

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

DECEMBER 25, 2023

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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 at St. Augustine.

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Brian A. Mee, Pastor
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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

M, W, Th, and F: 8:00 a.m.
Tue: 9:00 a.m. with Cataldo at St. Augustine
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ROSARY

M, W, Th, and F: 8:30 a.m.,
Tuesday on ZOOM: 8:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 23

Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass 9:00 AM

Mass 11:00 AM *Pro Populo*

Christmas Eve Masses

Mass 4:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Mass 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas

Mass 9:00 AM

Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Mass 8:00 AM †Hugh & †Gloria Wilkinson

Wednesday, December 27

S.t John, Apostle & Evangelist

Mass 8:00 AM †Leah Gardner

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Mass 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Brockway Family

Friday, December 29

Mass 8:00 AM Deceased Priests of the Diocese



Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Janie Alsop, Kristen Baxter, Althea Beaver, James Bennett, Scott Brockway, Isabel Brunkan, Pat Campbell, Maurice Carrier, Margaret Chastek, Frank Culhane, David Dankovich, Brooke Dowell, Betsy Elliott, Riva Grant, Caitlin Levernier Graves, Donna Harris, René Heidt, Jorgi Herron, Robert Hunton, Mike Keegan, Kathy Korth, Mary Lenoue, Tracy Provinsal Liebhart, Katherine Eagan May, Maureen McClarity, Shawn McGowan, The Nelson Family, Naydene Oechsnerl, Greg Renner, Beau Richardson, Jason Rocks, Erika Schearman, Mark Schubert, Dan Sheldon, Megan Simpson, Tiffany Simpson, Karen Stahl, Joel Stavana, Craig Stucky, Ashley Sutch, Shelley Szambelan, Eley Vann, Wilson Webb

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list or request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.

Note!

Weekday Tuesday Mass

The students of Cataldo at St. Augustine will be on Christmas break for the next few weeks, so the Tuesday morning Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. on the following days: *Dec. 19, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2*

Dear Parishioners,

I and the staff wish you a very merry and blessed Christmas! The author, Caryl Houselander, wrote regarding the house of humanity and the first coming of Christ:

A great wind, the Holy Spirit, had beaten on the door, rattled the windows, tapped on the dark glass of this little house. Why, the Holy Spirit had sent messengers, wise old men and prophets, to awaken the people that lived inside, and yet never was the door of humanity opened to the Holy Spirit. But one day, a young girl, Mary by name, a mere child, maybe thirteen, fourteen at most, opened the door of humanity inviting in the Holy Spirit and the little house was swept pure and sweet. Seas of light flooded through this house of humanity and the light remained in it, and in it a Child was born, and the Child was God.

May we open the door of our heart, may the Holy Spirit sweep through it, may God dwell within us. That will make for us a very merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

Msgr. Brian A. Mee

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. with Organ, Woodwinds & Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. with Organ, Brass & Choir

10:00 p.m. with Organ & Strings

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m. with Organ & Brass

The Organ Music in Today's Liturgy

St. Ambrose of Milan (339-397)—Doctor of the Church and spiritual mentor to St. Augustine—wrote the beautiful hymn *Veni redemptorum gentium* (Come, Redeemer of the nations), which is used in the Liturgy of the Hours during latter part of Advent. Its text, and its plainchant setting, were adapted into the hymn we know as "Savior of the Nations, Come." The German version, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, has given inspiration to today's prelude and postlude. The former is an introspective setting by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); the latter is a solemn and majestic setting by Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1868-1940). If you would like to know more, please ask Joseph Schubert, the organist.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass for the solemnity will be Monday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m. When the solemnity falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. Even so, what a wonderful way to honor the Blessed Mother by attending Mass this day.

Faith Formation for Children

St. Augustine Parish offers a vibrant Religious Education program for children. Classes for the second semester will begin Sunday, January 7. Lessons are held in the church immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Registration for new students can be found online on the parish website. Children who were enrolled in the first semester are automatically enrolled for the second semester.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



St. Augustine has reached its goal for this year's ACA. We are grateful to those who have assisted the parish efforts to support the diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, it is not too late. When the parish exceeds its goal, it receives the overage in the form of a rebate. Donations can be made online at www.dioceseofspokane.org by using the envelopes at the entrances of the church.

Parish Goal: \$80,731

Pledged/Donated to Date: \$84,695 (105% of Goal)

Number of Households Participating: 113(36%)

STEWARDSHIP

December 17, 2023

Offertory: \$19,962

Month to Date: \$33,015

Fiscal Year to Date: \$183,966

Poor: \$350

Month to Date: \$610

Fiscal Year to Date: \$5,673

Guatemala Mission \$85

Month to Date: \$240

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,585

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

New Year's Resolutions ~ Podcasts

Bible in a Year: Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the *entire Bible* in 365 episodes. You won't just read the Bible ... you'll understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

Catechism in a Year: In *The Catechism in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 episodes, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. With this podcast, you'll understand what it means to be Catholic and how the beliefs of the Catholic Faith come together.

Both podcasts can be found at Apple podcasts, Spotify, and Audible.

Winter Gala for Young Adults

Saturday, January 13 ~ Glover Mansion



Need a Christmas gift for that young adult in your life? The Winter Life Gala is the first annual gala to raise money for a non-profit organization in Spokane every January. Please join us for an elegant evening at the Glover Mansion in support of our selected non-profit, *Life Services*. Tickets are \$95 and can be purchased at winterlifegala.com

The Most Holy Eucharist: Gift and Sacrament

Weekend Retreat at Immaculate Heart

January 19, 6:00 p.m. – January 21, 1:30 p.m.

Weekend Retreat for Men and Women with speaker Fr. Wade L.J. Menezes, CPM. The Catholic Church teaches that "the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." The other Sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. Come, rekindle your personal faith in these profound truths and welcome our Eucharistic Lord and King into your life as you never have before. Details can be found at www.ihrc.net

2024 Monthly Calendars

You will find 2024 monthly calendars at the entrances to the church. Be sure and take one! These are provided at no cost to the parish by Holy Cross Funeral & Cemetery Services.



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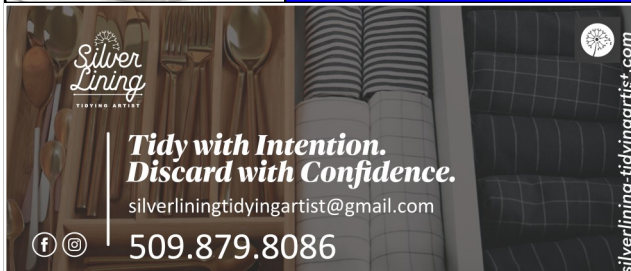
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