FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For information about the position, in strict confidence throughout the recruitment process, request a detailed career prospectus from Robert M. Fisher and Michael Loscavio at rmfisher@earthlink.net AND mloscavio@rll.com (www.rll.com). More information about Catholic Charities, see website: www.catholiccharitiessf.org

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