

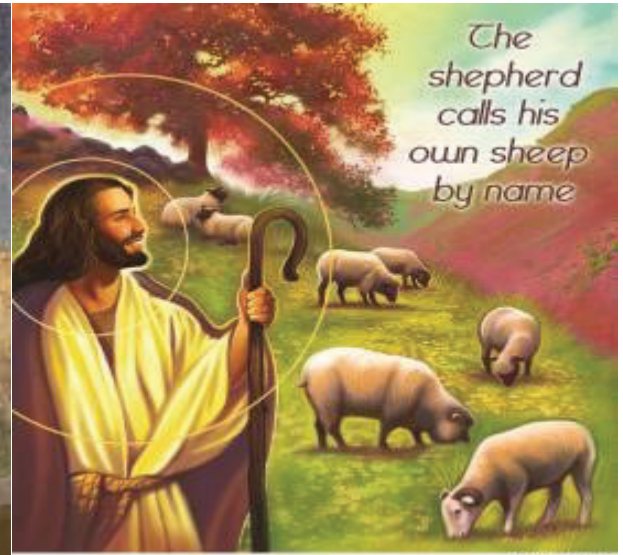
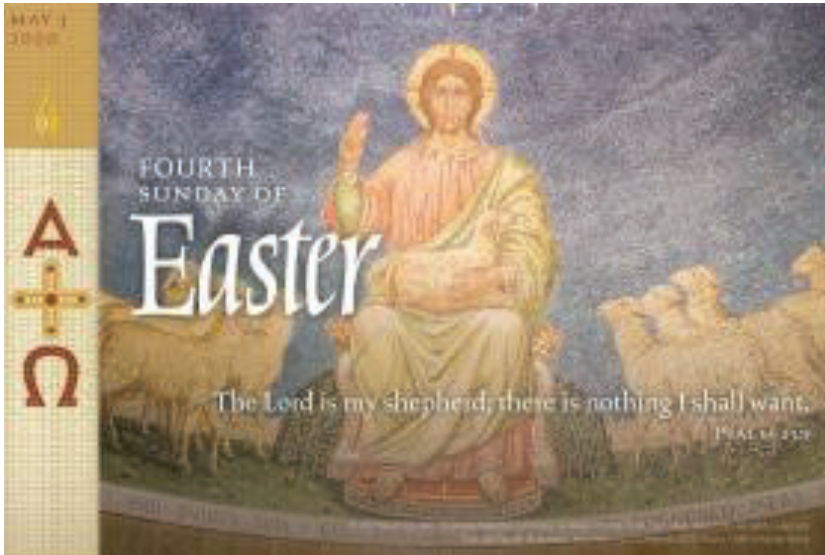
St. Augustine Catholic Church & School

Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Tradition



May 3 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Liturgy Schedule (all liturgies are currently cancelled)

Sacram

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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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The Real Deal

In a time of pandemic, when social distancing and fear of infection require us to forego our normal routines and stay at home, we have become masters of substitution. For students, that means online learning; for employees, if they are still employed, working from home; for cooks, using what is already in the pantry and devising creative work-arounds for hard-to-get ingredients, like simple yeast. We have learned to substitute virtual gathering for physical presence; online shopping, for going to the store; quiet time and reflection, for the hustle and bustle of getting out and about. No doubt about it, this pandemic, for all of its negative impact, has forced us to think outside the box, to be more creative, and to explore new ways of living and interacting. All of this can be quite good and helpful, even change our lives for the better.

However, while creative substitutions may work well in many areas of our lives, the one thing for which there is no good and effective substitution is our need for God. Blaise Pascal says that *there is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person ... which can be filled ... only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ*. We can and have tried to fill this *God-shaped vacuum* with all manner of substitutes for Christ – money, possessions, power, sex, pride, and the most seductive thing of all, our desire to control our life, our body, others, or creation. When we fill the void at the center of our being with any of these ersatz replacements for Christ, the result is always bad – for ourselves, for others, for the world. These idols can never bring true peace or joy. At most they provide us with fleeting moments of illusory happiness because, as St. Augustine says, *you have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you* and, again, *sin is believing that you are self-created, self-dependent and self-sustained*.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and John's Gospel makes it clear: Jesus is the gate. He is the key to making sense of life, the universe and everything. There is no substitute. He is at once the Second Person of the Trinity, the Divine Word of the Father, and also the incarnate son of the Virgin, completely human and completely divine. As such, he is the only one who knows us truly and intimately; the only one who calls each of us by name. He knows the challenges and struggles we face, especially through the havoc wreaked on our lives by COVID-19. He also knows the joyful destiny for which we are created, the safe pasture to which he wants to bring us.

St. Peter takes up the same theme in his First Letter. Only Jesus loves us enough to suffer and die for us with utter humility and in complete freedom. There is no substitute. Only Jesus bears our sins upon the cross, so that free from sin and healed by his wounds, we might follow his footsteps; so that transformed by his sacrifice, we might humbly love and sacrifice for others, not for our benefit, but for theirs. By his cross, death and resurrection, Jesus transforms all suffering – all of our challenges – so that it is not meaningless, but transformative. By Christ's wounds, we have been healed, and we are called to share that same healing with the world, to give the world hope in these trying times and to guide it to safe pasture, too. As the *Acts of the Apostles* reaffirms, this is the promise *made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call*.

Jesus is the true and only gate. He is our Shepherd, the Good Shepherd, who never exploits us for his own advantage or seeks to control us against our will. Rather, he invites us to follow him to safe pasture, to shed our fears, to receive from him abundant life, to become whom the Father has created us to be: his beloved sons and daughters. Jesus is the only one who can fill that *God-shaped vacuum* at the very center of our being. He is the only one who can make sense of the sufferings and challenges we encounter in life. He is the only one in whom our restless hearts can truly be at rest. Because he is our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want. He is the real deal. There is no substitute.

Easter Season blessings,

Fr. Chris

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Mass Intentions



May 2
to
May 10

Saturday, May 2

- 8:00AM - Pedro Cabatic †
- 5:00PM - Maria Castaneda †
- 7:00PM - Lawrence Canchola †

Sunday, May 3

- 6:30AM - Thanksgiving
- 8:00AM - Julia Angeles † & Graciela Laya †
- 9:30AM - Alex P. Diaz †
- 11:00AM - Mary Mardini †, Michael Mardini †, Joe Mardini †
- 1:00PM - Jose de Jesus de La Cruz , Flores Casta†
- 5:00PM - Hilarion Uy † & Tomas Meneses †

Monday, May 4

- 8:00AM - Wagui Kassabgui †
- 5:30PM - Felicidad Salazar †

Tuesday, May 5

- 8:00AM - Souls in Purgatory †
- 5:30PM - Joey Calleja †

Wednesday, May 6

- 8:00AM - Marifie Bowman † & Robert Jacobsen
- 5:30PM - Sergio Lopez †

Thursday, May 7

- 8:00AM - Layla and Monunir Gad
- 5:30PM - Arnaldo Batongbakal

Friday, May 8

- 8:00AM - Fridirck Rowel †
- 5:30PM - Luz Enriquez †

Saturday, May 9

- 8:00AM - Mario Del Carmen Morin †
- 5:00PM - Rogelio Lopez †
- 7:00PM - Vivienne Finn †

Sunday, May 10

- 6:30AM - Eugenia Rowel †
- 8:00AM - Dalia Sofia Rios † & Andres Rios †
- 9:30AM - Maria Castañeda Medina †
- 11:00AM - Marcelino Mejia †, Juan Sarria †, Jaime Miranda †
- 1:00PM - Jose Bernardo Alonso †
- 5:00PM - Matilde Fernandez †

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 facebook.com/lacatholics. Links to additional Masses can be found at lacatholics.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

Prayer for Vocations

**Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.
So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son,
Jesus.**

**Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,
to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those
who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.**

We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.

Help us to know how.

**Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay
ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your
people.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen**

Become a registered Parishioner

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

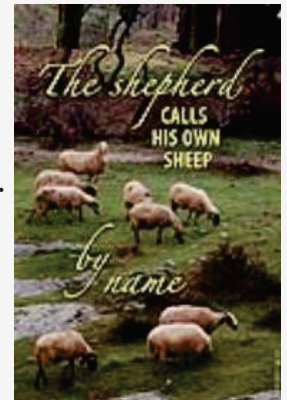
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23) .

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).



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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.

La cosa auténtica

En una época de pandemia, cuando el distanciamiento social y el miedo a la infección nos obligan a renunciar a nuestras rutinas normales y permanecer en casa, nos hemos convertido en maestros de la sustitución. Para los estudiantes, eso significa aprendizaje en línea; para los empleados, si todavía están empleados, trabajando desde casa; para los cocineros, utilizando lo que ya está en la despensa y ideando soluciones creativas para ingredientes difíciles de conseguir, como levadura simple. Hemos aprendido a sustituir la reunión virtual para la presencia física; compras en línea, para ir a la tienda; tiempo tranquilo y de reflexión, para el ajetreo y el bullicio de salir y venir. Sin duda, esta pandemia, por todo su impacto negativo, nos ha obligado a pensar en maneras nuevas, a ser más creativos y a explorar nuevas formas de vivir e interactuar. Todo esto puede ser bueno y útil, incluso cambiar nuestras vidas para mejor.

Sin embargo, aunque las sustituciones creativas pueden funcionar bien en muchas áreas de nuestra vida, la única cosa para la cual no hay una sustitución buena y eficaz es nuestra necesidad de Dios. Blaise Pascal dice que *en el corazón de todo hombre existe un vacío que tiene la forma de Dios ... que puede ser llenado únicamente por Dios, hecho conocido mediante Cristo Jesús*. Podemos y hemos tratado de llenar este *vacío en forma de Dios* con toda clase de otros sustitutos: dinero, posesiones, poder, sexo, orgullo y lo más seductor de todos, nuestro deseo de controlar nuestra vida, nuestro cuerpo, otros o la creación en sí. Cuando llenamos el vacío en el centro de nuestro ser con cualquiera de estos reemplazos falsos para Cristo, el resultado siempre es malo, para nosotros mismos, para los demás, y para el mundo. Estos ídolos nunca pueden darnos ni paz verdadera ni alegría. La mayoría de ellos nos proporcionan momentos fugaces de felicidad ilusoria porque, como también dice san Agustín, *nos hiciste, Señor, para ti y nuestro corazón está inquieto hasta que descansa en ti y, de nuevo, el pecado es creer que eres auto-creado, auto-dependiente y auto-sostenida*.

Hoy es domingo del Buen Pastor y el Evangelio de san Juan lo deja claro: Jesús es la puerta del redil de las ovejas. Es la clave para dar sentido a la vida, al universo y a todo. No hay ningún sustituto. Es a la vez la segunda persona de la Trinidad, la Palabra Divina del Padre, y también el hijo encarnado de la Virgen, completamente humano y completamente divino. Como tal, él es el único que nos conoce verdadera e íntimamente; el único que llama a cada uno de nosotros por su nombre. Conoce los desafíos y las luchas que enfrentamos, especialmente a través de los estragos que nos causa la vida por COVID-19. También conoce el destino gozoso por el que estamos creados, el pasto seguro al que quiere llevarnos.

San Pedro toma el mismo tema en su Primera Carta. Sólo Jesús nos ama lo suficiente como para sufrir y morir por nosotros con total humildad y con total libertad. No hay ningún sustituto. Sólo Jesús carga nuestros pecados en la cruz, para que libres del pecado y sanados por sus heridas, podamos seguir sus pasos; para que, transformados por su sacrificio, podamos amar y sacrificar humildemente por los demás, no para nuestro beneficio, sino para los suyos. Con su cruz, muerte y resurrección, Jesús transforma todo sufrimiento – todos nuestros desafíos – para que no sea sin sentido, sino transformador. Por las heridas de Cristo, hemos sido sanados, y estamos llamados a compartir esa misma sanación con el mundo, a dar esperanza al mundo en estos tiempos difíciles y a guiarlo a pastos seguros, también. Como reafirman los *Hechos de los Apóstoles*, esta es la promesa que Dios hace *para ustedes y para sus hijos y también para todos los paganos que el Señor, Dios nuestro, quiera llamar, aunque estén lejos*.

Jesús es la verdadera y única puerta. Es nuestro Pastor, el Buen Pastor, que nunca nos explota para su propio beneficio o busca controlarnos contra nuestra voluntad. Más bien, nos invita a seguirlo a pastos seguros, a derramar nuestros temores, a recibir de él una vida abundante, a ser el que el Padre nos ha creado para ser: sus amados hijos e hijas. Jesús es el único que puede llenar ese *vacío en forma de Dios* en el centro mismo de nuestro ser. Es el único que puede dar sentido a los sufrimientos y desafíos que encontramos en la vida. Es el único en el que nuestros corazones inquietos pueden descansar. Porque él es nuestro Pastor, nada nos falta. Él es la cosa auténtica. No hay ningún sustituto.

Bendiciones de las Pascuas,

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.



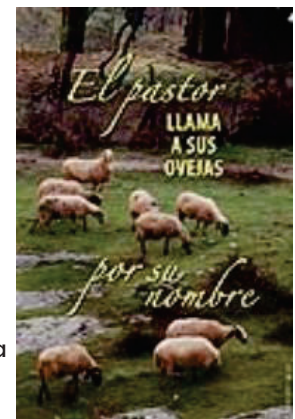
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que creyeron fueron bautizados (Hechos 2:14a, 36-41)

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus almas (1 Pedro 2:20b-25).

Evangelio — Yo soy la puerta para las ovejas (Juan 10:1-10)



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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/>