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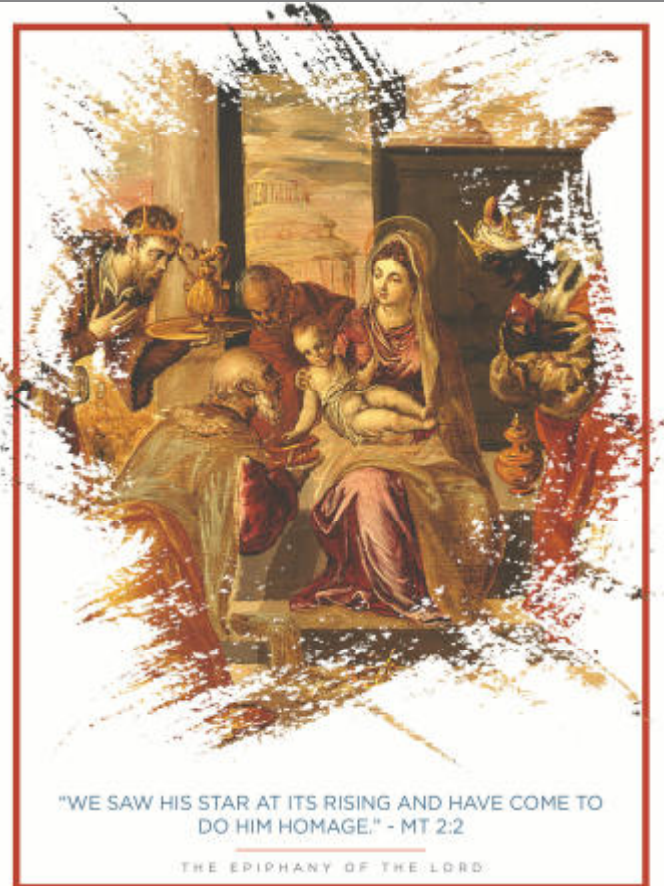
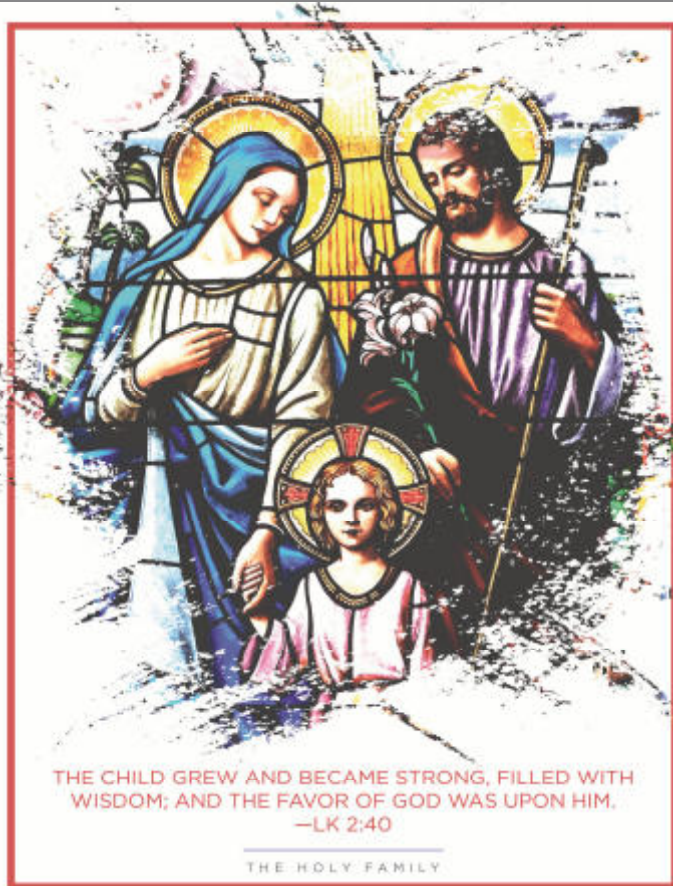
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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
The Epiphany of the Lord

27 December 2020
3 January 2021



LIVE THE LITRUGY

Inspiration for the week (December 27)

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

LIVE THE LITRUGY

Inspiration for the week (January 3)

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate the path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

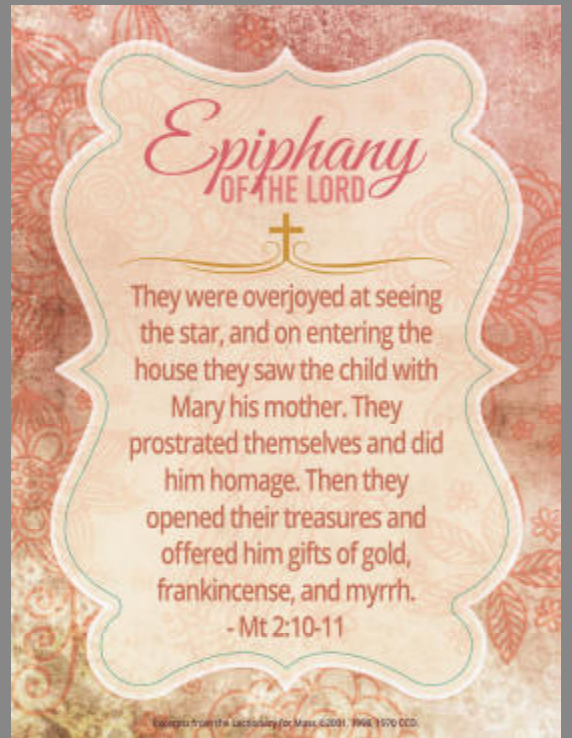
Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important, God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember that many days begin and end with the people closest to you. Do not misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. Augustine & St. Mary January 25-March 22, Mondays at 10 am via Zoom

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline™ Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan. Cost with book and 1-year access to videos online is \$25. You can attend for free on class time only.

Email Barb Dumit to sign up: tbdumit@comcast.net

St Augustine Baby Boutique*

The Pro Life Ministry of St. Augustine invites you to donate baby items to our St. A Baby Boutique. The following items are the ones most requested and most needed by the clients of Pregnancy Care Clinic (PCC): size 3, 4, 5 and 6 diapers, baby wipes, Similac powder formula (any kind), baby boy clothes (from preemie to 2T), or monetary donation.

Note: Baby clothes do not need to be new but in good condition & good quality. No baby furniture please.

You may mail or drop off your CASH or CHECK donations at the parish office (make checks payable to St Augustine and write Pregnancy Care Clinic on the memo line).

Donations accepted January 1-31. A wooden box will be placed in the vestibule for all the baby items.

*Benefits the Clients of the Pregnancy Care Clinic



Next Baptisms are scheduled for February 13

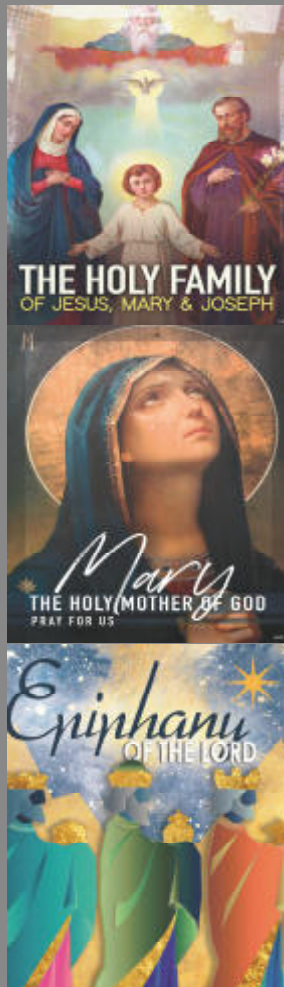
(subject to change depending on Covid19 restrictions)

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.

December 26 - January 2

Dec 26 Sat	4:00 pm Confession, PO 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (<i>Our Parishioners, INT</i>)
Dec 27 Sun	9:30 am Mass, Church (<i>Fr Roger Vehorn, INT; Jose Gonzales Bautista, RIP; Velia Vargas, RIP; Bert Letrondo, RIP; Wayne Martin, RIP; Jean Gelacio, RIP</i>) 9:30 am Mass, Parish Hall 9:30 am Mass Livestream (<i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i>)
Dec 28 Mon	Office Unavailable 4:30 pm Agape
Dec 29 Tue	Office Closed NO RE
Dec 30 Wed	Office Closed 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet, CH NO RE
Dec 31 Thu	NEW YEAR'S EVE - Office Closed, Holiday NO RE 5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass, CH/PH 5:00 pm New Year's Eve Livestream Mass, (<i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i>)
Jan 1 Fri	Office & Church Closed
Jan 2 Sat	No activity in the morning



January 2 - 9

Jan 2 Sat	4:00 pm Confession, PO 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (<i>Our Parishioners, INT</i>)
Jan 3 Sun	9:30 am Mass, Church (<i>Peping Campos, RIP; Paul Marano, RIP; Lilia Wunderly, RIP</i>) 9:30 am Mass, Parish Hall 9:30 am Mass Livestream (<i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i>)
Jan 4 Mon	Office Unavailable 4:00 pm Special Sacrament Class, Zoom 4:30 pm Agape
Jan 5 Tue	4:00 pm RE Online Class 1st & 2nd Gr; Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online Class 12th Gr, Zoom
Jan 6 Wed	9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet, CH 4:00 pm RE Online Class 3rd & 4th Gr; Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online Class 7/8 & 9/10 Gr, Zoom
Jan 7 Thu	4:00 pm RE Online Class 5th & 6th Gr; Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online Class 11th Gr, Zoom
Jan 8 Fri	11:00 am Private Prayer / Adoration, CH
Jan 9 Sat	9:00 am Baptism Prep Class, Zoom



Pray For...

**Tom Karney
Mary Pierzchala
Greg Reynolds
Lou & Lulu Santos
Dennis Sionson
Doug Undesser
Jean Valdez**

Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list. To include a loved one's name, please call the Parish Office at 360-675-2303.



Thinking About Becoming a EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? Now is the Time!

We will be holding a training session mid-January for anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at St. Augustine. With COVID restrictions, we have been doing things a bit differently, but still serving our parish family. If you are interested in joining our beautiful team of ministers after the holidays, please contact Debbie Karney at KrazyKs@Gmail.com or home phone: 360-240-8687. Email is always the best way to reach me due to my work schedule, but you could always leave a message on my machine at home. I am happy to answer questions and explain how we are serving during Covid, and what is needed to begin.

Please Note:

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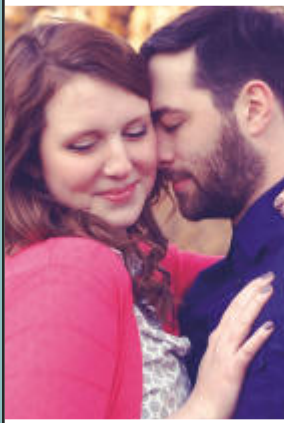
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