

# St. Augustine Catholic Church & School

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Tradition



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said,  
"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves."

Matthew 11:29



**WELCOME BACK!! HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.**

The Lord be praised! Welcome back to St. Augustine Parish! You have been missed! As we continue to celebrate our post-lockdown, public Saturday Vigil and Sunday and weekday Masses, please let us know how we are doing. Your helpful suggestions are wanted! **Please also remember to consult the revised COVID-19 Sunday and weekday Mass schedules, immediately to the right of this box.**

To stay open during the pandemic, we must follow the protocols of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To review these protocols, please go to <https://st-augustine-church.org>, scroll down the page, and click on *Response to COVID-19 Page*. The protocols govern how to enter the Church, where people may sit while in the Church, how often we must sanitize the Church, how to receive Communion, and much more. **Please review them carefully before coming to Mass or private prayer.** Brief summaries of the most important protocols are on pages 4 (English) and 6 (Spanish) of this bulletin.

We anticipate that even with a reduced Mass schedule the Church will have to be sanitized at least 20 times a week. **Increased demand for sanitization products means that the Parish will spend about \$5,000 per month, just to sanitize the Church.** We thank all of our parishioners who have continued to support the Parish financially during the pandemic. We invite all of our parishioners to help us defray the increased costs occasioned by COVID-19. Thank you! Welcome back! See you in Church!

Blessings, Fr. Chris

**Revised COVID-19 Liturgy Schedule**

**Sundays**

Vigil 5:00PM (Saturday),  
Sunday 7:00 AM, 10:00AM,  
1:00PM (Spanish), 5:00PM

**Weekdays**

5:30PM (English)

**Saturdays**

5:00PM (Sunday Vigil)

**Private Prayer**

10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday.  
Individuals can stay in the Church for a maximum of 15 minutes.

**Holy Hours**

12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

**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.**

**Please note that all ministry meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

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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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*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

This weekend we celebrate the 244<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States. The great majority of us, even during a challenging pandemic, will observe this important event with family gatherings, barbecues, games, and fireworks of all kinds. We will pay tribute to the courage and foresight of the Founding Fathers, whose efforts ended the tyranny and oppression of kings, created a country governed by the consent of the governed and not by royal caprice, and devised a system of checks and balances, designed to preserve the freedom of the individual, while providing for the common good.

However, while there are many good reasons to make a fuss about the “noble experiment” the Founding Fathers set in motion so many years ago, Independence Day also invites us to reflect on where this noble experiment needs some major fine-tuning. Our country is a land of great opportunity, wealth, and promise, but it is also a nation deeply divided between rich and poor, liberal and conservative, the immigrant and the native-born. It is a culture so fixated on individual freedom and control that we have pushed our environment beyond sustainable limits; consumed our way into personal debt; exchanged the sanctity of life for a throw-away culture, at the expense of the unborn, the unproductive elderly and the terminally ill; and worshipped our ego to the detriment of the common good. Moreover, the events and demonstrations of the past few weeks have demonstrated, all too clearly, the reality of the sin of racism, of the disregard for human dignity, that like a pernicious cancer eats away at the very heart of our society. Indeed, just as there is much to celebrate about Independence Day, there is also much to ponder and change.

In the midst of this dichotomy between celebration and reflection come today’s readings, which are nothing if not supremely ironic. They speak, not of patriots and republics, not of pride and ego, but of a king who is humble and meek, who puts an end to incessant strife and seeks not his own good, but sacrifices his life for the salvation of sinners, of those who reject, torture and crucify him, of very imperfect people, people like us. The prophet Zechariah describes this king as a *just savior*, who will establish peace among the nations. Paul tells us that to be like this meek and humble king, we need to have his spirit, the Spirit of Christ, in us, the Spirit that will *put to death the deeds of the body*, so that we can truly live. To put to death the deeds of the body is not to deny our material nature, since our bodies are created for a noble purpose by a loving God. Rather, we must put aside our selfishness and pride, our need for control, our insatiable desire to consume, no matter what or whom we hurt as a result, and live according to the Spirit.

To live in the Spirit is to live as Christ lived, to love God above all things and obey his commandments, to love our neighbors and our enemies as ourselves, to live humbly in service to the common good, to reject the sins of pride, consumerism, racism, and hypocrisy, just to name a few of the things that harm us and others. To live in the Spirit is to continue the “noble experiment” that regards others, not as rivals to be eliminated, but as our brothers and sisters in Christ to be cherished and with whom we collaborate to build the Reign of God, which is not just a “noble experiment,” but an ever growing reality. To live in the Spirit is to embrace the transformation we began with our baptisms into the Body of Christ, a transformation that continues throughout our lives, through which we recognize Christ as King of our hearts and actions.

To live in the Spirit is not easy. It requires that we recognize who we truly are, not gods, not perfect, but loved by a perfect God who desires only our good. It requires humility and meekness. Matthew’s Gospel reminds us that God has revealed his salvific plan not to the wise and self-satisfied, but to the meek and humble of heart. Only those who have humility can recognize that they need God, that they need salvation, that they need the grace of Jesus Christ to change their lives and escape the selfish disorders – *the deeds of the body* – that lead to death.

This weekend we joyfully mark the anniversary of our independence as a country. We are grateful to live in political freedom and in a country that recognizes the importance of the individual. We are glad to celebrate with families and enjoy barbecues, parties, and fireworks. However, let us not forget that there is still much work to be done if the “noble experiment” that started 244 years ago is to continue successfully. Christ, the meek and humble King, invites us to learn from him, to set aside our selfish attitudes and destructive behaviors, to serve others with love, respect, and dignity, and to care for those no one else will. Only by living in his Spirit, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light, will we find true rest and peace. Only then will we be able to join the psalmist, who joyfully sings *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God*.

Blessings and happy Independence Day,

Fr. Chris

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## Mass Intentions



July 4  
to  
July 12

### Saturday, July 4

5:00PM -

### Sunday, July 5

7:00AM -  
10:00AM -  
1:00PM -  
5:00PM - For the people

### Monday, July 6

5:30PM -

### Tuesday, July 7

5:30PM -

### Wednesday, July 8

5:30PM -

### Thursday, July 9

5:30PM -

### Friday, July 10

5:30PM - Sofia Rios †

### Saturday, July 11

5:00PM - Joe Vella †

### Sunday, July 12

7:00AM -  
10:00AM -  
1:00PM -  
5:00PM -

*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

*For those who have asked for prayers, for themselves, or for others, especially:* Mary Guevara, Martin Serda, Pam Moore, Leticia Victorín 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:* Deacon Rafael Victorín, Marcus Ross, 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, Brandon Bautista.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are happy that we can be open for mass, but we need your help to stay open. One of the requirements to have mass is that we disinfect the church after every mass. We are estimating our expenses to increase by \$5,000 per month for this purpose. Any help you can provide will be appreciated.

### **COVID-19 Updates: What to Expect When Attending Mass**

Below is a short summary of some of the most important changes to expect when attending Mass or private prayer at St. Augustine Parish during the pandemic. ***For more details, please go to the parish website at [www.st-augustine-church.org](http://www.st-augustine-church.org), scroll down the page and click on the Response to COVID-19 Page.***

**Due to the county and state requirements, there can only be 100 persons on the Parish premises at any one time.** *Please remember that Archbishop Gomez's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice.*

**Procedures and protocol designed for the well-being of all, means that we cannot linger in the narthex to visit before or after worship.**

We will continue to forgo the use of holy water, any holding of hands, and the sign of peace. The hymnals and missals will be removed. Communion will be offered only in the hand. Please be prepared to be flexible and follow the instructions of the hospitality ministers.

**Please arrive at the Church at least 30 minutes before Mass begins. There are several procedures that you must follow before you can enter the Church.**

When you get to the Parish, you and your party will be given a Mass ticket. Once all 100 tickets have been issued, the gates to the parking lot will be closed and latecomers will be notified of the next Mass time. On the reverse side of the ticket, there will be space for you to fill out your Name, Date of visit, Bench Number and Seat Number. If you test positive with COVID-19, after attending Mass, you will need to contact the Parish and provide the information on the ticket. This will help us contact others who were present at the same time and date you were to advise them that they may have been exposed, or may have exposed someone else, to the virus and so that they can take appropriate health measures.

**During the 30 minutes before Mass, you will be invited to line up between the Church and the Hall, observing social distancing.** Upon entry into the Church, you will be assigned a seat, your temperature will be taken using a contactless device, and you will be asked to sanitize your hands. You will also be asked 6 questions about your health. A minister of hospitality will then guide you to your seat.

**Once seated, you will be asked not to move about until Mass is over. Face masks are to be worn at all times.**

During Communion, you are asked to follow the instructions of the ministers of hospitality. There will be two stations of communion on either side of the Church. The floors have been marked accordingly to observe social distancing. When you come to the priest, you will bow as usual, receive communion in the hand (please no gloves), you will step to the side (where there is a cross marked on the floor), remove your mask, consume the Body of Christ, replace your mask and then proceed, single file, down the center aisle to your pew.

**After mass, please remain in your pews until you are guided out of the Church by a minister of hospitality.**

Working together, we will get through this!

### **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](http://www.st-augustine-church.org)

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

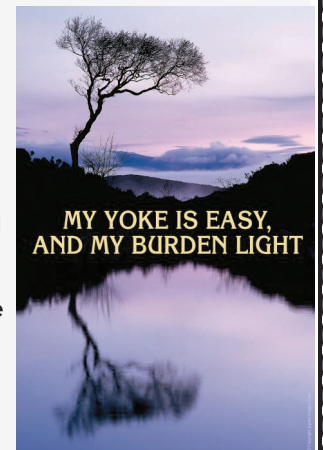
**First Reading** — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

**Gospel** — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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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.*

*Te ensalzaré, Dios mío, mi rey, bendeciré tu nombre por siempre jamás.*

Este fin de semana celebramos el 244 aniversario de la Declaración de Independencia de los Estados Unidos. La gran mayoría de nosotros, aun durante esta pandemia desafiante, observará este importante evento con reuniones familiares, barbacoas, juegos, y fuegos artificiales de todo tipo. Rendiremos homenaje al valor y la previsión de los Padres Fundadores, cuyos esfuerzos acaban con la tiranía y la opresión de los reyes, crearon un país gobernado por el consentimiento de los gobernados y no por el capricho real, e idearon un sistema de controles y equilibrios, para preservar la libertad del individuo y proveer para el bien común.

Sin embargo, aunque hay muchas buenas razones para hacer fiestas al "experimento noble" que los Padres Fundadores pusieron en marcha hace tantos años, el Día de la Independencia también nos invita a reflexionar sobre dónde este noble experimento necesita un ajuste grave. Nuestro país es una tierra de oportunidades grandes, riqueza y promesa, pero también es una nación profundamente dividida entre ricos y pobres, liberales y conservadores, el inmigrante y el nativo. Es una cultura tan obsesionada con la libertad y el control individuales que hemos empujado nuestro medio ambiente más allá de los límites sostenibles; nos hemos consumido por deudas personales; hemos cambiado la santidad de la vida por una cultura que no vale nada, ni la vida del no nacido, ni de los ancianos improductivos, ni de los enfermos terminales. Hemos adorado nuestro ego en detrimento del bien común. Además, los acontecimientos y manifestaciones de las últimas semanas han demostrado, con demasiada claridad, la realidad del pecado del racismo, del desprecio por la dignidad humana, que como un cáncer pernicioso corroe el corazón mismo de nuestra sociedad. De veras, así como hay mucho que celebrar sobre el Día de la Independencia, también hay mucho que meditar y cambiar.

En medio de esta dicotomía entre la celebración y la reflexión vienen las lecturas de hoy, que no son nada si no sumamente irónicas. Hablan, no de patriotas y repúblicas, no de orgullo y ego, sino de un rey humilde y manso, que pone fin a las luchas incesantes y no busca su propio bien, sino que sacrifica su vida por la salvación de los pecadores, de aquellos que lo rechazan, torturan y crucifican, de personas muy imperfectas, personas como nosotros. El profeta Zacarías describe a este rey como un *salvador justo*, que establecerá la paz entre las naciones. San Pablo nos dice que, para ser como este rey manso y humilde, necesitamos tener su espíritu, el Espíritu de Cristo, en nosotros, el Espíritu que destruye nuestras *malas acciones*, para que podamos vivir verdaderamente. Poner a muerte las malas acciones no es negar nuestra naturaleza material, ya que nuestros cuerpos son creados para un propósito noble por un Dios amoroso. Más bien, debemos dejar a un lado nuestro egoísmo y orgullo, nuestra necesidad de control, nuestro deseo insaciable de consumir, sin importar qué o a quién hagamos daño como resultado, y vivir de acuerdo con el Espíritu.

Vivir en el Espíritu es vivir como Cristo vivió -- amar a Dios por encima de todas las cosas y obedecer sus mandamientos; amar a nuestros vecinos y a nuestros enemigos como a nosotros mismos; vivir humildemente al servicio del bien común; rechazar los pecados del orgullo, el consumismo, el racismo y la hipocresía, sólo por nombrar algunas de las cosas que nos dañan a nosotros y a los demás. Vivir en el Espíritu es continuar el "experimento noble" que considera a los demás, no como rivales a eliminar, sino como nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo para ser apreciados y con quienes colaboramos para construir el Reino de Dios, que es más que un "experimento noble", sino una realidad que crece continuamente. Vivir en el Espíritu es abrazar la transformación que comenzamos con nuestros bautismos en el Cuerpo de Cristo, una transformación que continúa a lo largo de nuestra vida, a través de la cual reconocemos a Cristo como Rey de nuestros corazones y acciones.

Vivir en el Espíritu no es fácil. Requiere que reconozcamos quiénes somos realmente -- no dioses, no perfectos, sino amados por un Dios perfecto que sólo desea nuestro bien. Requiere humildad y mansedumbre. El Evangelio de Mateo nos recuerda que Dios ha revelado su plan salvífico no a los sabios y satisfechos, sino a los mansos y humildes de corazón. Sólo aquellos que tienen humildad pueden reconocer que necesitan a Dios, que necesitan salvación, que necesitan la gracia de Jesucristo para cambiar sus vidas y escapar de los desórdenes egoístas -- las *malas acciones* -- que conducen a la muerte.

Este fin de semana conmemoramos con alegría el aniversario de nuestra independencia como país. Estamos agradecidos de vivir en libertad política y en un país que reconoce la importancia del individuo. Estamos encantados de celebrar con las familias y disfrutar de barbacoas, fiestas y fuegos artificiales. Sin embargo, no olvidemos que aún queda mucho trabajo por hacer para que el "experimento noble" que comenzó hace 244 años continúe con éxito. Cristo, el rey manso y humilde, nos invita a aprender de él, a dejar de lado nuestras actitudes egoístas y comportamientos destructivos, a servir a los demás con amor, respeto y dignidad, y a cuidar de aquellos que nadie más lo hará. Sólo viviendo en su Espíritu, cuyo yugo es fácil y ligero, encontraremos el verdadero descanso y paz. Sólo entonces podremos unirnos al salmista, que alegremente canta *te ensalzaré, Dios mío, mi rey, bendeciré tu nombre por siempre jamás*.

Bendiciones y feliz Día de la Independencia,

P. Chris

## COVID-19: Qué esperar al asistir a la misa

Lo que sigue es un breve resumen de algunos de los cambios más importantes que se pueden esperar al asistir a la misa en la Parroquia de San Agustín durante la pandemia. **Para obtener más detalles, visite el sitio web de la parroquia en [www.st-augustine-church.org](http://www.st-augustine-church.org), desplácese hacia abajo por la página y haga clic en la página Respuesta a COVID-19.**

Debido a los requisitos del condado y del estado, solo puede haber 100 personas en las instalaciones de la Parroquia a la vez. Recuerden que la dispensa del arzobispo Gómez de la obligación de asistir a la misa dominical permanece vigente hasta nuevo aviso.

Los procedimientos y el protocolo diseñados para el bienestar de todos, significa que no podemos quedarnos en el vestíbulo para visitar antes o después de la adoración.

Seguiremos renunciando al uso del agua bendita, cualquier sostención de manos y el signo de la paz. Los himnos y misales serán eliminados. La comunión se ofrecerá sólo en la mano. Por favor, esté preparado para ser flexible y siga las instrucciones de los ministros de hospitalidad.

**Por favor, lleguen a la Iglesia al menos 30 minutos antes de que comience la Misa. Hay varios procedimientos que debe seguir antes de poder entrar en la Iglesia.**

Cuando llegues a la Parroquia, tú y tu grupo recibirán un boleto de misa. Una vez que se hayan emitido los 100 billetes, las puertas del estacionamiento serán cerradas y los rezagados serán notificados de la próxima misa. En el reverso del billete, habrá espacio para que usted llene su Nombre, Fecha de visita, Número de Banco y Número de Asiento. Si usted prueba positivo con COVID-19, después de asistir a la Misa, tendrá que contratar a la Parroquia y proporcionar la información sobre el boleto. Esto nos ayudará a ponernos en contacto con otras personas que estuvieron presentes al mismo tiempo y fecha en que les aconsejaría que podrían haber estado expuestos, o pueden haber expuesto a otra persona, al virus y para que puedan tomar las medidas de salud adecuadas.

**Durante los 30 minutos previos a la misa, se le invitará a alinearse entre la Iglesia y el Salón, observando el distanciamiento social.** Al entrar en la Iglesia, se le asignará un asiento, su temperatura será tomada usando un dispositivo sin contacto, y se le pedirá que desinfecte sus manos. También se le harán 6 preguntas sobre su salud. Un ministro de hospitalidad le guiará a su asiento.

**Una vez sentado, se le pedirá que no se mueva hasta que la Misa haya terminado. Las máscaras faciales deben usarse en todo momento.**

Durante la Comunión, se le pide que siga las instrucciones de los ministros de hospitalidad. Habrá dos estaciones de comunión a ambos lados de la Iglesia. *(Continuado arriba ↗)*

*(COVID continuado)* Los pisos se han marcado en consecuencia para observar el distanciamiento social. Cuando vengas al sacerdote, te inclinarás como siempre, recibirás la comunión en la mano (por favor no te desenfries), te acercaras a un lado (donde hay una cruz marcada en el piso), te quitarás la máscara, consumirás el Cuerpo de Cristo, reemplazarás tu máscara y luego procederás, un solo archivo, por el pasillo central hasta tu banco.

**Después de la misa, permanezcan en sus bancos hasta que sean guiados fuera de la Iglesia por un ministro de hospitalidad. ¡Trabajando juntos, superaremos esto! ¡Gracias!**

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Nuestro Salvador es un pacificador que reina hasta los confines de la tierra (Zacarías 9:9-10).

**Salmo** — Siempre bendeciré tu nombre, mi rey y mi Dios (Salmo 145 [144]).

**Segunda lectura** — Si por el Espíritu matan las obras de la carne, vivirán en el Espíritu de Dios (Romanos 8: 9, 11-13).

**Evangelio** — Vengan a mí los que se sientan cargados y agobiados, porque yo los aliviare (Mateo 11:25-30).

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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/modules/form.php?id=31> 6