

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# St. Augustine

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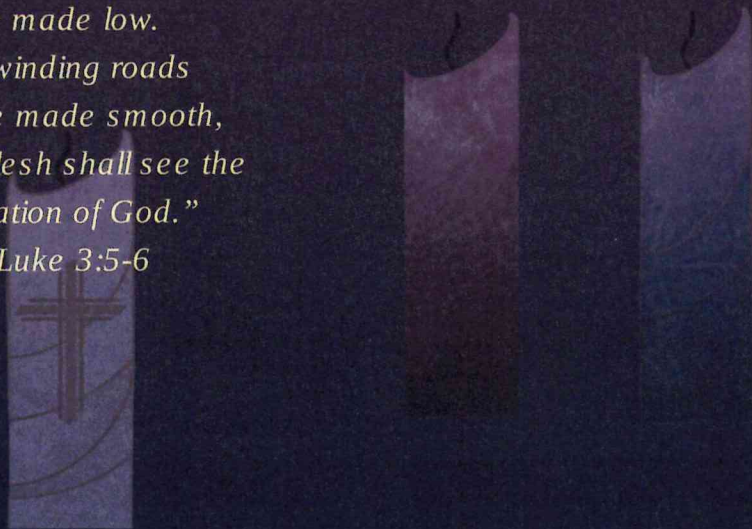
**Second Sunday of Advent**



*“Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall  
be made low.*

*The winding roads  
shall be made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God.”*

*- Luke 3:5-6*



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

*All Masses are Interpreted for the Deaf*

## **DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

Civic Holidays: 10:00 am

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
or by appointment

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday – Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## **SACRAMENTS**

Call the parish office to prepare for sacraments such as baptisms, weddings, first communion and confirmation.

# Welcome!

We are "A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart"



## Welcome to St. Augustine!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image or holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

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*Loving God,*

*For all who feel on the margins,  
But who are at the center of your heart,  
We ask you to open our hearts.*

*Help us to become a church and a nation where:*

***All lives have dignity,  
All people are loved,  
And all are welcome!***

*Amen*

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

#### Monday | Immaculate Conception of the

**Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Gn :9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

#### Tuesday | Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

#### Wednesday | Saint Damasus I

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday | Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19; Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712

#### Friday | Saint Lucy

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

#### Saturday | Saint John of the Cross

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



# Prayers and Offertory

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email [ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org) to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

Pat Abraham	Dorothy Barr	Joel Barr	Doug Church	Patti Cook
Mary Ann Crolley	Ilona Cykman	Ellen Ferrari	Mike Furey	John Garneau
Susan Grieken	Kathy Kohout	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco
Bridget Patton	Mike Perciadi	Brian Pfeiffer	Sheila Rock	Andrea Slosar
Richard Slosar	Mary Smith	Norma Turner	Nancy Van Gieson	

And for all those who are ill, home-bound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 7

4:15 pm † Fr. Raymond Mylott  
*Pastor from 1906-1923*

### Sunday, December 8

8:30 am † Andrew Finamore  
11:00 am † Philip Canepa

### Monday, December 9

5:30 pm † Lillian Mihalik

### Tuesday, December 10

5:30 pm † Curt Treska

### Wednesday, December 11

5:30 pm † Petro and Kataryna Duda

### Thursday, December 12

† Ken Aufmuth

### Friday, December 13

5:30 pm † Blanche Brown

### Saturday, December 14

4:15 pm † Helen Hauser

### Sunday, December 15

8:30 am † Nabucodnosor Morales  
11:00 am † Claire Cocklin  
† *Deceased*

## Offertory—

November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>

Regular Collection	\$1,477.10
E-Giving	\$ 200.00

**Total Collection \$1,677.10**

*Counter Team D is scheduled for Monday*

## Pope Francis'

### December Prayer Intention

For pilgrims of hope



We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day.  
Amen.

### WeGiveCatholic

A sincere **THANK YOU** to those who donated toward our Church Lighting Campaign. This past Tuesday we raised \$3,275. Donations are still needed and can be made by indicating Church Lighting Campaign on your donation.

### Donate online

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org) and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.



## Love Without Measure...

Outside this weekend it is cold as we anticipate the harsh months of winter to come, but today's gospel brings us to a much different place. It brings us to the desert. Not cold, but hot. Not damp, but dry, not populated, but empty. Today's gospel brings us to the desert because the desert is the place where we learn what is most important. The desert is the place where we realize what we need.

This was the experience of the Jewish people. After God freed them from the slavery of Egypt, they wandered for 40 years in the desert. It was in the desert that they became a people because they learned what really mattered. In the desert they did not build homes nor maintain businesses. In the desert, only two things were important: their faith in God and their love for one another. Each day they had to trust that God would be guiding them. Each day they had to care and support one another.

Today's gospel brings us into the desert with John the Baptist because it wants to remind us that for all the things that are going on in our life, only two things are important. In the desert, no matter how much money we have, there is nothing we can buy. In the desert, no matter how many computers and gadgets we own, there is no place to plug them in. No matter how attached to our smart phone, in the desert there is no reception. In the desert there are no parties, nothing to bake, no dinners to prepare. In the desert only two things matter: our love for God, and our love for one another.

So how do we get to the desert? Some of us are there already, because whenever sorrow or loss enter our life, they focus us on what is important. When we face a serious medical diagnosis, we realize how fragile life is, how quickly time passes as now is the time to place our trust in God and accept the help of family and friends. When we lose someone suddenly in death, we realize our relationships are more important than all of our activities and accomplishments. When a relationship is broken by hurt or misunderstanding, it makes us thankful for the relationships that continue.

But we do not need to experience loss and pain to see what really matters. With God's help we can learn the lesson of the desert even as we remain in our own home and circumstances. We can try to wake up each morning aware that no matter what we own or what we must do, nothing is more important than the people we love and those who love us in return.

So today, I invite you, as you face all the challenges of life and all of the activities of the holidays, to keep one foot in the desert – to remember the two things that really matter. If we live with faith in God and love for one another, we will really have all that we need – and that will bring us peace and lasting joy in this holy season and throughout the new year.

*Fr. Bill*



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is celebrated on December 8<sup>th</sup> and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. However, this year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. Since Sunday takes precedence over other feasts, this solemn feast is transferred to tomorrow, **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

This dogma proclaims that our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin. It refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother Anne, even though the gospel we hear at Mass this day is about the conception of Jesus. The relevance of this feast for us is to see in Mary an example of what God can do in a person and what we can do, if we put ourselves in God's hands and at God's service as Mary did. It will enable us to remain free from sin as much as humanly possible with God's grace.

The Masses for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be celebrated this Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at **10 am and 5:30 pm** this year. Both Masses will be interpreted.

*Please note there is no Vigil Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Feast Day.*

## Around the Parish

**Retirement Fund for Religious (Second Collection THIS Weekend)** This weekend's second collection helps more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades- usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.



### Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served 944 in the month of September, 942 in the month of October, and 1,125 in the month of November.
- ◆ In the month of September we helped 209 new families, 171 during the month of October and in November 218 new friends came to us in need.

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

IN SONG AND SIGN



Join us for an afternoon filled with festive music and holiday cheer.



THE ST. AUGUSTINE SIGNING CHOIR  
AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday, December 15

1:00 PM

FREE CONCERT

## Faith Formation

### Young Adult Retreat

St. Basil the Great is hosting an all-day retreat on December 28<sup>th</sup> for college-aged young adults, ages 19-23. The day will be hosted by TOB CLE's Rafe Lewis who will break open trust in the Lord and how to entrust Him with all our plans, hopes, and desires. They will offer community building, Mass, Adoration, and Confession. Register at <https://basilteen.breezechms.com/form/43e2f8>

### New Papal Encyclical: Dilexit Nos

On October 24, Pope Francis released a new encyclical, **He Loved Us**, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Archbishop Broglio, president of the USCCB, invites the faithful to pray with it. The Archbishop said, "In his encyclical Dilexit Nos, the Holy Father teaches us that devotion to the heart of Jesus can open our own hearts to renewed ways we can love and be loved."

To read the whole encyclical visit:  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html>

A Brief Guide for Busy Readers can be found at:  
[https://www.pillaratholic.com/p/dilexit-nos-a-brief-guide-for-busy?utm\\_source=publication-search](https://www.pillaratholic.com/p/dilexit-nos-a-brief-guide-for-busy?utm_source=publication-search)

### Is God calling you to full membership in the Catholic Church?

The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). The OCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer, and fellowship. Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic for some time but never got around to doing anything about it....Perhaps you are married to a Catholic but have not yet made a religious commitment of your own...Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received Holy Communion or Confirmation. Perhaps you were raised in a non-Catholic Christian community and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information please call (216) 781-5530 or send an email to [info@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:info@staugustinecleveland.org).

### Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf

Mary's Rosary Guild of the Deaf invites you to their Advent reflections on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (Topic: Joy with Jesus) and December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Topic: "Stories of Angels of Love) from 10 am until 10:45 am. The reflections will be lead by Kate Slosar and Jeannie Rawlings.

## Parish Breakfast

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new member of our parish family, or just visiting, you are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast next **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building).

## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one by donating toward the Christmas flowers used to decorate the church, please clearly mark "Christmas Flowers" on an envelope. The envelope can then be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the office. If you would like your loved one's name recognized in the bulletin (between Christmas & New Year) please clearly write "In memory of with you loved one's name and place in the envelope. These need to be submitted by December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Church Decorating

In anticipation of the birth of Christ, we are seeking some angels that are willing to help us decorate the Church on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 11 am Mass. Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

## 😊 On the Lighter Side 😊

An older gentleman was rushed to the hospital with a possible concussion. The doctor asked him a series of questions: Do you know where you are? I'm at Rex Hospital. What city are you in? Raleigh. Do you know who I am? Dr. Hamilton. He then turned to the nurse and said, I hope he doesn't ask me any more questions. Why? she asked. Because all of those answers were on his badge.

## This week at St. Augustine

### Monday, December 9, 2024

10:00 am: Mass- Immaculate Conception- **Holy Day of Obligation**  
 10:00 am: Acrylic Painting- Broadway School of Arts and Music (Walsh)  
 5:30 pm: Mass- Immaculate Conception- **Holy Day of Obligation**  
 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh Hall)  
 5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Wednesday, December 11, 2024

12:30 pm: Sign Language Class (Parish Administration)  
 3:00 pm: Links (Walsh Hall)  
 5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)  
 6:30 pm: Signing Hands (Walsh Hall)

### Thursday, December 12, 2024

12:00 pm: St. Augustine Seniors (Walsh Hall)  
 5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (School Building)  
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Friday, December 13, 2024

12:00 pm: Sign Language Class for Beginners (Parish Administration)  
 5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Saturday, December 14, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet  
 4:15 pm: Mass (Church)  
 5:00 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:30 am: Mass (Church)  
 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Parish Breakfast (Walsh Hall)  
 9:45 am -10:45 am: PSR (School Building)  
 11:00 am: Mass (Church)  
 1:00 pm: Choir Concert (Church)

<b>December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday: 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday: 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday: 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S Deacon Chris DePenti (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ Deacon Chris DePenti (H)
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<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Magdaleno Rivera Michelle Rivera	Dave Murray Debbie Sollars	Nora Kowalchik Kate Slosar
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday: 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday: 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday: 11 AM</b>
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