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Let Every Heart Prepare!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SAINT AUGUSTINE & SAINT MARY

"My Puppy Takes Prozac" or Getting Ready for Jesus



A new candle is lit on each of the 4 Sundays of Advent. The Light of the World is coming!

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart prepare him room!"
We will sing that on Christmas, welcoming

Jesus our Savior, born into the world.

But can I be joyful? My puppy is taking Prozac (seriously). Things can get so anxious at this time of year, I think of borrowing some. Is someone you know ill? Is this the first Christmas without a loved one? Finances tight? Too much to do?

The 4 weeks of Advent before Christmas offer the chance to prepare room in our lives and hearts for Jesus by turning to him, handing him our worries and anxiousness, taking time for him. Add a *spiritual* gift for yourself to your list. Do some *spiritual*

reading: there are Advent devotional books at church, for free or a small donation. Take advantage of expanded opportunities for *Confession* in the evening or midday. Go to one of the festive *Masses* on the Immaculate Conception, and on Our Lady of Guadalupe, or on Simbang Gabi. Take part in the *Giving Tree*, or do another act of kindness or gift to charity. On Christmas your heart will be ready for joy, and your life will be a gift to offer Jesus when we welcome him at his birth!

Father Paul Pluth

OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE

- ◆ *Confessions* will be celebrated Wednesday evening Dec 3rd & 17th, 5 pm to 7 pm at St Augustine; Fridays at 11:30 am (St A); Saturdays at 4 pm (St A); and every Sunday at 12:15 pm at St Mary.
- ◆ *Immaculate Conception of Mary Masses* on Sunday, Dec 7th, 6 pm (*Latin*, St A); Monday, Dec 8th, 9 am (St A), 12:10 pm (St M), 6 pm (St A)
- ◆ *Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Spanish & English)* on Friday, Dec 12, 6 pm at St Augustine
- ◆ *Simbang Gabi Mass (Tagalog & English)* on Saturday, Dec 20, 5 pm at St Augustine
- ◆ *Advent Devotional Books* available at church: *The Little Blue Book*, and *An Advent Pilgrimage* by Archbishop Sartain

Advent Speaker: Karlo Broussard at St Augustine

An Advent opportunity to grow in faith is here!

Karlo Broussard from the Magis Center of Reason and Faith joins us for two evenings!

December 3rd,
Wednesday, at 6:30 pm
AND December 4th,
Thursday, at 7:00 pm in
St Augustine parish hall.

On December 3rd Karlo will speak about "Science: A Believer's Friend or Foe?" Does one have to reject belief in God and

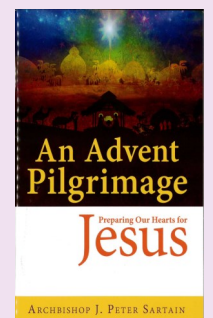
embrace science in order to be intellectually responsible? Karlo will show why science is indeed a believer's friend as opposed to a foe.

On December 4th, the topic is "The Historical Jesus: Emmanuel or Mere Prophet?"






Karlo addresses modern myths that constitute skepticism towards Jesus. Karlo will dispel such myths by providing historical evidence for

Jesus' explicit and implicit claims to Divinity and the vindication of such claims in his resurrection.

Visit the Magis Center website for more information at www.magiscenter.com







Saint Augustine Advent & Christmas Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| November 30 Advent Begins 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass Giving Tree Tags available for pick-up | December 1 | 2 | 3 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Confessions Karlo Broussard 6:30 pm | 4 9:00 am Mass Karlo Broussard 7:00 pm | 5 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Confessions 12:00 pm Latin Mass | 6 9:00 am First Saturday Mass 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Spanish Mass |
| 7 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Latin Mass, Immaculate Conception Vigil <i>Day of Obligation</i> | 8 Immaculate Conception <i>Day of Obligation</i> 9:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Mass  | 9 | 10 | 11 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Giving Tree Wrapping Party | 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe  4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass 11:30 am Confessions 12:00 pm Latin Mass 6:30 pm Mass (Bilingual) Potluck follows | 13 |
| 14 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:00 am Latin Mass | 15 | 16 | 17 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Confessions | 18 9:00 am Mass | 19 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Confessions 12:00 pm Latin Mass | 20 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass Simbang Gabi (Bilingual) Potluck follows  |
| 21 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve 7:30 pm Mass 10:30 pm Mass | 25 Christmas Day 9:30 am Mass  | 26 | 27 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass |
| 28 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:00 am Latin Mass | 29 | 30 | 31 Mother of God Vigil <i>Day of Obligation</i> 6:00 pm Mass |  A Blessed Christmas Season to You All! | | |

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| November 30 Advent Begins 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Confessions | December 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 12:10 pm Mass | 5 | 6 9am - 2pm Holiday Bazaar |
| 7 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Confessions | 8 Immaculate Conception <i>Day of Obligation</i> 12:10 pm Mass  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe  | 13 |
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