

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00pm + Cecelia Gilchreist

+ Jordan Louis

+ The People of Saint Augustine—

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Sunday, December 3, 2023 –First Sunday of Advent

9:30am + Deceased Members of the Maher Family

12:00pm + Aloyse Schmit

+ Rita Reni

+ Albert Heraux

+ The people of Haiti and for St. Andre Parish-DuFort, Haiti

Monday, December 4, 2023—Saint John Damascene

9:00am + Albertson Fanfan

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

9:00am + Thomas McGovern

+ Lois Leger

Wednesday, December 6, 2023-Saint Nicholas, Bishop

9:00am + Terence King

Thursday, December 7, 2023—Saint Ambrose

9:00am + Monsignor John E. Delendick

Friday, December 8, 2023—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am + Richard Armstrong

7:30pm + Karen Lightell

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – [Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7](#): We acknowledge You as our eternal redeemer, yet we've strayed and become sinful. We long for Your mighty presence and deeds, as we are lost without Your guidance.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 80](#): Shepherd of Israel, hear us and save us. Look down, care for us, and let Your face shine upon us that we may be strong and faithful.

Second Reading – [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#): I thank God for the grace given to you, enriching you with knowledge and spiritual gifts as you await Jesus Christ, who will keep you steadfast until His return.

Gospel – [Mark 13:33-37](#): Jesus advises his disciples to stay vigilant as no one knows when He will return. It's likened to a man going on a journey who instructs his servants to be watchful in his absence, emphasizing the need to remain prepared at all times.

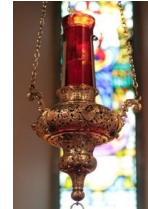
WEEKLY MEMORIALS - December 3-9



The Bread and Wine
In Memory
of
Nicholas J. Fialo, III



The Altar Candles
Available by Calling
the Parish Office



The Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory
of **Richard Armstrong**

IN OUR PRAYERS AND REMEMBERED @ MASS

May God strengthen and give peace to all of our sick parishioners, relatives and friends, especially for:

Sr. Maryann Ambrose, CSJ	Joe Guzman	Edward McCrory
Maritza Arroyo	Jenny Hoffman	Marge Miller
Bob Beaumont	John Hurtado	Luna Victoria Pena
Dasan Broadnax	Karen Intintoli	Andrew Quinn
Estella Chan	Daniel Joseph	Suzanne Ramdial
Aida Cuin	Flavia Langan	Angel Rosa
Pat DeVito	James Leger	Claire Scanlon
Sylvia Garland	Kenneth Leger	Robert Schlegel
Ann Gucwa	Pricilla Masonette	Anne M. Thompson
	Olga Matinsen	Dominick Votto
	Helen McCann	Samuel Wiener

and those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation facilities.

And for all those who have entered eternal rest, especially
May they rest in peace

NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

Each week, our individual sacrifice is gathered during the collection at Mass. The first collection helps with the costs associated with the operation of Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier. Second collections are usually to share our sacrifice with other announced needs extending our generosity.

Maintenance Fund: Can be added to any collection throughout the month.

- ❖ 11/26/2023—Christmas Flowers
- ❖ 12/1/2023—Maintenance Fund
- ❖ 12/3/2023—Christmas Mass Remembrance
- ❖ 12/8/2023—Immaculate Conception

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES

9:00AM Saint Francis Xavier

7:30pm Saint Augustine

*Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation



Weekly Update from the Pastor

Congratulations

We extend Congratulations and good wishes to those who completed their initiation as Catholic Christians through the Sacrament of Confirmation, Saturday, December 2, 2023. We are grateful for the presence of **Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio**, who celebrated Mass for the First Sunday of Advent and conferred the Sacrament on our candidates. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they continue to live as fully initiated, intentional disciples of Jesus.

World AIDS Day Remembrance

As we marked World AIDS Day on Friday, December 1st, this afternoon, **December 3rd, at the 12 noon Mass**, we will pray for all those remembered by name on the fences surrounding Saint Augustine Church, as well as all those who struggle with HIV/AIDS related issues and all those who lost loved ones.

Advent/Christmas Memorials

As I wrote last weekend, this year we will offer the opportunity to remember loved ones at Christmas in a variety of ways.

- ❖ **Christmas Flowers**—envelopes will be available to remember those we love with the poinsettias decorating our beautiful Church buildings.
- ❖ **Christmas Mass Remembrance** will include all those who will be prayed for at Masses which are part of a Christmas Remembrance of Masses. Envelopes are available to complete and place in the collection at Mass or return to the Parish Office.
- ❖ **New this year**, will be the **memorialization of the live wreaths** decorating the inside and outside of our historic buildings. Please see the form available in the bulletin and online for more information. To make the necessary arrangements, wreath memorials need to be returned by Sunday, December 17, 2023

Hymnal Racks

For greater ease of use, beginning **last weekend**, the *Glory and Praise* hymnals at Saint Francis Xavier Church are available as one enters Church each Sunday. Please remember to return your hymnal to the shelves provided as you leave Church. Note that each week we also continue to provide a QR code at the entrance to each Church with the readings and hymns used at Mass.

How we pray ~ Is How we believe ~ Is How we live


As part of our ongoing formation for praying better together in a unity that expresses our connection as brothers and sisters at Mass, beginning next Sunday, each week I will **briefly** share what the Catholic Church asks of us as we pray at Mass.

Many gestures and customs have been added in recent years, or others from years past have returned; which in some cases these detract from a more clearer expression of unity. For those interested in reading what the Roman Missal says we should be doing at Mass, please see <https://sasfx.org/about/mass-times/order-of-mass>

Please continue to prepare the way of the Lord

With Gratitude and Advent Hope,

Frank C. Tumino
Pastor



*Adore
Jesus in the
Eucharist*

HOLY HOUR
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13
6:30PM

SAINT FRANCIS
XAVIER
225 6TH AVENUE



Lessons and Carols

Save the Date

Sunday, December 10th @ 4:00PM

Saint Francis Xavier Church
225 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

The Program includes brief Advent & Christmas readings from Sacred Scripture, music of the season sung by the choir, and communal singing of traditional Christmas Carols.

MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass book for Saint Augustine –Saint Francis Xavier is open for Mass Intentions and Memorials. The dates are scheduled on a first come basis. Saturdays and Sundays will continue to list several intentions, while we will limit weekday masses with only one name, to the best of our ability.

- Mass Intentions: **\$20.00** per intention/per name
- Bread and Wine: **\$20.00**
- Altar Candle: **\$20.00**
- Sanctuary Lamp: **\$20.00**

The office is closed to outside visitors, therefore you can either place the payment and a list of desired mass intentions or memorials in an envelope. Put Attn: Mona on the envelope.

- Drop off at office, put it in the mail slot.
- Place envelope in collections on the weekend
- Email info@sasfx.org Subject line "Mass Intentions or Memorials" and pay online.



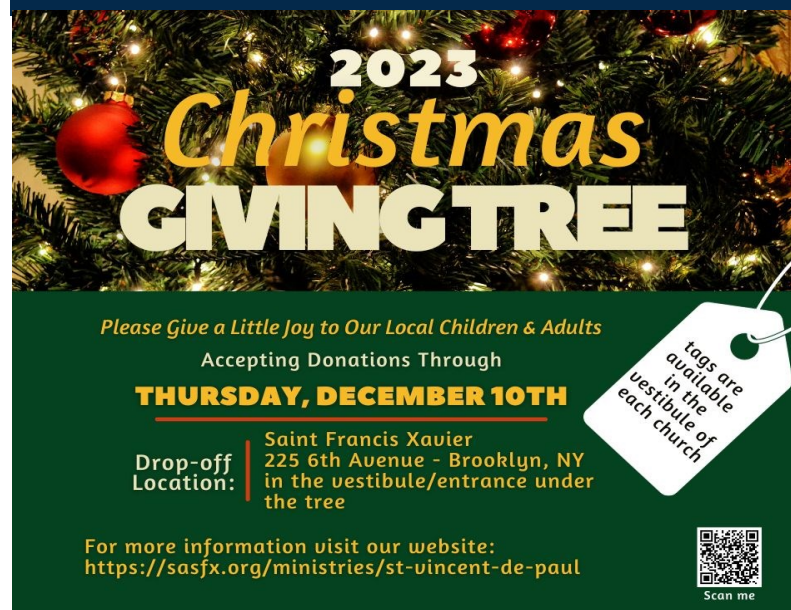
Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve Vigil, December 24
5:00pm - Saint Augustine

Midnight Mass
11:00pm - Prelude of Sacred Christmas Music
12:00am - Saint Francis Xavier

Christmas Day - December 25
9:30am - Saint Francis Xavier
12:00pm - Saint Augustine

*** Livestreamed on FaceBook and sasfx.org

GIVING TREE—2023




2023 Christmas GIVING TREE

Please Give a Little Joy to Our Local Children & Adults
Accepting Donations Through
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Drop-off Location: Saint Francis Xavier
225 6th Avenue - Brooklyn, NY
in the vestibule/entrance under the tree

tags are available in the vestibule of each church

For more information visit our website:
<https://sasfx.org/ministries/st-vincent-de-paul>



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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All engaged couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage are reminded that a preparation process is required. Since every situation is slightly different, and various permissions are often needed, it is highly advisable to contact the Parish Office **before looking for a venue** to celebrate after the Church celebration. 718.638.1880. Feel free to visit our website for more information about Marriage preparation. <https://sasfx.org/sacraments/marriage>

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

We celebrate infant baptisms for children under seven years old. Children ages seven and older are invited to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism through preparation in our [Faith Formation program](#). If you're an unbaptized adult, check out our Christian Initiation program.

CONGRATULATIONS—BAPTISM

**Congratulations on being made new in Christ
through your baptism**

at Saint Augustine Church

❖ **Nora & Claire Drozda**

children of Brian and Alexandra

❖ **Ewan Galligan** child of William and Mary

In asking that your child be baptized, the Church takes this as a pledge that parents or guardians are committed to see to it that this Baptism bears fruit for the Kingdom of God. May we all be witnesses to your testimony.

SAVE THE DATES

December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation

December 10—Lessons & Carols

December 10—Please have all Giving Tree gifts turned in by the 10th.

December 13—Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration

December 16—Tree Lighting with reception

December 16/17—Blessing of the Bambinelli

JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

Throughout the year we have many needs, such as church greeters, hosts, decorating for holidays and more. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 718.638.1880.

**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023**

**SAINT AUGUSTINE –
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

225 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Frank C. Tumino

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Friday
9:30AM-4:30PM

Parish office temporarily closed to outside visitors due to major construction.

Masses

Saturday—5PM Saint Francis Xavier

Sunday—9:30AM Saint Francis Xavier

Sunday—12PM Saint Augustine

Mon– Thurs—9AM Saint Francis Xavier

*9:30 Sunday Mass and 9:00AM Wednesday

Masses are live-streamed at SASFX.org

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 9:30AM

Saturday: 4PM –4:45PM St. Francis

By prior appointment: Please call the parish office.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Saint Augustine: 6th Avenue @Sterling Place

Temporarily closed due to construction on 6th Avenue

Saturday tours at 3pm at Saint Augustine!

Saint Francis Xavier: 6th Avenue @ Carroll Street

Monday-Friday from 8:00AM– 12PM.

FIND US ONLINE



SASFX.ORG



FACEBOOK.COM/STFXBROOKLYN



[HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/SASFXBROOKLYN/](https://www.instagram.com/sasfxbrooklyn/)



WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our parish family and visitors. We are happy that you are here. Please call the parish office or visit SASFX.org to register in the parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office during business hours for information and to begin the preparation process.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office for more information. Requests must be made at least six months prior to date of Marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION

All Parishioners must formally register in the Parish by visiting the parish office or online at SASFX.org
Letters of recommendation and Sponsor Certificates can only be provided for those known to be registered for at least 3 months, supporting and active parishioners and actively living the Catholic Faith.