

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL AND
ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS / MISA DOMINICAL

Saturday/Sábado

4:00 pm St. Patrick (Vigil)

7:00 pm St. Augustine (Vigilia - Español)

Sunday/Sunday

7:00 am St. Augustine

8:30 am St. Patrick

10:00 am St. Augustine

11:30 am St. Augustine (Español)

2:30pm St. Augustine (Vietnamese)

4:00 pm St. Patrick (Every 4th Sunday Igbo
Community)

WEEKDAY MASS / MISA DIARIA

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes

7:00 am St. Patrick

12:10 pm St. Augustine

Wednesday/Miércoles

7:00 pm St. Patrick (Español)

Friday/Viernes

7:00 pm St. Augustine (Vietnamese)

Saturday/Sábado

8:00 am St. Augustine

ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTISÍMO

Monday-Thursday/Lunes a Jueves

St. Augustine Cathedral

11:00 am- 12:00 pm

Every First Friday of the Month
Primer Viernes del Mes.

St. Augustine Cathedral

11:00 am—12:00 pm

St. Patrick (Spanish)

7:00 pm — Mass

St. Augustine Cathedral
399 Washington Ave
Bridgeport, CT 06604



CONFESSION / CONFESIONES

Monday to Thursday/Lunes a Jueves

11:15 am- 11:50 am - St. Augustine

Wednesday/Miércoles

6:15 pm- 6:50 pm - con Hora Santa -
St. Patrick

Saturday/Sábado

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm - St. Patrick
(Bilingual)

St. Patrick Church
851 North Ave
Bridgeport, CT 06606



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18	Late Advent Weekday		
	St. Augustine	8:00 AM	† Bishop Walter W. Curtis
	St. Patrick	4:00 PM	† James Roche
	St. Augustine	7:00 PM	† Beatriz Mazo - Isabel Sanisasa, Pablo J. Cuevas, Margot Estela
Sunday 19	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	St. Augustine	7:00 AM	† Laura Lopes
	St. Patrick	8:30 AM	† Florinda Fernandes
	St. Augustine	10:00 AM	† Maria Gomes
	St. Augustine	11:30 AM	† Ildo & Luisa Baptista
	St. Augustine	2:00 PM	Vietnamese Mass
Monday 20	Late Advent Weekday		
	St. Patrick	7:00 AM	† Marie Finn
	St. Augustine	12:10 PM	† Maria Madelena Mai Thi Re
Tuesday 21	Late Advent Weekday		
	St. Patrick	7:00 AM	L John D'Ausilio
	St. Augustine	12:10 PM	† Vin-Cente Thomas Dang
Wednesday 22	Late Advent Weekday		
	St. Patrick	7:00 AM	† Cenobio Ramirez
	St. Augustine	12:10 PM	† Jason Morales
	St. Patrick	7:00 PM	L Deisy Johanna Amador Cruz
Thursday 23	Late Advent Weekday		
	St. Patrick	7:00 AM	† Felipe Aguilar Vizcarra
	St. Augustine	12:10 PM	† Julia Maria Santos
Friday 24	Late Advent Weekday		
	St. Augustine	4:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
	St. Augustine	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS Vietnamese
	St. Patrick	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS Spanish
	St. Augustine	10:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
Saturday 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Chirstmas)		
	St. Augustine	7:00 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS
	St. Patrick	8:30 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS
	St. Augustine	10:00 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS
	St. Augustine	11:30 AM	MISA DE NAVIDAD
Sunday 26	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH		
	St. Augustine	7:00 AM	For Those In Whole Memory However Were Given
	St. Patrick	8:30 AM	† Umberto & Liberata Posca
	St. Augustine	10:00 AM	† Dolores Rafael
	St. Augustine	11:30 AM	† Delfina Cordero

The Daily Mass book for the year 2022 is available for Mass scheduling.

Ya pueden reservar sus misas para el año 2022. Misas comunitarias (mas de una intención serán el segundo domingo de cada mes a las 11:30am y todos los sábados y miércoles a las 7:00pm

Parish Collection: 12/12/2021

Sunday Offertory	\$10,299
Online Giving for the week	\$ 1,701
Rec'd after Sunday offertory	\$ 45
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$12,045

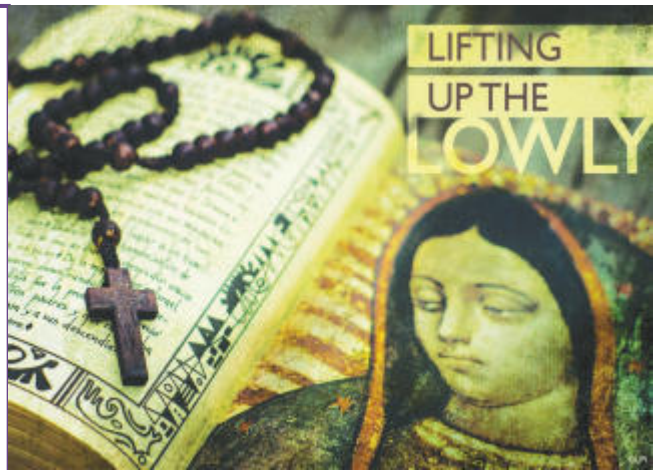
LAST YEAR \$ 9,560

Your generosity and sacrifice enable the parish to carry out its mission. Thank you for your support in monetary gifts and prayer.

Su generosidad y sacrificio permiten a la parroquia llevar a cabo su misión. Gracias por su apoyo en dones monetarios y oración.

Sự quảng đại và hy sinh của quý vị giúp đáp ứng được những mục vụ cần thiết trong giáo xứ. Cám ơn sự ủng hộ của quý vị bằng mỹ kim và lời cầu nguyện.

Thank You! Cám ơn ! Gracias!



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CONFESSION AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

CONFESSIONS: THURSDAY FROM 7:30-9:00 PM

SATURDAY FROM: 11:00AM-12:00 PM & 3:00-4:00 PM

(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

LANGUAGES AVAILABLE: ENGLISH, FRENCH CREOLE, PORTUGUESE & SPANISH.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAY AFTER 7:00 PM

MASS FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH—ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL

CONFESSIONS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 11:15-11:55 AM

WEDNESDAY FROM 6:15-7:00 PM AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

SATURDAY FROM 2:30-3:15 PM AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

SUNDAY IN VIETNAMESE BY APPOINTMENT

LANGUAGE AVAILABLE: ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 11:00-12:00 PM &

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY 11:00-12:00 PM

MASS FRIST FRIDAY 7 AM AT ST. PATRICK—ENGLISH

12:10 PM AT ST. AUGUSTINE—ENGLISH

7 PM AT ST. PATTRICK-SPANISH

GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.



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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: *“Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá” (Lucas 1:39)*. Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su “sí”, trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. *“¿Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?”* La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. *“Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel”*. María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: *“¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?” (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018)*.

Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discípula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su parienta Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor.



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Merry Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to all of you for being part of my ministry, and for the journey we continue to travel together at The Cathedral Parish.

My wish this Christmas is for our Parish to be a welcoming center of love, Prayer and peace—regardless of our differences.

A place where everyone may encounter God and feel free to express their faith, the way they did in their homeland.

I urge you to make a difference in the world by being merciful, just as Pope Francis has invited us to do.

I truly believe we can be that bridge between God and his children.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and may God fill your hearts, homes and families with infinite blessings.

Fr. Juan Gabriel Acosta

ESPECIAL SALUDO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

¡En nombre mío, del padre Rolando y el de mi familia queremos desearles una Feliz Navidad!

Dios los bendiga abundantemente por su respuesta generosa a nuestra comunidad parroquial y por los esfuerzos constantes de fortalecernos en la Fe y la caridad, especialmente con aquellos que también necesitan de nuestra solidaridad y ayuda.

Gracias por acompañarme en mi ministerio sacerdotal y pastoral. Pido al Señor para que este tiempo de gozo y celebración, traiga mucha paz interior a nuestros hogares y a nuestras vidas.

La Virgencita los guarde y acompañe siempre y nos ayude a seguir fortaleciendo nuestro trabajo y nuestra misión de acercar el rebaño de la Catedral al Corazón misericordioso de Dios.

P. Juan Gabriel Acosta



Office will be closed

from Thursday, December 23, 2021 until January 3, 2022



Oficina estará cerrada

Desde el jueves 23, 2021 hasta Enero 3, 2022



*Saint Patrick's
Sacred Heart Candle burns
in loving memory of:*

FABIOLA GIRON

PRAY FOR OUR SICK OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

Maria Amado	Terry Ann McDonald
Ángel Esteban Arrua	Linda McGinnis
Martin Arruabarrena	Irene McNeil
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Ana Martins	Leo Tartaglia
Carmen Maritza Martinez	Kenneth Towery
	Judy Wu

PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

"Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants, for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

ORACIÓN POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS

"Dios todopoderoso y eterno, tú eres la salud eterna de los que creen en ti. Escúchanos por Tus siervos enfermos, por quienes imploramos el auxilio de Tu tierna misericordia, para que, habiendo recuperado la salud corporal, te den gracias en Tu Iglesia. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén."

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the rectory if you know a parishioner who is in the hospital, nursing home or is homebound and would like to receive communion and/or a visit from a priest. Due to new regulations and procedures, patient information is strictly regulated.



CUIDADO PASTORAL DE LOS ENFERMOS

Comuníquese con la rectoría si conoce a un feligrés que se encuentra en el hospital, asilo de ancianos o confinado en su hogar y le gustaría recibir la comunión y / o la visita de un sacerdote. Debido a los nuevos procedimientos reglamentarios, la información del paciente está estrictamente regulada.



As part of the pre-marriage process, the Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church.

Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit <https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at pdonovan@diobpt.org.

MATRIMONIOS

Como parte del proceso prematrimonial, la Diócesis de Bridgeport ofrece formación para parejas que desean casarse en la Iglesia Católica.

La formación está disponible en línea tanto en inglés como en español. Para obtener más información, visite la página web de la diócesis: <https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/>

Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en llamar a la oficina y hablar con uno de los sacerdotes o por correo a office@thecathedralparish.org



QUINCEAÑERAS

Teenage girls who turn 15 or 16 years old during the **course** of the year, have a chance to celebrate this significant milestone with a **Holy Mass and/or special blessing**.

For more information, please call to make an appointment to speak directly with the Pastor.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Nuestra Parroquia ofrece la posibilidad de celebrar la **Santa Misa y/o una bendición especial** para quinceañeras o celebraciones de “sweet sixteen.”

Para mayor información debe llamar en los horarios de oficina para hacer una cita y hablar personalmente con uno de los sacerdotes.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join our charismatic Spanish prayer group:

Where: Lower Church at St. Patrick
When: Tuesday
Time: 7:00 PM

For more information, please call the office.

GRUPO CARISMATICO

Todos están cordialmente invitados a participar de nuestro grupo de oración carismático los días martes a partir de las 7:00pm en la capilla de San Patricio.

Para más información, por favor llamar a la oficina.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

We meet once a month in the Social Center at St. Patrick Church. We want to have some time for prayer, reflection and fun...

Come and join us!!!!

For dates and information, please call the office.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

DECEMBER 24TH — CHRISTMAS EVE:

- ◇ 4:00PM—VIGIL- ST. AUGUSTINE
- ◇ 7:00PM ST AUGUSTINE (VIETNAMESE)
- ◇ 7:00PM—VIGILIA- ST PATRICK (SPANISH—ESPAÑOL)
- ◇ 10:00PM—ST AUGUSTINE

DECEMBER 25TH — CHRISTMAS DAY:

- ◇ 7:00 AM ST. AUGUSTINE
- ◇ 8:30 AM ST. PATRICK
- ◇ 10:00 AM ST. AUGUSTINE
- ◇ 11:30 AM ST. AUGUSTINE (ESPAÑOL)

NOTE: There are NO Confessions or Masses, 4:00pm Mass and 7:00pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 25th

Tenga en cuenta que NO hay confesiones, ni las misas de la tarde (4pm & 7pm) el día sábado 25 de diciembre.

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