

St. Augustine Catholic Church & School

Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Tradition



April 19 2020

Second Sunday of Easter



Liturgy Schedule (all liturgies are currently cancelled)

Sacraments (all Sacraments are currently cancelled)

Offertory Information during time of suspended Masses.

Many of you have inquired about what to do with your offertory envelopes during this period of suspended masses. Let me assure you that even though Masses have been suspended, certain parish operations, ministries, and expenses have not been suspended and we need your continued support.

We continue to pay for utilities, our property taxes, insurance premiums, and general maintenance. Hence, it is critically important that we receive the offertory support needed to remain operational and sustainable. With this in mind, let me offer you a few of options on what to do with your offertory envelopes:

1. You may mail your offertory envelopes into St Augustine Church. The address appears at the bottom of this bulletin.

2. If you feel comfortable, you may move to Online Giving. This may be done on a regular basis by creating an on-line account, or you may do a one time "quick give". Please visit our parish website or go directly to <https://st-augustine-church.org/online-giving>

3. Our Office remains open during regular business hours and you may drop your envelopes at the reception desk.

Again, thank you for your continued support and during this time of uncertainty and anxiety, I pray that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy.

Blessings, Fr. Chris

Baptisms

Baptisms are scheduled once a month and incorporated within our Masses.

For information on how to register your child, contact the Parish Office at (310) 838-2477

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30-4:45PM or by Appointment

Weddings

Weddings are held at 10:00AM, 12:00PM and 2:00PM on Saturdays.

A minimum 6 months advanced notice is required.

For more information, contact the Parrish Office

Wedding & Quinceañera Coordinator (310) 838-2477

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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.

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Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. What is mercy? It is a word that we often bandy about, but what exactly is mercy?

Some might say that it means “forgiveness,” “pity,” “kindness,” or “a disposition to show compassion.” For Catholics, mercy is not just a noun or a quality. It is a person. Mercy is the face that God shows us. Mercy is Jesus Christ, especially the risen Christ. It is what Luke is referring to in the Acts of the Apostles, when he writes that the first Christians *devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.*

Luke says that the first Christians devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles. What was this teaching? The apostles had the unique privilege and experience of walking with Jesus, of learning from him, of touching him. They experienced first-hand God’s Mercy. They saw God’s face. They were privileged to receive directly from God’s Mercy the key to the true interpretation of the Scriptures. Moreover, they passed this experience on to all to whom they proclaimed the Good News, to us. There can be no true understanding of God’s Mercy outside of what the apostles handed down. That is why Luke emphasizes that the first Christians persevered in learning what the apostles taught. That perseverance continues to this day through the Church, the community founded by the Mercy of God. We do not create our own beliefs; we do not pick and choose what is convenient or expedient. We follow God’s Mercy as it has been handed down to us by those who knew and experienced that Mercy in the flesh.

The first Christians also devoted themselves to the communal life. God’s Mercy must be lived, not just learned. So Luke reminds us and challenges us that if we are truly to be faithful to God’s Mercy, we must live it day in and day out. We must be disciples of God’s Mercy. Like Jesus, we must take that Mercy into our homes, workplaces, social circles, and encounters with strangers. We must welcome as Jesus welcomes; we must love and forgive as Jesus loves and forgives; we must strengthen and encourage as Jesus strengthens and encourages.

The first Christians gathered regularly, every eighth day, the Lord’s Day, the day of the Resurrection, to participate in the breaking of the bread. Today’s Gospel is pretty clear about that. It starts with the words *on the evening of the first day of the week...* It continues with *now a week later his disciples were again inside...* From the earliest days of the Church, the Christian community has gathered to break bread, to *do this in memory of me* to participate in the Eucharistic Meal, at once Divine Mercy’s sacrifice and Divine Mercy’s meal. This is not a legal obligation, it is a necessity if the Christian community is to survive. The Eucharist, Divine Mercy, builds up and nurtures the Christian community so that it can bring Divine Mercy to the world. To absent oneself purposefully from the breaking of the bread is to rupture the communal life to which Divine Mercy calls us.

Gathering regularly and faithfully can be a challenge, especially today, when COVID-19 forces us to practice “social distancing.” But gather we must, even if it is only virtually, through online streaming of the Mass, Zoom, or other social media. Divine Mercy cannot be constrained or stopped, not even by a pandemic. Divine Mercy finds a way to gather us, to nurture us, to heal us, to bless us, even if we cannot be together physically. Divine Mercy gives us what we need when our faith is tested by a pandemic, just as it gave St. Thomas what he needed when his faith was challenged by the horror of the Crucifixion. Divine Mercy always reminds us that for it nothing is impossible.

Finally, the Christian community devoted itself to *the prayers.* We see this in the second reading, from the First Letter of Peter. Peter opens the letter with prayer and blessing .. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading...* Praise of God and prayer for each other and the world have been characteristic of the Church, of Christian discipleship, from the beginning. It is one of the ways the community stays connected to the Lord, to Divine Mercy, and is able to live and proclaim that Divine Mercy faithfully and truly.

We have all been given what we need to know and experience Divine Mercy: the teachings of the apostles; the communal life; the breaking of the bread; the prayers. These are the ways we encounter God’s Divine Mercy – Jesus – today. This is how we come to faith as one people; caring for one another; celebrating our *rebirth to a new, living hope*; and fortified against all challenges and tribulations. Divine Mercy forgives our sins, our lack of faith, and destines us for love, glory, and eternal life. That is why, even in the midst of COVID-19, we can say with confidence: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy is everlasting.*

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Mass Intentions



April 18
to
April 26

Saturday, April 18

8:00AM - Don †, Mary †, Mark † Renner
5:00PM - Jose Bernardo
7:00PM - Jose Bernardo Alonso †

Sunday, April 19

6:30AM - Maria † and Ramon † Avila
8:00AM - Josephine Yutuc † & Arturo Aguilar †
9:30AM - Tomas Meneses †, Marina Leary †, Antonio Koh †
11:00AM - Virgilio Torres & Divino Pacana
1:00PM - Alfonso Landaverde †
5:00PM - Peter Kraus †

Monday, April 20

8:00AM - Charles Choquette †
5:30PM - Pierce J. Downey †, Milan Spirouski †,
Sukanya Dansby †

Tuesday, April 21

8:00AM - Layla and Mounir Gad
5:30PM - Irma Cortez †

Wednesday, April 22

8:00AM - Julia Sanchez
5:30PM - Jesus Gomez †

Thursday, April 23

8:00AM - Souls in Purgatory †
5:30PM - Daniel Bonentent †

Friday, April 24

8:00AM - Martha Ramirez and Family
5:30PM - Judith Cato and Family

Saturday, April 25

8:00AM - Jose Maria Iguanzo † & Margarita Delgado †
5:00PM - Maria Algara †
7:00PM - Albert Garcia & Fabion Garcia

Sunday, April 26

6:30AM - Crescencio Guerrero †
8:00AM - Nenita Yap
9:30AM - El Santismimo
11:00AM - Albert Garcia †, Tim Garcia †, Fabion Garcia †
1:00PM - Albert Garcia †, Antonia Garcia †, Fabion Garcia †
5:00PM - Reuben Rodriguez † & Felipe Montague †

Please remember the following in your prayers:

For those who have asked for prayers, for themselves, or for others, especially: Leticia Victorin Bruce, Lisa Grace, Andy and Nancy Hassay, Genny Dazzo, Mary Sanchez, Paz Galvan, Virgilio Torres, Maria S. Ibarra, Imelda Ibarra, Martha Arboleda, Martha Lidia Asuzena, Divino Pacana, Arturo Zamora, Sr., Alonso Curiel, Sofia Flores, Thomas Antario, Perry Walker

For those who have died, that God will raise them on the last day, especially: Cynthia Jayasuriya, Arthur Golding, Agnes Apolonio, Douglas Nakano, Gennaro Francesco Combatti, Rosa Dalessandro De Combatti, Michelle Brug, Linda Dominick, Carlos Esquivel, Lilia Maningding, Elsa Padlon, William Loo, Bob Martz, Welbyn Velasquez

LATEST UPDATES ON COVID-19 IMPACT

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

After consultation with the Auxiliary Bishops, the Priests' Council, and the local public and health officials, our Archbishop, Most Reverend José H. Gomez, has updated his prior directives, as follow:

The public celebration of Mass has been suspended through May 15, 2020, or as otherwise extended.

All churches throughout the Archdiocese are closed to the public through May 15, 2020, or until further notice. We encourage you to view the Mass via livestream, which can be done by going to face-book.com/lacatholics. Links to additional Masses can be found at la-catholics.org/mass-for-the-homebound or www.st-augustine-church.org.

Other ways of observing Sunday: read the Gospels, pray with your families, join yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.

Church offices are closed to the public until further notice.

All regularly scheduled confession times are suspended. Priests may offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation only in danger of death or extremely extraordinary circumstances. No confessions are to be offered by telephone, electronic means, or by "drive-up." The faithful have a duty to confess serious sins once a year (*Code of Canon Law* 989), but not in any particular season.

Unless there is an emergency, the celebration of the **Sacrament of Baptism** is postponed until further notice.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony is postponed through May 15, 2020, or until further notice.

Funerals may take place only in the form of *The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation* (also known as the *grave service*). If desired by the family, a memorial Mass may be scheduled appropriately at a later date.

All Confirmation and First Holy Communion Masses have been postponed. Rescheduling will be handled at a later time.

We continue to pray for a speedy resolution of the difficulties caused by COVID-19 and for the health and safety of all.

Easter Season blessings,

Fr. Chris

Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You.

Amen.

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Please do not take for granted that you are registered with our Parish just because you attend Mass and give donation. **Are you on our mailing list? Do you receive envelopes?**

There are benefits to being a registered parishioner: priority for ceremony dates (weddings, funerals, quinceaneras, etc), letters of referral for ceremonies at other parishes, records of any contributions for tax information that can be furnished upon request. If you wish to register, or would just like to check your registered information, please stop by our Parish office, or register online at www.st-augustine-church.org

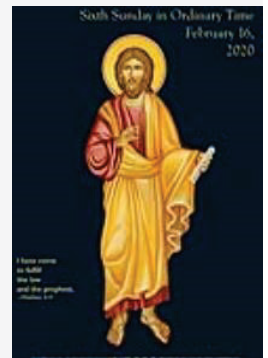
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).



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Vision Statement

Nurtured by the Eucharist, St. Augustine Catholic Parish is a Christ-centered sacramental community, which welcomes and invites all to grow in faith, share the good news, engage in ministry and build a just society.

Hoy es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. ¿Qué es la misericordia? Es una palabra de la que a menudo propagamos, pero ¿qué es exactamente la misericordia?

Algunos podrían decir que significa "perdón" o "compasión" o "bondad" o "una disposición a mostrar compasión". Para nosotros, los católicos, la misericordia no es sólo un sustantivo o una cualidad. Es una persona. La misericordia es el rostro que Dios nos muestra. La misericordia es Jesucristo, especialmente Cristo resucitado. Es a lo que se refiere Lucas en los *Hechos de los Apóstoles*, cuando escribe que los primeros cristianos *acudían asiduamente a escuchar las enseñanzas de los apóstoles, vivían en comunión fraterna y se congregaban para orar en común y celebrar la fracción del pan*.

San Lucas dice que los primeros cristianos se dedicaban a la enseñanza de los apóstoles. ¿Qué era esta enseñanza? Los apóstoles tenían el privilegio único y la experiencia de caminar con Jesús, de aprender de él, de tocarlo. Experimentaban de primera mano la Misericordia de Dios. Veían el rostro de Dios. Tenían el privilegio de recibir directamente de la Misericordia de Dios la clave para la verdadera interpretación de las Escrituras. Además, transmitían esta experiencia a todos los que proclamaban la Buena Nueva, a nosotros. No puede haber una verdadera comprensión de la Misericordia de Dios fuera de lo que los apóstoles transmitieron. Es por eso por lo que Lucas hace hincapié en que los primeros cristianos perseveraban en aprender lo que los apóstoles enseñaban. Esa perseverancia continúa hasta nuestros días a través de la Iglesia, la comunidad fundada por la Misericordia de Dios. No creamos nuestras propias creencias; no elegimos lo que es conveniente u oportuno. Seguimos la Misericordia de Dios tal como nos la han transmitido aquellos que conocían y experimentaban esa Misericordia en la carne.

Los primeros cristianos también vivían en comunión fraterna. La Misericordia de Dios debe ser vivida, no sólo aprendida. Así que Lucas nos recuerda y nos desafía que si realmente debemos ser fieles a la Misericordia de Dios, debemos vivirla día tras día. Debemos ser discípulos de la Misericordia de Dios. Al igual que Jesús, debemos llevar esa Misericordia a nuestros hogares, lugares de trabajo, círculos sociales y encuentros con extraños. Debemos acoger como Jesús acoge; debemos amar y perdonar como Jesús ama y perdona; debemos fortalecer y alentar como Jesús se fortalece y alienta.

Los primeros cristianos se reunían regularmente, cada octavo día, el día del Señor, el día de la resurrección, para participar en la fracción del pan. El Evangelio de hoy es bastante claro al respecto. Comienza con las palabras *al anochecer del día de la resurrección....* Continúa con *ocho días después, estaban reunidos los discípulos....* Desde los primeros días de la Iglesia, la comunidad cristiana se ha reunido para partir el pan, para *hacer esto en conmemoración mía*, para participar en la cena eucarística, a la vez el sacrificio de la Divina Misericordia y la comida de la Divina Misericordia. Esto no es una obligación legal; es una necesidad para que la comunidad cristiana sobreviva. La Eucaristía, Divina Misericordia, edifica y nutre a la comunidad cristiana para que pueda llevar la Divina Misericordia al mundo. Asentarse a propósito de la fracción del pan es romper la vida comunitaria a la que la Divina Misericordia nos llama.

Reunirnos regularmente y fielmente puede ser un desafío, especialmente hoy en día, cuando COVID-19 nos obliga a practicar el "distanciamiento social". Pero debemos reunirnos, incluso si es virtualmente, a través de la transmisión en línea de la Misa, Zoom u otros medios sociales. La Misericordia Divina no puede ser limitada o detenida, ni siquiera por una pandemia. La Divina Misericordia encuentra la manera de reunirnos, de nutrirnos, de sanarnos, de bendecirnos, aunque no podamos estar juntos físicamente. La Divina Misericordia nos da lo que necesitamos cuando nuestra fe es puesta a prueba por una pandemia, así como le dio a Santo Tomás lo que necesitaba cuando su fe fue desafiada por el horror de la Crucifixión. La Divina Misericordia siempre nos recuerda que nada es imposible.

Por último, la comunidad cristiana *se congregaban para orar en común*. Lo vemos en la segunda lectura, de la Primera Carta de Pedro. Pedro abre la carta con oración y bendición. *Bendito sea Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por su gran misericordia, porque al resucitar a Jesucristo de entre los muertos, nos concedió renacer a la esperanza de una vida nueva, que no puede corromperse ni mancharse....* La alabanza de Dios y la oración por los demás y el mundo han sido características de la Iglesia, del discipulado cristiano, desde el principio. Es una de las formas en que la comunidad permanece conectada con el Señor, con la Divina Misericordia, y es capaz de vivir y proclamar esa Divina Misericordia fielmente y verdaderamente.

A todos se nos ha dado lo que necesitamos saber y para experimentar la Divina Misericordia: las enseñanzas de los apóstoles; la vida comunitaria; la fracción del pan; las oraciones. Esas son las formas en que encontramos la Divina Misericordia de Dios – Jesús – hoy. Así es como llegamos a la fe como un solo pueblo; cuidando unos a otros; celebrando nuestro renacimiento a una nueva *esperanza viva*; y fortificados contra todos los desafíos y tribulaciones. La Misericordia Divina perdona nuestros pecados, nuestra falta de fe, y nos destina para el amor, la gloria y la vida eterna. Por eso, aun en medio de COVID-19, podemos decir con confianza: <<*Da gracias al Señor porque es bueno, su misericordia es eterna*>>.

ACTUALIZACIONES SOBRE EL COVID-19

Después de consultar con los Obispos Auxiliares, el Concejo de Sacerdotes y los funcionarios públicos y de salud locales, nuestro arzobispo, el reverendo José H. Gómez, ha actualizado sus directivas anteriores de la siguiente manera:

La celebración pública de la Misa ha sido suspendida hasta el 15 de mayo de 2020, o según se prorrogue de otro modo.

Todas las iglesias de toda la Arquidiócesis permanecerán cerradas al público hasta el 15 de mayo de 2020, o hasta nuevo aviso. Le animamos a ver la misa a través de la transmisión en vivo, que se puede hacer yendo a *facebook.com/lacatholics*. Los enlaces a Misas adicionales se pueden encontrar en *lacatholics.org/mass-for-the-homebound* o *www.st-augustine-church.org*.

Otras formas de observar el domingo: leer los Evangelios, orar con sus familias, unirse al sacrificio de la Misa haciendo un acto de comunión espiritual.

Las oficinas de la Iglesia están cerradas al público hasta nuevo aviso.

Se suspenden todos los horarios de confesión programados regularmente. Los sacerdotes sólo pueden ofrecer el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en peligro de muerte o circunstancias extremadamente extraordinarias. No se ofrecerá ninguna confesión por teléfono, por medios electrónicos o por "drive-up". Los fieles tienen el deber de confesar pecados graves una vez al año (*Código de Derecho Canónico* 989), pero no en ninguna temporada en particular.

A menos que haya una emergencia, la celebración del **Sacramento del Bautismo** se pospone hasta nuevo aviso.

La celebración del Sacramento del Matrimonio se pospone hasta el 15 de mayo de 2020, o hasta nuevo aviso.

Los funerales sólo pueden tener lugar en la forma del *Rito del Sepelio* y *Palabras de Conmemoración*. Si la familia lo desea, una misa conmemorativa puede ser calendarizado para una fecha posterior.

Todas las Misas de Confirmación y de Primera Comunión han sido pospuestas. La recalendarización será manejada posteriormente.

Seguimos orando por una pronta resolución de las dificultades causadas por COVID-19 y por la salud y la seguridad de todos.

Bendiciones de Pascuas, P. Chris

Nuestra Misión Parroquial

Siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, su Parroquia San Agustín vive e irradia el amor de Dios a través de la oración y la acción. Nos esforzamos para llevar a cabo esta misión mediante el impulso de nuestra identidad católica, con alegría celebrando los sacramentos juntos como una comunidad diversa, y el reconocimiento y la promoción de la justicia social.



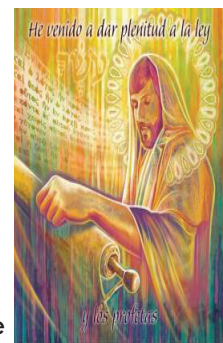
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y compartían todo cuanto tenían (Hechos 2:42-47).

Salmo — Den gracias a Dios porque es bueno, su amor es eterno (Salmo 118 [117])

Segunda lectura Dios nos concedió renacer a la vida que esperamos por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos (1 Pedro 1:3-9).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).



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Si usted no está seguro si está registrado,

por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial para confirmar o registrar. Asistir a Misa regularmente, donar o ser bautizado aquí no necesariamente significa que esta registrado. ¿Está en nuestra lista de correo? ¿Recibe sobres? Hay ventajas de ser un feligrés registrado: prioridad para las fechas de ceremonia (bodas, funerales, quinceañeras, etc.), cartas de referencia para las ceremonias en otras parroquias, y los registros de todas las contribuciones en materia de información tributaria que puede ser proporcionado a pedido. Si desea registrarse, o quisiera verificar la información registrada, por favor pase por nuestra oficina de la parroquia o regístrese en línea en <https://www.st-augustine-church.org/>