

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Augustine Catholic Church sits between Cannon Hill and Manito Parks in the heart of Spokane's historic South Hill neighborhood. It has provided a place of worship for generations of Catholic families and serves the students of Cataldo Catholic School.

PARISH STAFF

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BAPTISM AND HOLY MATRIMONY

Parents seeking Baptism for their child and couples seeking marriage should contact the parish office at least four months prior to the intended dates for preparation. It is expected that you are registered and have been active in the parish for at least six months, be a regular contributor financially to the parish, and be taking part in the liturgical life of the Church - which includes attendance at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

MASS TIMES

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am Cataldo School Mass
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

CONFESIONS

Saturday: 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)

ROSARY

Mondays: 8:30 am
Tuesdays on ZOOM: 9:00 am

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 8:30 am - 9:00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come—for Him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: Ecce veniet! - He is about to arrive!"

Saint Josemaria Escriva

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

CONFESIONS 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM
MASS 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MASS 9:00 AM
MASS 11:00 AM *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

MASS 8:00 AM
ROSARY 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE
MASS 8:00 AM MIKE MOLONEY
ROSARY 9:00 AM ON ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

MASS 8:00 AM †PATRICIA AND †ROLAND TORNGREN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

MASS 9:00 AM *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

MASS 8:00 AM FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN AND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE
8:30 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Please keep the following in your prayers



Sandy Alderman, Kristen Baxter, Althea Beaver, James Bennett, Isabel Brunkan, Bill Campbell, Pat Campbell, Margaret Chastek, Frank Culhane, Ned Fox, Riva Grant, Donna Harris, Robert Hunton, Anita Kernie, Kathy Korth, Mary Lenoue, Maureen McClarity, Janet McCullough, The Nelson Family, Antoinette O'Neal, Greg Renner, Beau Richardson, Jason Rocks, Erika Schearman, Danette Schroer, Rick Schroer, Dan Sheldon, Megan Simpson, Tiffany Simpson, Karen Stahl, Joel Stavana, Craig Stucky, Ashley Sutch, Eley Vann, Doug Ward, Wilson Webb, Paula Willette



If you would like to add a name to the prayer list or a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.
(509)747-4421

St. Augustine Church Bells

Three cast bronze bells were installed in 1992 when Msgr. Robert Pearson was pastor. The *St. Augustine Bell* was a gift of parishioners, the *St. Monica Bell* was a gift of Don and Carol Herak, and *Our Lady Bell* was a gift of Mert and Jessie Rosauer. Made in Holland, the bells are programmed to ring at specific times of the day and at specific celebrations. The parish just replaced at a cost of \$5,000 the current bell ringing apparatus due to deterioration from age. Once again you will consistently hear the bells ring calling us forth to prayer!

Bell Schedule

Five minutes prior to the start of Mass;

12:00 p.m. *Angelus* (3 sets of 3 tolls at 3 second intervals, with 6 seconds between each set, followed by swinging for 1 minute);

6:00 p.m. *Angelus*

9:00 p.m. *De Profundis* (9 tolls at 10 second intervals).

The parish is grateful for the many donors who contributed to the installation of the bells. They are a lasting gift for all who worship at St. Augustine Parish and for those who reside in and around the parish neighborhood.

De Profundis



Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord!

Lord, hear my voice.

*Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?*

*For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness;
and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.*

*My soul hath relied on His word;
my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

*From the morning watch even unto night,
let Israel hope in the Lord.*

*Because with the Lord there is mercy;
and with Him plentiful redemption.*

*And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
(Psalm 129)*

LITURGY OF THE HOURS - THE SEASON OF ADVENT

An ancient prayer of the church is the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours consists of the reciting of psalms and prayers at particular times of the day as a means of sanctifying the day. In the Liturgy of the Hours is found the Office of Readings for each day of the liturgical year that consists of Scriptural passages and excerpts from the writings of Church fathers and saints. In this season of Advent, particular readings have been selected as a means of focus on this holy season.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

READING FROM A PASTORAL LETTER BY ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

1538 - 1584

Born of a noble Italian family, Charles was appointed Cardinal and Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty-two by his uncle, Pope Pius IV. He helped the Church during the storm caused by Martin Luther and the Reformation. He actively enforced the reforms of the Council of Trent and wrote the Roman Catechism, containing the Council's teachings. During the Plague of 1576, Charles showed himself the true bishop of his diocese by his self-sacrificing heroism.



Stained-glass at St. Augustine

St. Cecilia, Patroness of Music - November 22



Looking east while standing in the main nave of the church, one will find the large round St. Cecilia window located in the choir loft. St. Cecilia, the patroness of music, was one of the most famous of the martyred Roman maidens. At about the same time as her death, Sts. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred in Rome. According to the Acts of St. Cecilia, Valerian was her husband who supported her vow of virginity. The Acts also relate the tale which accounts for her eventual role as Patroness of Music. On her wedding day, while musical instruments played, she sang in her heart to God alone saying, "Make my heart and my body pure that I be not confounded."

Benefit Dinner for Cor Christi Saturday, December 4 - Hemmingson Center at GU



Support our future priests! Proceeds from this special benefit dinner will go toward the renovation of McGivney Hall, which will soon be the home of *Cor Christi*, the new program in Spokane for young men discerning the priesthood. The evening will include entertainment from concert violinist Yvette Kraft, a dinner, and a program with Fr. Daniel Barnett, seminarians, and Bishop Thomas Daly. Reservations are \$50 per person and can be made at: www.bishopwhitesem.org

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF SPOKANE

St. Augustine Parish Goal \$79,874

Donated to Date \$85,275

Participation 115 Households

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal is well underway! The parish has reached its goal with 115 households contributing. Like in years past, when we exceed our goal, the parish keeps the overage. So if you have not yet donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal, know that your contribution makes a difference! Donations can be made online to the diocesan website. A link is provided on the St. Augustine website. You will also find envelopes in the pews. You can return these through the mail or place in the collection basket at Mass. *Thank you to those who have already donated to the ACA!*

Liturgy of the Hours - Office of Readings

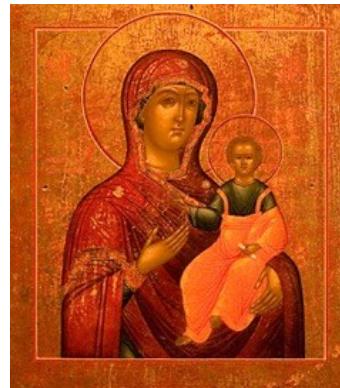
In this season of Advent, selected readings from the Liturgy of the Hours have been chosen and are available as a bulletin insert each week as we prepare for Christmas. Inserts are available at the church entrances. Be sure to take one!

Advent Wreaths, Candles & Tree of Sharing Gift Tags Stop by the vestibule to see the display!

Advent Wreaths & Candles: The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. Prayers are said as a candle is lit each week of the Advent season leading up to Christmas. Be sure and stop in the vestibule on your way out of Mass this weekend and see the display of Advent wreaths. The parish is offering trays with hurricane candles for \$50 or purchase just a set of candles for \$5. Each set comes with a booklet to guide you each week of this season.

Tree of Sharing: Bring a bit of Christmas joy to a child in need this Christmas. Simply choose a tag from the *Tree of Sharing* and purchase a gift for the child listed. Please do not spend more than \$25. Wrapped gifts are due by Sunday, December 12, by Noon. Gifts will be delivered to children the next day. The recipient schools are most grateful. Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education Challenge Question!



Where in the church is the antique icon of Mary, Mother of God and from which country did this icon originate?

The icon at the Marian Shrine is in the niche on the south side of the nave. The icon depicts The Smolenskaya, a traditional Russian representation of Mary, Mother of God. This icon is a type of the Hodigitria "Pointer of the Way." Mary holds the Christ Child on her left side instead of the customary right side, pointing with her right hand to her son, "The Savior of the World."

Stewardship - Week of November 21

Offertory: \$7,154

Month to date: \$19,300

Fiscal year to date: 150,582

Poor: \$114

Month to date: \$584

Fiscal year to date: \$4,314

Guatemala Mission \$20

Month to date: \$240

Fiscal year to date: \$1,470

Thank you to all who have signed up for regular weekly or monthly online giving. It's easy to do! Simply register on the parish website or contact the parish office for assistance.

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