

# ST AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Advent

6 December 2020



## DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF MASSES & RESERVATION DATES



Date of Mass/Service	Make your Reservation on:
December 12 & 13 (Sat & Sun)	Dec 7, 9 am to Dec 10, 4 pm
Penance Service, Dec 14 Mon 6 pm	Dec 7, 9 am to Dec 10, 4 pm
December 19 & 20 (Sat & Sun)	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 17, 4 pm
December 24, Christmas Eve Masses: St Mary: 4 pm St Augustine: 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
December 25, Christmas Day, 9:30 am	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
December 26 & 27 (Sat & Sun)	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
December 31, New Year's Eve Mass at St Augustine, 5 pm	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
January 1, Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass at St Mary, 9 am	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm
January 2 & 3 (Sat & Sun)	Dec 14, 9 am to Dec 22, 4 pm

To make a reservation, go to [www.staugustineoh.org](http://www.staugustineoh.org) or call the parish office at 360-675-2303 (Ext 23 for voicemail)

The Parish Office will be closed from Dec 24 to January 3. Hence, please take note of the dates of reservation during that time period for the Masses you wish to attend.

The Masses to be livestreamed to our Facebook page (St Augustine Catholic Church) are:  
all Sunday 9:30 Masses; the Immaculate Conception Mass on Dec 8, Tuesday; the Penance Service on Dec 14, Monday; the Simbang Gabi Mass on Dec 19 Saturday; the Dec 24, 7:30 Mass; and the December 31, 5 pm Mass.



### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 livestreamed at 9:00 am  
*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*

*"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"  
December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!*

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

*Mother and Queen of the Americas  
Madre y Emperatriz de Las Américas*

**Saint Augustine**  
Sunday December 13, 9:30 am  
English & Spanish Mass



**Next Baptisms are scheduled for February 13** (subject to change depending on Covid19 restrictions)

Baptism class is scheduled on January 9, Saturday from 9:00 am to noon on Zoom.

Call the office at 360-675-2303 to register, where you will receive instructions about the Zoom classes.

### **SYMBOLISM OF THE CANDLES ON ADVENT WREATH**

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### **Jubilation to Share**

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### **Marriage Preparation**

Are you engaged to be married? Preparations for weddings are a six-month process. Please call 360.675.2303 x5 to begin.

Connect with Father Paul

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[www.facebook.com/FatherPaulPluth](http://www.facebook.com/FatherPaulPluth)



## LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

### Mass Reservations

From Monday 9 am to Thursday 4 pm  
You may make a reservation online  
[www.staugustineoh.org](http://www.staugustineoh.org) or by phone  
at 360-675-2303 Ext. 23



**Please take note:** Make sure to list each person's first name in your reservation. Mass-goers not from the same household cannot be seated together.

No reservation & No mask, No entry. NEW ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH WILL BE THROUGH THE VESTIBULE.



## SIMBANG GABI

This year, St Augustine Parish will celebrate Simbang Gabi (Evening Mass) on Saturday, December 19, during the 5PM Mass with Father Paul Pluth as the celebrant. This celebration will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as she prayerfully awaits the birth of Christ.

Mass Reservations are required. Wearing a mask and social distancing are strictly observed. This Mass will be livestreamed.

(Please note: there was a typo error on the date of the Simbang Gabi Mass on the postcards that were mailed to parishioners. The correct date is December 19.)



## December 5 - 12

Dec 5 Sat	4:00 pm Confession, PO 5:00 pm Vigil Mass ( <i>Our Parishioners, INT</i> )
Dec 6 Sun	9:30 am Mass, Church ( <i>Jean Valdez, INT; Fr Jerry Kienzle, INT; Gary Wallin, RIP; Peggy Suess, RIP; Firnom Goss, RIP</i> ) 9:30 am Mass, Parish Hall 9:30 am Mass Livestream ( <i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i> )
Dec 7 Mon	Office Unavailable Start of Reservations for Dec 12 & 13 Mass and for Penance Service on Dec 14! (call the parish office or go to our website, <a href="http://www.staugustineoh.org">www.staugustineoh.org</a> ) 4:30 pm Agape
Dec 8 Tue	9:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass; Livestreamed ( <i>FB page St. Augustine Catholic Church</i> ) 4:00 pm RE Online, 1st & 2nd Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, 12th Gr, Zoom
Dec 9 Wed	9:30 am Mass 4:00 pm RE Online, 3rd & 4th Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, Gr. 7/8 & 9/10, Zoom
Dec 10 Thu	4:00 pm RE Online, 5th & 6th Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, 11th Gr, Zoom
Dec 11 Fri	10:00 am Fr Paul's Private Mass 11:00 am Private Prayer/Adoration, CH
Dec 12 Sat	No activity in the morning

## IN LOVING MEMORY



It is with deep sadness that we inform you that Nicholas Reed, the beloved son of Marvin and Jill Reed, passed away on November 19.

Please remember the Reed family in your prayers.



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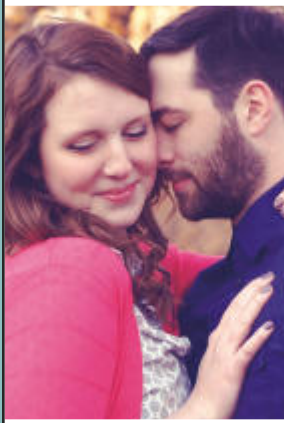
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