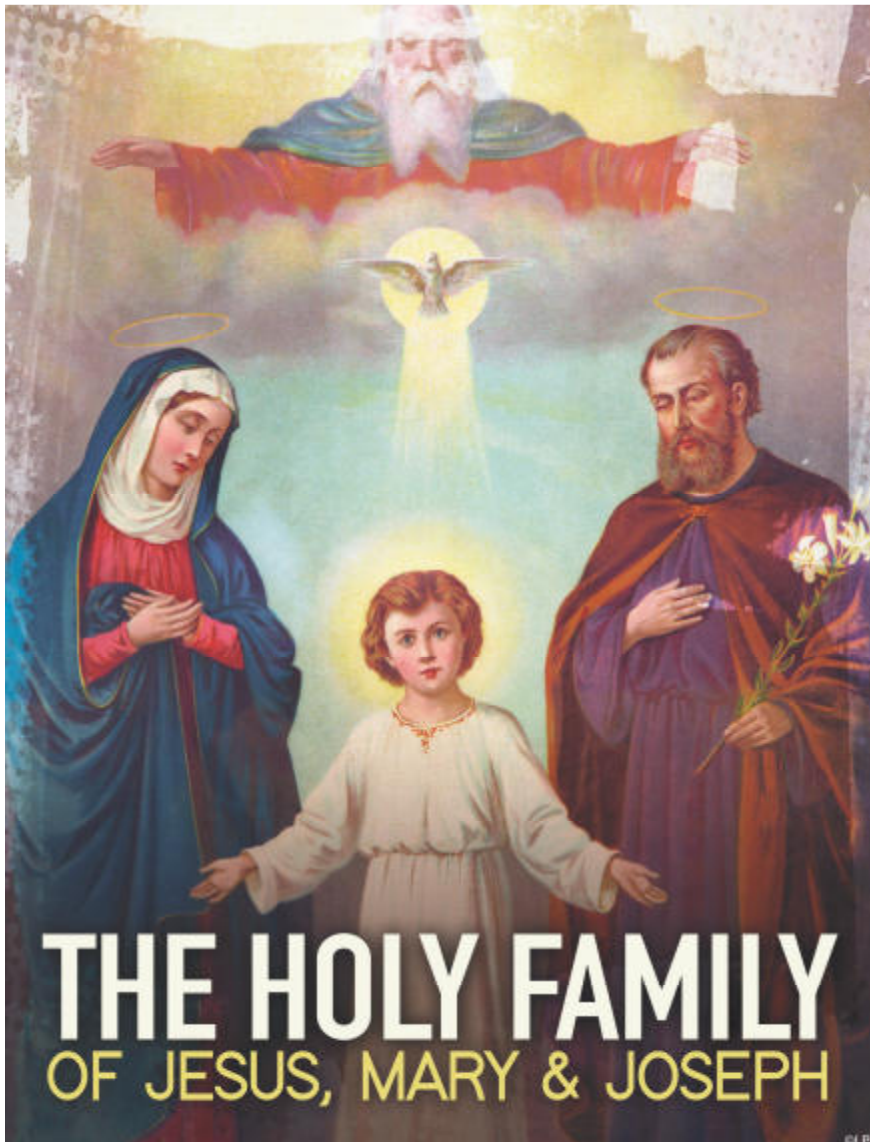




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### THE LORD'S DAY: MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening ..... 5:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 & 10:30 am & 12 pm  
 Weekdays ..... 9:00 am  
 Saturday ..... 9:00 am

*Sacrament Information on Page 6*

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the parish office. We want to know and serve you. Please become an active part of our parish community. All adults (over age 21) who are working should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or website link to eCatholic online giving to support the parish. Tithing is 5% of income; stewardship is your decision in prayer. Please notify the parish office if you are changing your address or phone number so that we may have accurate records! This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling baptisms or weddings.

The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 noon of each week, unless it's a holiday, then it is due the Friday before at 12 noon.



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity, St. Thomas Becket
Thursday	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Friday	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Saturday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 am No Intentions  
 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine  
 12:00 pm No Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 am James A. Kane  
 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine  
 12:00 pm Vincenzo & Lucia Lalli

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 am Margaret & Anthony Brillante

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 am Vincent Saracco

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am Joseph Brix & Helen Brix  
 9:00 am

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 am Daniel Martone & Mary Miniaci

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Mary Hegarty

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

5:00 pm Samuel & Irene Della Penna  
 5:00 pm Rosemarie Gaffney

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 am Mary Kuriakose  
 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine  
 12:00 pm Catherine Fisher



### TABERNACLE CANDLE

In Memory of  
**Mike Murphy**  
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 Daniel Martone  
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“Bless the LORD,  
 my soul; all my  
 being, bless his  
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**Psalms 103:1**

## Wedding Banns



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## PRAYER LIST



Christopher Troy, Albert & Diane Marino, Jose Padilla, Carol Guarascio, Marilyn Dumas, Marie Zanicchi, Marcia Camacho, Paul Hurley, Erika and Darrel, Mary Poli, Susan Gerardo, Christopher Costa, Mark Tominac, Sharyn Miller, Michael Varley, Libby Fusco, Tina Gandolfo, Tess Callow, Diane Schneider, Mary Ann Plaia, & all those who have passed away, or are still suffering from Covid-19.

TO ADD NAMES & INTENTIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.



## LIGHTER SIDE

### Call Ahead

Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

### Sermon

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." — George Burns

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## COMING BACK TO CHURCH

### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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## Bulletin Communication

For any communication which needs to be placed in Church Bulletin, please forward all information to Bino Mathew at the following email address [bino@staugustinewcity.org](mailto:bino@staugustinewcity.org)



### Mental Health Leading into the Holidays

Dr. Tim Gray sits down with Drs. Tammy and Nick Tenaglia to speak about mental health and the holidays.



### Brother Francis Presents

A daily journey on the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

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Adoration occurs at St. Augustine on the First Friday of every month from September through June.

Exposition occurs at 3 pm.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION, DECEMBER 26 2021

## DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what

prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding,

restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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Travelling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that would reverse Roe vs. Wade! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith and Liberty at the 27th annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022 at DAR Constitutional Hall, Washington D.C, from 8.30-10.30 am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music and inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of Roe vs Wade. Daniella D'Souza Gill will be the emcee for the event. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com)



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm (usually). There is a required Baptism class for the parents to attend prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples. Ask for a parish policy brochure at the parish office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The parish religious education program, grades 1-8, help bring about God's kingdom by proclaiming & teaching God's word, celebrating the sacraments, & placing value on service to all people. Call the office for more details.

### DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal: All are welcome to attend following the Mon. 9am Mass. Rosary: Recited each morning after the 9 am Mass. Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 7:30 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

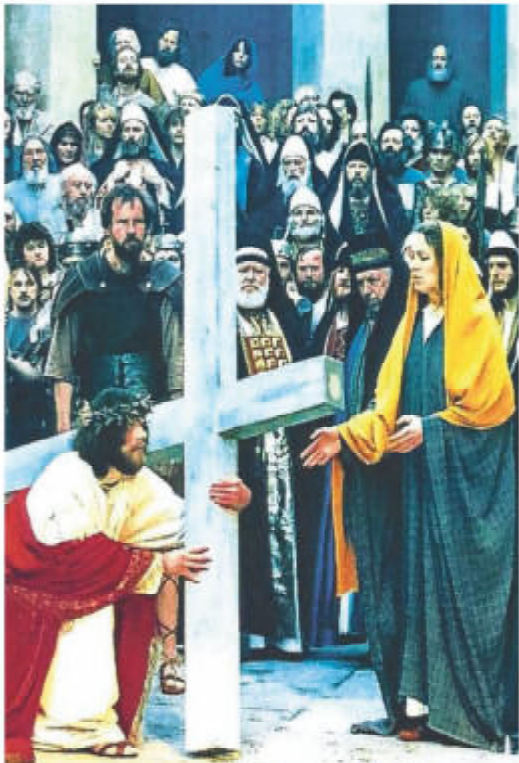
Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. Anytime upon request.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Communal Anointing announced in the bulletin. Anytime upon request.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

CELEBRANT	EME	LECTOR
Saturday, January 1 5:00 pm Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill John Bruno Deacon Jim	Jerry Scanlan
Sunday, January 2 9:00 am Fr. Bill	Deacon Joe will select Deacon Joe will select Deacon Joe	Helen Reck
Sunday, January 2 10:30 am Fr. Bill	Gloria Toal Lusan Yao Deacon Sam	Joanne Cardone
Sunday, January 2 12:00 pm Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill Marie Mobarek Deacon Sam	Dave Connors



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