

Love, the Lord, is On the Way!

Advent & Christmas NEWSLETTER 2016

The Catholic Churches of Saint Augustine & Saint Mary

“People, Look East, the Time is Near”



A new candle is lit on each of the 4 Sundays of Advent. Love, the Guest, is coming!

**“People, look east.
The time is near
of the crowning
of the year.
Make your house fair
as you are able,
trim the hearth**

**and set the table.
People, look east
and sing today:
Love, the guest,
is on the way.**

RiteAid, Ace, Walmart, and Home Depot are getting ready for a guest - Jesus! The Guest who is Love, as “People, Look East”, an Advent carol, says. Christians use the 4 weeks of the Advent to get ready by decorating the houses and tables of our hearts with prayer, spiritual devotions and actions, even while we put up lights and decorations on our homes.

Christmas falls on a

Sunday this year, so we have 4 full weeks of Advent to prepare our lives to welcome Love, the Guest. Try some *spiritual reading*: there are Advent devotional books at church. Set aside time for *Confession*. Take part in the *Bags of Blessings* or do another act of kindness or gift to charity. Send a Christmas card to someone who never gets one. So much we can do to get ready!

**Set every peak
and valley humming
with the word,
the Lord is coming.
People look east,**

OPPORTUNITIES IN ADVENT

- *Bags of Blessings* starts December 3rd at St Augustine.
- *Confessions* are celebrated Fridays at 8:30 am and Saturdays at 4 pm at St Augustine, and every Sunday in Advent at 12:15 pm at St Mary.
- *From the Root of Jesse to the Star* Thursday, Dec 1st, 6:30 pm at St A.
- *Immaculate Conception of Mary* Masses Thursday, Dec 8th, 9 am (English), 12 noon (Latin), & 6 pm (St A); 12:10 pm (St M).
- *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Mass (Spanish & English), Saturday, Dec 10th, 5 pm at St Augustine
- *Simbang Gabi* Mass (Tagalog & English), Saturday, Dec 17th, 5 pm at St Augustine
- *The Little Blue Book Advent & Christmas Devotional* is available in church, while copies last.

From the Root of Jesse to the Star: A Worship

The coming holidays are rich with meaning and promise, from the Days of Advent, when we hear the promise of a coming Savior (*Jesus - a descendant of King David - is the branch from the Root of Jesse, the father of David*), through the feasts of Christmas, Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, to Epiphany, when God sets a star in the sky to








“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Isaiah 11:1

lead representatives of all the nations on earth to the baby who is the Gift from Heaven.

Come to St Augustine Church on December 1, at 6:30 pm, and join with me in our Advent Reflection *From the Root of Jesse to the Star: Worship from Advent to Epiphany*. Make your spiritual preparation to celebrate “the holidays that bring us hope!”



Saint Augustine Advent & Christmas Calendar




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20 November 27 1st Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:15 am Latin Mass	28 9:00 am Mass	29	30	December 1 9:00 am Mass 6:30 pm Advent Reflection by Father Paul, Parish Hall	2 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass	3 9:00 am First Saturday Mass 4:00 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Spanish Mass
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