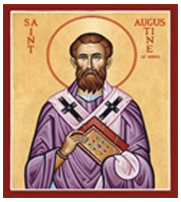


St. Augustine Catholic Church & School

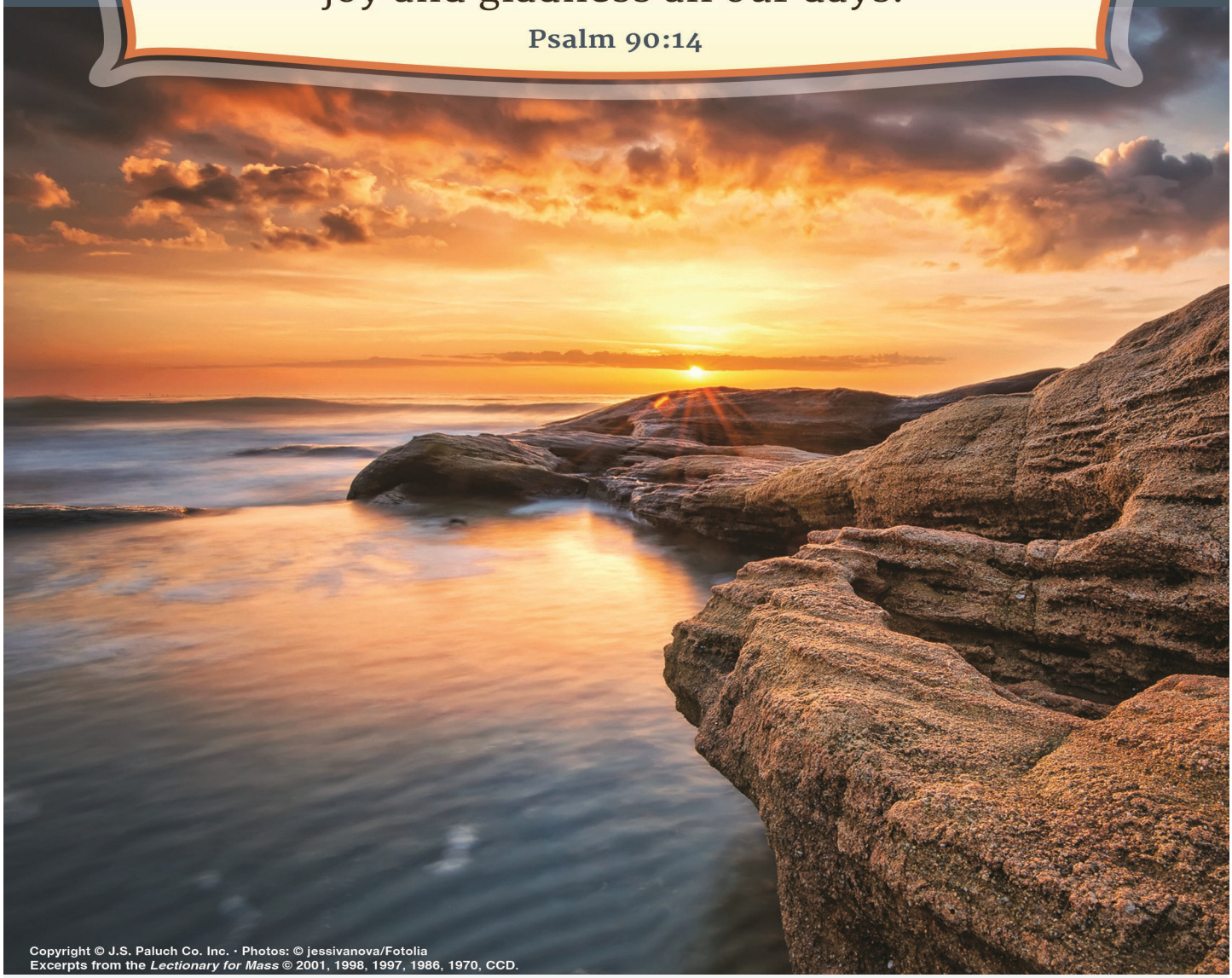
Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Tradition

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2022

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14



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Discipleship and Wisdom

Last week, our readings explored the connection between discipleship and humility. On this 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, they probe the relationship between discipleship and wisdom.

According to Pope Francis, wisdom is that gift of the Holy Spirit which allows us to see everything with the eyes of God, to listen with the ears of God, to love with the heart of God, and to judge things with the judgment of God. We cannot obtain wisdom by our own efforts or merits. It is a gift that God gives to those who open their hearts to his Spirit. If humility allows us to know who we are before God, then wisdom empowers us to discern what is of God and to choose what leads us – and others -- to God.

The *Book of Wisdom* addresses wisdom's role in the life of the disciple. Without the Spirit's gift of wisdom, we can scarcely *guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty*. Wisdom, however, allows the disciple knowledge of the transcendent, of the "unknowable realities," through what has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom makes *the paths of those on earth … straight*, empowering the disciple to distinguish between what is real and true and what is false, between what lasts and what withers away. It provides disciples access to divine counsel and an understanding of God's ways.

Wisdom reminds us that discipleship is not about rules and regulations. It is about a person, Jesus Christ, who is wisdom incarnate, and our voluntary commitment to follow wherever he leads us. As Jesus is 100 percent devoted to the Father and obedient to the Father's will, even at the cost of his life on the cross, so disciples, inspired by this same wisdom, understand the cost of grace and willingly and faithfully follow Jesus through our own crosses to the end -- not just when it is convenient for us to do so.

Because wisdom does not arise from earthly standards of morality, but from Jesus, it entails fidelity to the Gospel, which demands that disciples sometimes do things that the world considers crazy or unreasonable, like love our enemies and forgive those who have harmed us. The disciple's acceptance and embrace of divine wisdom orients us to doing what is right and to treating each other as brothers and sisters in Christ because we all share the same Spirit given to us at our baptisms. Wisdom helps disciples make tough choices, such as those presented in *Philemon* and *Luke*.

Philemon recounts two difficult choices. The first is Paul's decision to send Onesimus, an escaped slave but also a beloved friend and co-worker whom Paul has brought to faith, back to his owner Philemon, who is also a Christian. Writing from prison, Paul's decision could not have been an easy one. Indeed, he refers to Onesimus as *my child* and *my own heart* and expresses his wish that he might keep Onesimus with him to help him to continue to proclaim the Gospel. However, Paul realizes that only Philemon can allow that to happen, so he sends Onesimus back to his master. Divine wisdom enables Paul to make the tough but right choice. The second difficult choice is the one Philemon will have once Onesimus returns to him. Paul reminds Philemon that he should treat Onesimus no longer as a slave but as his beloved brother in Christ, *as a man and in the Lord.* Divine wisdom demands that we make tough choices based not on worldly values and morals but on the person of Jesus, who treated everyone, regardless of their socio-economic status, as his beloved brother or sister.

Luke presents perhaps the toughest choices demanded by wisdom. *If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.* To be a disciple of Jesus, of divine wisdom, we must be as devoted to Jesus as Jesus is to his Father. Such devotion can involve disciples in difficult and painful conflicts, not only with the secular world and its attitude toward Christians, but also whenever we must respond to whatever God is calling us. This divine call may ask that we leave families and loved ones behind so that we can follow where Jesus leads. It may demand sharing of our goods with those in need and ensuring that our money and possessions do not become our idols, the things for which we will die. It may require the use of our time and talents to build up the Kingdom of God. It will always ask that we carry the crosses of our lives with faith in Jesus and confidence in his promise of eternal life and joy. It also demands that we make a careful and realistic accounting of the cost of discipleship before we commit our lives to Christ.

Wisdom is as critical to discipleship as humility, faith, hope, love and all the other qualities that Jesus has been teaching us as he journeys to Jerusalem. Wisdom enables us to make Jesus our priority, so that we may see everything with the eyes of God, listen with the ears of God, love with the heart of God, and judge things with the judgment of God. Wisdom inspires us to sing with the psalmist – *in every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Blessings, Fr. Chris

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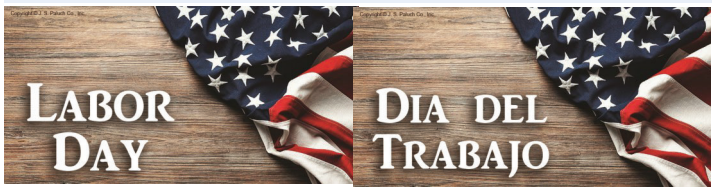


As Summer officially comes to an end, the parish staff and clergy wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day celebration. We hope you enjoy your BBQ's and day of rest.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday September 5th for Labor Day, and will reopen on Tuesday September 6th at 9:00am. There will be NO adoration and NO confessions on Monday. However, the evening mass at 5:30pm will be celebrated as usual.

Mass Intentions

September 3 to September 11

Saturday, September 3
8:00 AM - Maria Cristina Ocasio Ruiz †
7:00 PM - Maria Luna †

Sunday, September 4
9:00 AM - Josefina Bautista †
11:00 AM - Salvatore Bernardis †
1:00 PM - Patricia Prieto †, Andres Valle †
5:00 PM - Joe Mardini † Mary Mardini †,
Michael Mardini †, Lucy Mardini †

Monday, September 5 (Parish Office Closed- Labor Day Holiday)
5:30 PM - Carmen Piña † and Alfredo Salman †

Tuesday, September 6
5:30 PM - Jadis Santiago

Wednesday, September 7
8:00 AM - Camille Thompson
5:30 PM - José Humberto Valdez †

Thursday, September 8
8:00 AM - Ann Lane †

Friday, September 9
5:30 PM - Sofia Senen †

Saturday, September 10
7:00 PM - Rodolfo Rivas† , Papa Rigo † , Isabel Cartageña † ,
Ana Cartageña †

Sunday, September 11
9:00 AM - Jenelee Robles †,
Antero & Diodesa Santarín †, Samantha Santarín †
11:00 AM - Salvatore Bernardis †
1:00 PM - Maria Luna †
5:00 PM - Gloria Rubio †,

Please remember the following in your prayers:

For those who have asked for prayers, for themselves, or for others, especially: Anna Pratt, Marion Spinelli, Pilar Carreon & family, Cecilia Fung, Mariam Sabry & Marc Balatero and the Balatero /Sabry Families, Evelyn Jazwa, Sr. Maria Elizabeth Sorahan, DMJ, Cecilia Bacura, Eugenia Sánchez, Carlos Gilberto Ortega, Sara Palomo, James Palomo, Najla Haddad, Ray Coffin, Lily M. Sayegh, Sr. Clare Briody, Monique Nestico

For those who have died, that God will raise them on the last day, especially: Adnan Innabi, Julia De la Cruz, Sau Fong Fung , Sandy DiSpirito, Nishantha De Silva, Paul Lee Strand, Jose Zelaya, Raymar Resuello, Ana Zelayandia, Anne Lane, John Hopper II, Rizkalla Adam, Betty Hutchinson, Evelyn Cronin, Andee McLure, Nishantha Seneviratne, Jose Carlos Ramiro De La Luz Vasquez, Bob Guziak, Sr. Mary Rose Creegan, Raymond Elias, Patrick Lui, Teodoricio "Teddy" Estrada

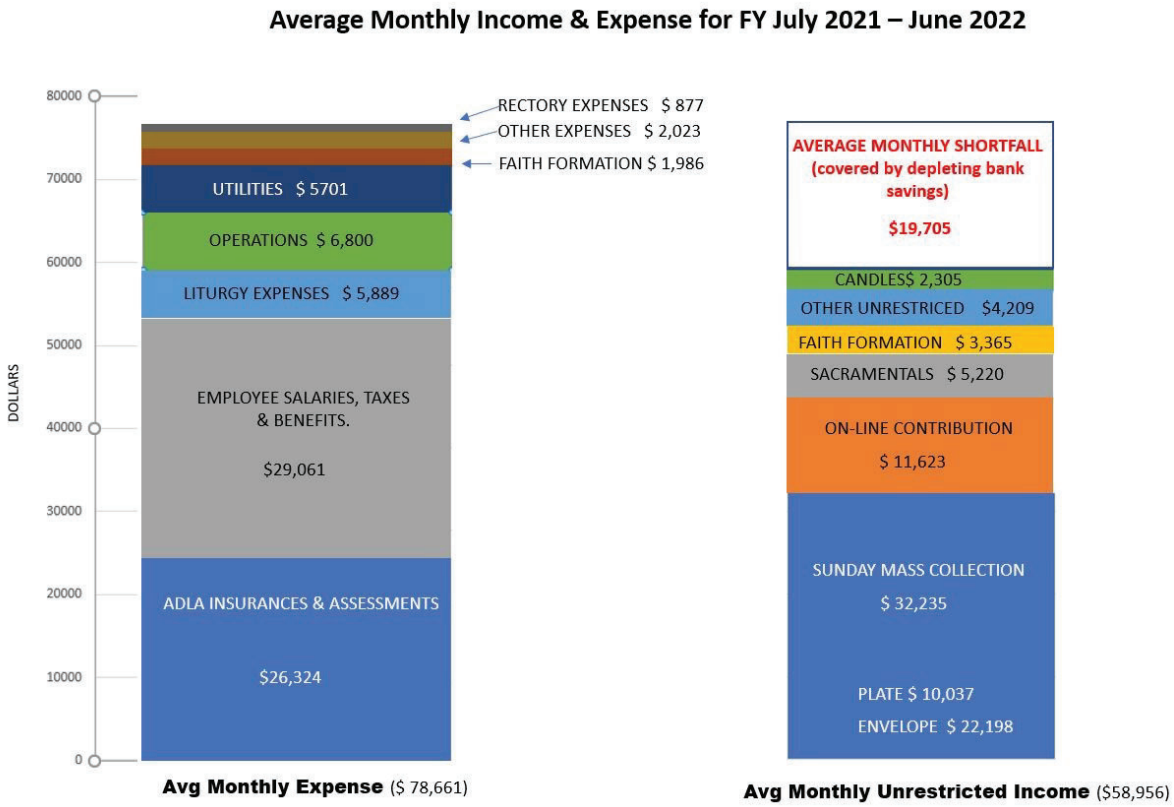
What did St. Augustine say?

"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself."

— St. Augustine of Hippo

Parish Financial Review in the CONTEXT of STEWARDSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

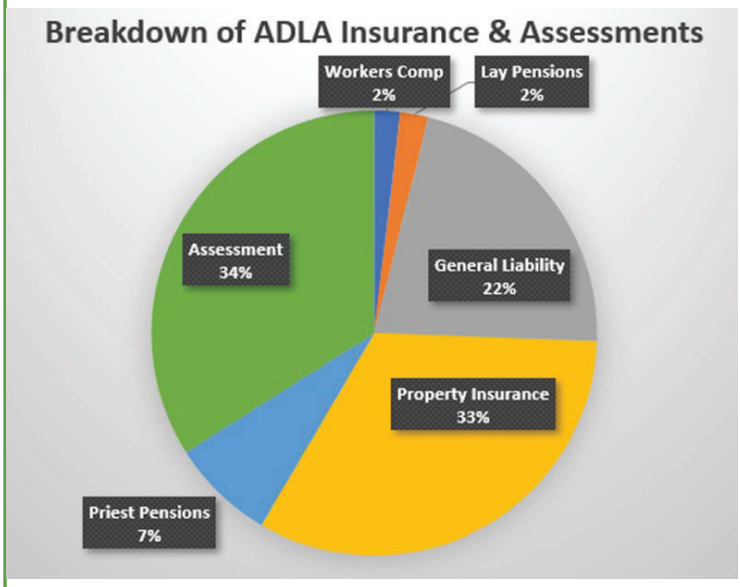
As we enter into a new fiscal year and try and settle into a "new normal" within the context of our parish community, we will be spending the next few weeks reviewing our financial state, especially in relationship to stewardship and discipleship. Often we think of stewardship and discipleship as two very different concepts. When referring to stewardship, the mind often turns to money. When referring to discipleship, we think about following Jesus, as did His disciples 2000 years ago. While discipleship and stewardship are two different concepts, they both beautifully intertwine with each other because together they help us live a life that is a reflection of Jesus. Below, you will see a high level explanation of the parish expenses and income for the prior fiscal year, and in the coming weeks, we will discuss this information in more detail. Undoubtedly there will be questions and we hope to able to address them. We will explain the drivers behind each of the key financial categories, but more importantly, we will need to think about the future. If the expense and income trends continue along current trajectories, the "well" will soon run dry so to speak. To tackle these challenges, we need to work together as a community, keeping in mind the relationship between being a good disciple and a good steward, and actively using our spiritual gifts such as hospitality and generosity to strengthen our community of faith. Practicing hospitality is a key component in being a good disciple and good steward. As a disciple, our call is to follow Jesus and share his love and teachings with others, and to do this, we need to be welcoming, kind and loving to everyone we engage with. And to actively be hospitable, we also need to be generous in our time and resources— we must be willing to give what Christ has blessed us with in order to be a good steward.

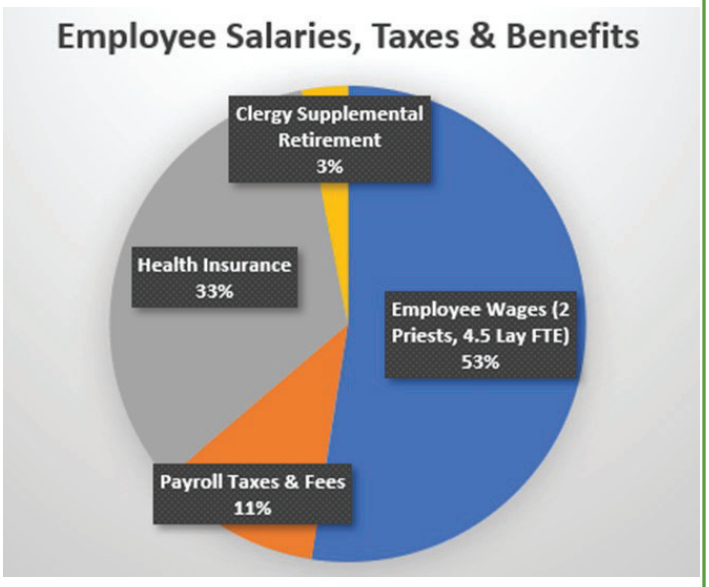


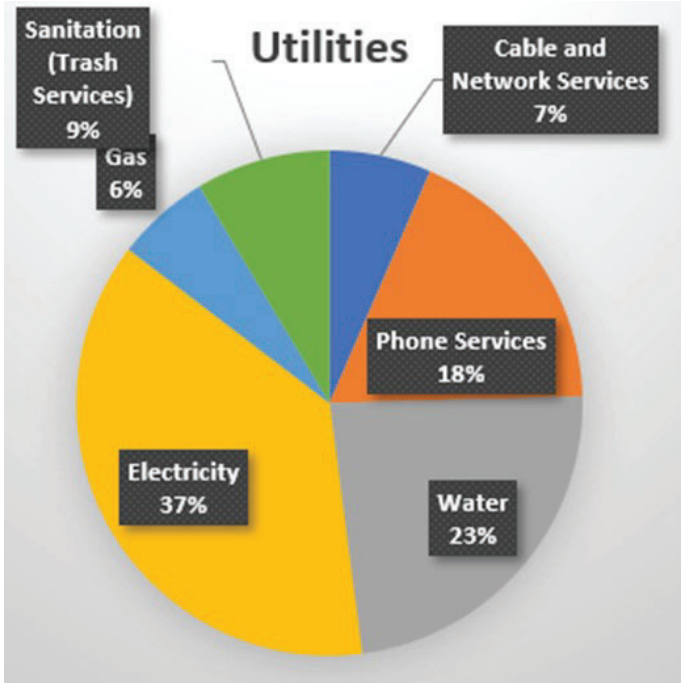
Revisión financiera parroquial

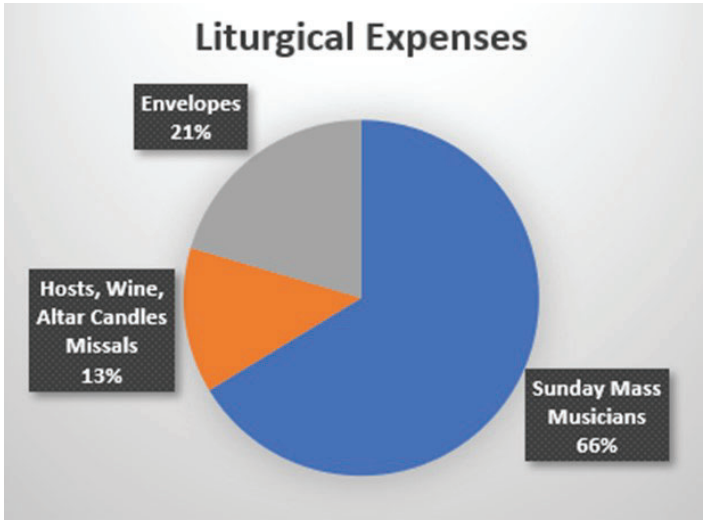
A medida que ingresamos en un nuevo año fiscal y comenzamos a tratar de establecernos en una "nueva normalidad" dentro del contexto de nuestra comunidad parroquial, pasaremos las próximas semanas revisando nuestro estado financiero, especialmente en relación con la corresponsabilidad y el discipulado. A menudo pensamos en la mayordomía o administración y el discipulado como dos conceptos muy diferentes. Al referirse a la mayordomía(administración), la mente a menudo se vuelve hacia el dinero. Cuando nos referimos al discipulado, pensamos en seguir a Jesús como lo hicieron sus discípulos hace 2000 años. Si bien el discipulado y la mayordomía son dos conceptos diferentes, ambos se entrelazan maravillosamente porque juntos nos ayudan a vivir una vida que es un reflejo de Jesús. A continuación, verá los gastos e ingresos de la parroquia del año fiscal anterior desde un nivel muy alto. En las próximas semanas, discutiremos esta información con más detalle. Sin duda habrá preguntas y esperamos poder resolverlas. Explicaremos los activos detrás de cada una de las categorías financieras clave, pero lo que es más importante, tendremos que pensar en el futuro. Si las tendencias de ingresos continúan como están, el pozo pronto se secará y, para evitarlo, necesitamos su ayuda. Nuevamente, la mente se vuelve hacia las contribuciones financieras, pero debemos tener en cuenta la relación entre ser un buen discípulo y ser un buen mayordomo y usar activamente nuestros dones espirituales para fortalecer nuestra comunidad de fe. El uso de los dones de la hospitalidad y la generosidad van de la mano. Practicar la hospitalidad es un componente clave para ser un buen discípulo y un buen mayordomo(administrador). Como discípulos, nuestro llamado es seguir a Jesús y compartir su amor y enseñanzas con los demás, y para hacer esto, debemos ser hospitalarios, amables y amorosos con todas las personas con las que nos relacionamos. Y para ser activamente hospitalarios, también debemos ser generosos en nuestro tiempo y recursos: debemos estar dispuestos a dar lo que Cristo nos ha bendecido para ser buenos administradores.

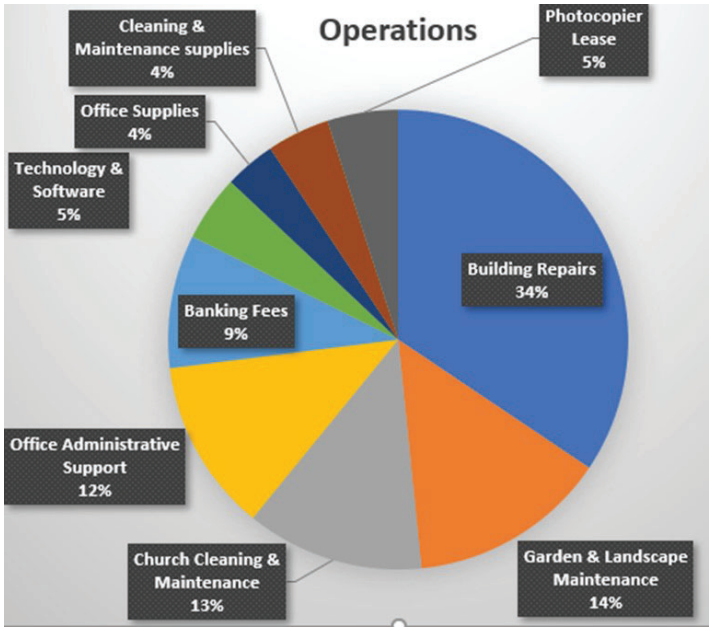
Details / Breakdown of Average Monthly Expenses: (seen in the bar graph on page 4)







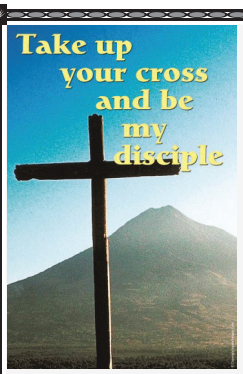




SOME CONTEXTUAL NOTES:

1. **Insurances and Assessments are fixed costs.**
2. **The parish office has been operating with a reduced staff of 2 priests and 4.5 lay employees. Pre-Covid, there were 7 lay employees and 4 part time employees.**
3. **Utilities—particularly water usage has been high due to the homeless on Jasmine damaging sprinklers and using water from the taps on Jasmine. Although cages were put around the taps, the homeless have broken them.**
4. **As the Parish building age, maintenance and repairs, especially to plumbing issues have increased.**

If you have any questions please reach out to the Pastor or Business Manager. There will be on-going discussions about our finances over the next few months. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13 -18b).

Psalm - In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading - Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel - To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33). .

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St. Augustine Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass (in the Church)

- Mass in English on Sunday @ 9am & 11am
- Mass in Spanish on Sat @ 7pm & Sunday @ 1:00pm

Sunday Mass (in the Parking Lot)

- Mass in English on Sunday @ 5:00pm

Weekday Mass (in the Church)

- Mass in English on Mon, Tues Wed & Fri @ 5:30 pm
- Mass in English on Wed & Thurs @ 8:00 am
- Mass in Spanish - First Fridays of a month @7:30 pm
- Mass in English - First Saturday of a month @8:00 am

Adoration (Holy Hour)

- Monday—Friday @ 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Held in the St. Ambrose & Our Lady of Guadalupe Rooms in the Parish Center, not in the Church)

- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays
- 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Saturdays.

For information about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Quinceaneras and other celebrations, please contact the Parish Office (310) 838-2477.

St Augustine Parish Mission Statement

In following the teachings of Jesus Christ, St Augustine Parish lives and radiates the love of God through prayer and action. We strive to accomplish this mission by fostering our Catholic identity, joyfully celebrating the sacraments together as a diverse community, and recognizing and promoting social justice.

COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
we pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable,
we pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety,
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
we pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world,
we pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers,
we pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.
Amen.

CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Sadly, California is presently one of the most permissive states in the nation for abortion. Proposition 1 promotes an unlimited expansion of abortion here, while its defeat would keep all abortion laws as they are, including our common-sense limits on late-term abortions. Our bishops are calling us to unite in prayer and action to defeat Prop 1. Please visit www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1 to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
LEARNING, SOCIAL JUSTICE & ACTION

Financial Aid to Achieve Your Dream of a Catholic Education at St. Augustine School

Despite the COVID19 pandemic, our St. Augustine School students had a very successful year. Our students are becoming future leaders of tomorrow, because they are enjoying a high-quality Catholic education and because families are making this investment in their children!

The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has announced financial support to **new** elementary students enrolling in St. Augustine School. If you are dreaming of your child achieving a quality Catholic education at St. Augustine School (from Preschool Age 2+ to 8th Gr/Jr. High) we encourage you to call our school office to seek access to financial assistance for the upcoming school year 2022-2023. We plan to provide 5 full days/week of in-person instruction with an online option for families who desire distance learning during this global pandemic.

We are unapologetic about our desire to provide every child the very best Catholic education and opportunity for the future, regardless of race, religion, gender, cultural heritage or socio-economic ability to afford such education! We have done so for the past 95 years and we're not stopping now!

Catholic education is affordable and now tuition assistance is available for new school families for 2022-2023! Please refer your neighbors, your friends or tell your own extended family how amazing your parish school really is! We are here to serve you, your family and friends, your neighbors, our parish and community, to achieve your dream of a Catholic education for your child!

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2022-2023

SAS is currently accepting applications for the next school year 2022-2023

- **Licensed Preschool** Age 2+
- **Licensed Preschool** Age 3+
- **Transitional Kindergarten** Age 4+
- **Kindergarten** Age 5+
- **Grades 1-5**
- **Grades 6-8** (Junior HS)

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or contact Dr. Nguyen, Principal

STEWARDSHIP CORNER *Reflections on Sunday readings in the context of Stewardship.*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? *JAMES 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive

STEWARDSHIP: A catholic way of life...

Hospitality - Faith - Discipleship

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Ayuda financiera para lograr su sueño de una educación católica en la escuela San Agustin

A pesar de la pandemia de COVID19, nuestros estudiantes de la escuela San Agustin tuvieron un año muy exitoso. ¡Nuestros estudiantes se están convirtiendo en los futuros líderes del mañana, porque disfrutan de una educación católica de alta calidad y porque las familias están invirtiendo en sus hijos!

La Fundación de Educación Católica de Los Ángeles ha anunciado apoyo financiero a los nuevos estudiantes de la escuela San Agustin. Si Ustedes están soñando con que su hijo/hija obtenga una educación católica de calidad en la escuela San Agustin (desde edad preescolar 2+ hasta 8º Grado /Jr.High), lo alentamos a que llame a la oficina de nuestra escuela para buscar acceso a asistencia financiera para el próximo año escolar 2022-2023. Planeamos proporcionar 5 días completos a la semana de instrucción en persona con una opción en línea para las familias que desean aprendizaje a distancia durante esta pandemia global.

¡No nos disculpamos por nuestro deseo de brindar a cada niño/niña la mejor educación católica y la mejor oportunidad para el futuro, independientemente de su raza, religión, género, herencia cultural o capacidad socioeconómica para pagar dicha educación! ¡Lo hemos hecho durante los últimos 95 años y no nos detendremos ahora!

¡La educación católica es asequible y ahora hay asistencia para la matrícula disponible para las familias de las nuevas escuelas para 2022-2023! ¡Por favor refiera a sus vecinos, amigos o dígale a su propia familia extendida lo increíble que es realmente su escuela parroquial! ¡Estamos aquí para servirle a usted, su familia y amigos, sus vecinos, nuestra parroquia y comunidad, para lograr su sueño de una educación católica para su hijo/hija!

MATRÍCULA ESCOLAR 2022-2023

SAS actualmente está aceptando solicitudes para el próximo año escolar 2022-2023

- Edad preescolar con licencia 2+
- Edad preescolar con licencia 3+
- Kindergarten de transición a partir de 4 años
- Kindergarten a partir de 5 años
- Grados 1-5
- Grados 6-8 (secundaria)

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o comuníquese con la
Directora de la Escuela San Agustin, Dr. Nguyen

Discipulado y Sabiduría

La semana pasada, nuestras lecturas exploraron la conexión entre el discipulado y la humildad. En este 23˚ Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, ellas sondean la relación entre el discipulado y la sabiduría.

Según el Papa Francisco, la sabiduría es ese don del Espíritu Santo que nos permite ver todo con los ojos de Dios, escuchar con los oídos de Dios, amar con el corazón de Dios y juzgar las cosas con el juicio de Dios. No podemos obtener sabiduría por nuestros propios esfuerzos o méritos. Es un don que Dios da a quien abre su corazón a su Espíritu. Si la humildad nos permite saber quiénes somos ante Dios, entonces la sabiduría nos capacita para discernir lo que es de Dios y elegir lo que nos lleva a nosotros, y a los demás, a Dios.

El *Libro de la Sabiduría* aborda el papel de la sabiduría en la vida del discípulo. Sin el don de sabiduría del Espíritu, *con dificultad conocemos lo que hay sobre la tierra y a duras penas encontramos lo que está a nuestro alcance.* La sabiduría, sin embargo, permite al discípulo el conocimiento de lo trascendente, de las <<realidades incognoscibles>>, a través de lo que nos ha sido revelado por Jesucristo a través del poder del Espíritu Santo. La sabiduría hace que *lograran los hombres enderezar sus caminos*, empoderando al discípulo para distinguir entre lo que es real y verdadero y lo que es falso, entre lo que perdura y lo que se marchita. Proporciona a los discípulos acceso al consejo divino y una comprensión de los caminos de Dios.

La sabiduría nos recuerda que el discipulado no se trata de reglas y regulaciones. Se trata de una persona, Jesucristo, que es sabiduría encarnada, y de nuestro compromiso voluntario de seguirlo dondequiera que él nos lleve. Así como Jesús es 100 por ciento devoto al Padre y obediente a la voluntad del Padre, incluso a costa de su vida en la cruz, así los discípulos, inspirados por esta misma sabiduría, entienden el costo de la gracia y siguen a Jesús con voluntad y fidelidad a través de nuestras propias cruces hasta el final, no sólo cuando nos conviene hacerlo.

Porque la sabiduría no surge de las normas terrenales de la moral, sino de Jesús, implica fidelidad al Evangelio, que exige que los discípulos a veces hagan cosas que el mundo considera locas o irrazonables, como amar a nuestros enemigos y perdonar a aquellos que nos han hecho daño. La aceptación y el abrazo de la sabiduría divina por parte del discípulo nos orienta a hacer lo correcto y a tratarnos unos a otros como hermanos y hermanas en Cristo porque todos compartimos el mismo Espíritu que se nos dio en nuestros bautismos. La sabiduría ayuda a los discípulos a tomar decisiones difíciles, como las que se presentan en *Filemón* y *Lucas*.

Filemón relata dos decisiones difíciles. La primera es la decisión de san Pablo de enviar a Onésimo, un esclavo fugitivo, pero también un querido amigo y compañero de trabajo a quien san Pablo ha traído a la fe, de vuelta a su dueño Filemón, que también es cristiano. Escribiendo desde la prisión, la decisión de san Pablo no pudo haber sido fácil. De hecho, se refiere a Onésimo como *mi hijo* y expresa su deseo de que pueda mantener a Onésimo con él para ayudarlo a continuar proclamando el Evangelio. Sin embargo, san Pablo se da cuenta de que sólo Filemón puede permitir que eso suceda, por lo que envía a Onésimo de vuelta con su amo. La sabiduría divina le permite a san Pablo tomar la decisión difícil pero correcta. La segunda elección difícil es la que tendrá Filemón una vez que Onésimo regrese a él. San Pablo le recuerda a Filemón que debe tratar a Onésimo *ya no como esclavo*, *sino como algo mejor que un esclavo, como hermano amadísimo … hermano en Cristo.* La sabiduría divina exige que tomemos decisiones difíciles basadas no en los valores y la moral del mundo, sino en la persona de Jesús, quien trató a todos, independientemente de su condición socioeconómica, como su amado hermano o hermana.

Lucas presenta quizás las decisiones más difíciles que exige la sabiduría. *Si alguno quiere seguirme y no me prefiere a su padre y a su madre, a su esposa y a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y a sus hermanas, más aún, a sí mismo, no puede ser mi discípulo.* Para ser discípulo de Jesús, de la sabiduría divina, debemos ser tan devotos a Jesús como Jesús lo es a su Padre. Tal devoción puede involucrar a los discípulos en conflictos difíciles y dolorosos, no solo con el mundo secular y su actitud hacia los cristianos, sino también cuando debemos responder a lo que Dios nos está llamando. Este llamado divino puede pedirnos que dejemos atrás a nuestras familias y seres queridos para que podamos seguir a donde Jesús nos guía. Puede exigir compartir nuestros bienes con los necesitados y asegurarnos de que nuestro dinero y posesiones no se conviertan en nuestros ídolos, las cosas por las que moriremos. Puede requerir el uso de nuestro tiempo y talentos para edificar el Reino de Dios. Siempre nos pedirá que llevemos las cruces de nuestra vida con fe en Jesús y confianza en su promesa de vida y gozo eternos. También exige que hagamos una contabilidad cuidadosa y realista del costo del discipulado antes de comprometer nuestras vidas a Cristo.

La sabiduría es tan crítica para el discipulado como la humildad, la fe, la esperanza, el amor y todas las demás cualidades que Jesús nos ha estado enseñando en su viaje a Jerusalén. La sabiduría nos permite hacer de Jesús nuestra prioridad, para que podamos ver todo con los ojos de Dios, escuchar con los oídos de Dios, amar con el corazón de Dios y juzgar las cosas con el juicio de Dios. La sabiduría nos inspira a cantar con el salmista – *Señor, tú has sido nuestro refugio de generación en generación.*

Bendiciones, P. Chris

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Oración del Renacimiento Eucarístico

Mons. José H. Gómez

Padre Celestial, te damos gracias por el don de tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que prometió estar con nosotros siempre, hasta el final de los tiempos.

Te pedimos que vuelvas a despertar en nosotros el sentimiento de asombro ante Su presencia en la Santísima Eucaristía. Que nuestros corazones ardan cuando nos da a conocer las Escrituras y comparte el pan con nosotros.

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Primera lectura - ¿Quién puede saber los caminos de Dios a menos que Dios le dé sabiduría y le envíe el Espíritu Santo de lo alto? (Sabiduría 9:13-18b)

Salmo - Señor, tú has sido nuestro refugio de generación en generación (Psalm 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura - Pablo pide a Filemón que acepte a su esclavo Onésimo como hermano (Filemón 9-10, 12-17).

Evangelio - Para ser discípulo de Jesús uno debe cargar con su cruz (Lucas 14:25-33).

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