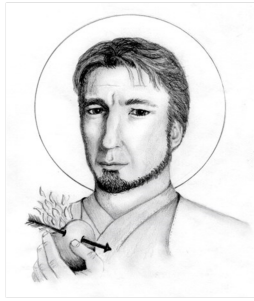


Saint Augustine & Saint Mary Catholic Churches

A Parish Family



December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord
January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses



Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Augustine
Sun. 8:00 am - St. Augustine
Sun. 9:30 am - St. Augustine
Sun. 11:15 am - St. Mary
Wed. 9:30 am - St. Augustine
Thur. 9:30 am - St. Mary
Fri. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

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St Augustine

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Office Closed

December 23, 2022 - January 2, 2023

St Mary

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P.O. Box 1319
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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

We Encounter Jesus St Augustine

The Parish office will be closed December 23 - January 2

RE Classes - Christmas break through January 3

December 24	Saturday	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	NO Confessions Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord (<i>Aborted children</i>)
December 25	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am	Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord (<i>All those in need</i>)
December 28	Wednesday	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Divine Mercy/Adoration, CH
December 30	Friday	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Divine Mercy/Adoration, CH
December 31	Saturday	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Confession Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God (<i>Our Parishioners</i>) New Year's Eve Potluck, KT & PH
January 1	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am	Mass of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
January 4	Wednesday	No Mass	
January 5	Thursday	6:30 pm	RCIA, CR 1&2
January 6	Friday	No Mass	

St Mary

December 25	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord (<i>All those in need</i>)
December 29	Thursday	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Adoration, CH
January 1	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
January 5	Thursday	No Mass	



St. Mary Pastoral Council Corner



Dear Parishioners,
We wish you a most holy and joyous Christmas.

We wish you a wonderful and growth-filled year.

Let us pray for our parish family and kneel in gratitude for the blessing that we are to each other.

We are here to serve you as we grow together as a parish family.

With Our Love and Prayers,

Aida Hartshorn, Barbara Hoyman,
Bill Knight, Chris Barrett,
Deborah Washington, Maria Mitchell,
Paul Young, Phil Savereux, and
Shari Lowder

We Pray for Our Family

Ruth Abrea, Baby Amelia, Elnora Archer, Fr. Larry Bailey,
Eileen Catalano, Tom Dumit, Mamie Forbes, Douglas Hammer,
Sheryl Henry, Marsha Kilgore, Jack Kraft,
Alexandria Molt, Rosemary Morrison, Richard Rezabek,
John Romanski, Fr. Teofilo Rustia, Lou Santos,
Dennis Sionson, Chuck Tollefson,
Jeanne Valdez, David Williams,
Larry Williams, Patty Williams, Diane Young

Permission is required from the individual
prior to adding their name to the prayer list.

To include a loved one, please call the parish office at 360-675-2303

Sacraments

Baptisms:

- ⌘ Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 11:00 am at St Augustine.
Required Baptism class, Saturday, January 14, 2023, 9am - 12.
- ⌘ Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 to register. **We are scheduling 4 baptisms every month.**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

- ⌘ Classes are Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.
- ⌘ Classes are for non-baptized adults or baptized adults of a different denomination to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Also for baptized Catholics who have not received 1st Communion and/or Confirmation.
- ⌘ Please call Rowena Harless at 360-675-2303 to register.

Anointings:

- ⌘ Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 during business hours to request an anointing.
- ⌘ If you call the office after business hours, the recording will give you the number to call for an **emergency anointing only.**
- ⌘ An individual may receive one anointing per month.

*"May the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace
in your faith, so that in the
power of the Holy Spirit
you may be rich in hope."*

— Romans 15:13

Stewardship

Saint Augustine

Weekly Expenses	\$13,090
December 11 Offering	\$15,522



Saint Mary

Weekly Expenses	\$ 2,962
December 11 Offering	\$ 4,866

We encourage you to use online bill-pay through your bank as there is no cost to the parish or to you.

Include your envelope number and mail your donations to: P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.
If you need your envelope number please call the parish office 360-675-2303. Thank you!

News & Events



Warm Clothing Drive - The Catholic Daughters are collecting warm coats, NEW socks, hats, and gloves for all ages December through February. Please drop off clean warm clothing items in the box in the Vestibule.



2022 Taxes - Please note that all 2022 contributions to St. Augustine and St. Mary need to be received by December 31, 2022 in order to be credited to your 2022 taxes.

New Year's Eve Potluck & White Elephant - Join us on December 31st from 6pm - 10pm in the Parish Hall For a New Year's Eve Potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share and a gift that might be better suited to someone else for a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Make sure your gift is wrapped. One gift per participant. For more information call the parish office at 360-675-2303.



Santo Nino de Cebu Novena and Mass - There will a nine-day Novena January 12-20. We will celebrate Santo Nino de Cebu at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, January 21. For more information, please contact Bibi Albornoz at 360-679-2102.



"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute."

- St. Augustine



Little Stories of Big Faith

Years ago, when our children were little, I was working at a school where many families were in great need. It was almost time for Christmas, and I knew many children there would not be getting gifts. After talking with my own children and husband, we decided we would make a box of gifts for one of the families most in need. My children picked out some of their newer and best toys to give to the children from my school. We gathered our money together and bought some other items. One evening, before Christmas, my husband and oldest son (age 12) quietly left the gift box on the porch while the rest of us waited in the car. They ran back to the car and we drove away quickly. We were all so excited! Christmas came and went; we returned to work and school. During class that week, one of the children in the family said, "Guess what happened right before Christmas? An Angel of God brought us Christmas gifts. My family was so happy; we thanked God for sending us gifts." My own children have never forgotten that night. Perhaps this gift of self to others helped lead them on a path of giving.



Octave of Christmas Masses

Christmas Vigil Mass
Saturday, December 24
5:00 pm St. Augustine

The Nativity of Our Lord
Sunday, December 25
8:00 am St. Augustine
9:30 am St. Augustine
11:15 am St. Mary

New Year's Eve Mass
Saturday, December 31
5:00 pm St. Augustine

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, January 1
8:00 am St. Augustine
9:30 am St. Augustine
11:15 am St. Mary

Floral Mass Intentions

Christmas Flowers are courtesy of:

Martha McAllister in loving memory of her mother Zoe Dubelman
The West Family in loving memory of the parents of Clint & Pat
Mary Waters in remembrance of the Wedding Anniversary of James & Julia Waters
An anonymous donor in remembrance of Donna Rose & Kay Hopper
Many anonymous donors wishing their church family a joyous Christmas!



Parish Job Openings

Administrative Assistant

St. Augustine Church is seeking to hire a full-time (30 hours per week) Administrative Assistant to support the Pastor and Parish Administrator. The overall duties include overseeing and managing all routine office activities, maintaining the parish database of information, the collections system, registering new parishioners, working with volunteers, developing the weekly bulletin and coordinating parish mailings.

Candidate must be fluent in English, have thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office and strong computer skills. Other necessary skills include strong verbal and written communication, attention to detail, organizational abilities, ability to multitask, administration experience and some accounting experience.

Successful candidates should be registered to the parish, active participants in Catholic worship and parish life. The complete job description and application packet are available on our website www.staugustineoh.org or from admin@staugustineoh.org.

Accompanist (piano and/or organ)

St. Augustine Church is seeking to hire an accompanist (piano and/or organ) to provide music for parish liturgies and other designated celebrations. The position would collaborate with the Pastor or other assigned consultive body. The candidate would select the music and need to audition for the Pastor. The position is a year-round position up to 10 hours per week. Successful candidates should be registered to a Catholic parish and active participants in Catholic worship and parish life. The complete job description and application packet are available on our website www.staugustineoh.org or from admin@staugustineoh.org.

Bookkeeper

St. Augustine Church is seeking to hire a part-time (10 hours per week) parish bookkeeper to provide bookkeeping services for the parish, in accordance with Archdiocesan administration and finance policies and procedures. Position would maintain banking accounts, reconciles bank statements, accounts for all contributions to the parish and deposits parish collections, provides assistance to the pastoral leader and serves as staff to the Parish Finance Council as requested. Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of QuickBooks and strong computer skills. The complete job description and application packet are available on our website www.staugustineoh.org or from admin@staugustineoh.org.

JANUARY DAILY READINGS 2023

1 – The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Gal 4:-7
Lk 2:16-21

2 – Memorial of Sts Blaise the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 1:19-28

3 – Christmas Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6
Jn 1:29-34

4 – Memorial of St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
Jn 1:35-42

5 – Memorial of St John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Jn 1:43-51

6 – Christmas Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
M 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36,38

7 – Christmas Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a &9b
Jn 2:1-11

8 – Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

9 – The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Mt 3:13-17

10 – Tue – 1st wk in Ord Time

Heb 2:5-12
Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 1:21-28

11 – Wed – 1st wk in Ord Time

Heb 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 1:29-39

12 – Thu – 1st wk in Ord Time

Heb 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
Mk 1:40-45

13 – Fri – 1st wk in Ord Time

Heb 4:1-6
Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7,8
Mk 2:1-12

14 – Sat – 1st wk in Ord Time

Heb 4:12-16
Ps 19:8
Mk 2:13-17

15 – 2nd Sunday in Ord Time

Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3

16 – Mon – 2nd wk in Ord Time

Heb 5:1-10
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 2:18-22

17 – Memorial of St Anthony, Abbott

Heb 6:10-20
Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c
Mk 2:23-28

18 – Wed – 2nd wk in Ord Time

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 3:1-6

19 – Thu – 2nd wk in Ord Time

Heb 7:25—8:6
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Mk 3:7-12

20 – Fri – 2nd wk in Ord Time

Heb 8:6-13
Ps 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mk 3:13-19

21 – Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 3:20-21

22 – 3rd Sunday in Ord Time

Is 8:23—9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

23 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 9:15, 24-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Mk 3:22-30

24 – Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10
Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11
Mk 3:31-35

25 – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

26 – Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus, bishops

1 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mk 4:21-25

27 – Fri – 3rd wk in Ord Time

Heb 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mk 4:26-34

28 – Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Heb 11:1-2, 8-190
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Mk 4:35-41

29 – 4th Sunday in Ord Time

Zep2:3; 3:12-13
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

30 – Mon – 4th wk in Ord Time

Heb 11:32-40
Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24
Mk 5:1-20

31 – Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest

Heb 12:1-4
Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32
Mk 5:21-43

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January 2023

Catholic Community of St. Augustine and St. Mary

Rev. Chris Hoiland, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.

Choose not to be offended

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.



"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).



Fall deeper in love with Christ in the New Year

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T-Talk: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: "*Call to me, and I will answer you*" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "*When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you*" (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

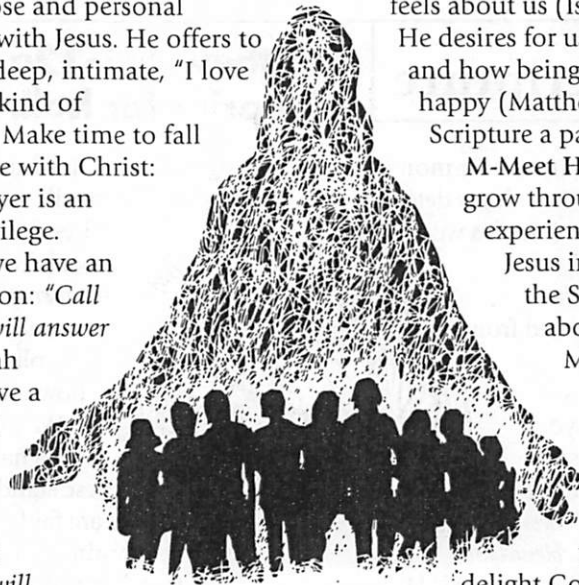
I-Intimacy: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us

who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M-Meet Him: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

E-Everything for love: St. Thérèse of Lisieux discovered that she could

delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture. Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This



is what we call, "Tradition," or what was "handed on." Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25). Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.

Make one change for God this year

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our faith ...

Laura felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorers for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Laura can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She



said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour each week. It's just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why, he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'"

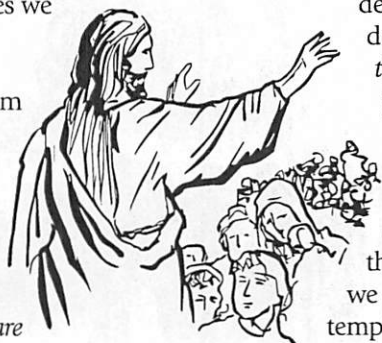
JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

from Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12a, Jesus' blueprint for holiness

This passage contains the Sermon on the Mount during which Jesus detailed the Beatitudes – the attitudes we need to be truly holy, and therefore happy. In fact, "beatitude" is translated from the Greek word for happiness. Jesus was saying, "Happy are you!" or "Congratulations!" if you live by these attitudes.

When Jesus said, "blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are they who mourn ... the persecuted" He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart ... those who hunger and thirst



for righteousness," He was showing us that a holy heart will receive what it desires. When He described "the meek ... the merciful ... the peacemakers," He gave us a blueprint for how to act.

We can measure our behavior against these standards. When we are faithful to God in tempting moments, and translate holy inner attitudes into outward actions, we'll know we're on the right path to holiness. When we live by the Beatitudes, we'll be truly happy.

Q & A What qualities can I pursue to make me a better follower of Jesus?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.



Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all his creations.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.

Feasts & Celebrations

January 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Known as "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence, St. Gregory was unwillingly made Bishop of Sasima. He worked to clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

January 16 – St. Berard and Companions (1220). St. Francis of Assisi sent St. Berard and his companions to evangelize in the Muslim territories. After being arrested in Morocco, they were martyred after refusing to stop preaching and renounce their Faith.

January 23 – St. Marianne Cope

(1918). St. Marianne began religious life as an educator in New York schools, and later became a nurse. In 1883, she helped St. Damien de Veuster serve the leper colonies of Hawaii, continuing his work after his death.

January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul (1st Century). Formally called "Saul", he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



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