

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:00pm + Joseph Testa,
+ Vanesa Sanchez,
+ Michael Mazor,
+ Paul Tymus, Sr.

Sunday, December 17, 2023 –Third Sunday of Advent

9:30am + James and Helen Speicher,
+ Vanesa Sanchez

12:00pm + The Krieger & Hippert Families,
+ Isabel Sciacovelli, Souls in Purgatory,
+ The People of Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier Parish,
+ The people of Haiti and for St. Andre Parish-
Dufort, Haiti

Monday, December 18, 2023

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez, Nicholas Tramonte (Living)

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez

Thursday, December 21, 2023—St. Peter Canisius

9:00am + Timothy Dougherty

Mass Intentions are available by calling the Parish Office.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - [Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11](#): Anointed by God, I am sent to bring hope to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, and proclaim freedom. Clothed in salvation, I joyfully await God's justice to flourish globally.

Responsorial Psalm - [Luke 1](#): My soul magnifies the Lord, rejoicing in God my Savior. He has blessed me, His humble servant, and shown mercy across generations, fulfilling His promise with compassion.

Second Reading - [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#): Rejoice always, pray ceaselessly, and give thanks in all situations. Embrace the Spirit, discern truth, and avoid evil. May God sanctify you wholly for Christ's return, fulfilling His promise.

Gospel - [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#): Sent by God, John the Baptist testified to the coming Light, making clear he was not the Christ, Elijah, nor the Prophet. Questioned by Jewish leaders, he identified himself as the voice prophesied by Isaiah, preparing the way for the Lord. Despite his significant role, John humbly acknowledged the greater one to follow, whose sandals he felt unworthy to untie.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS - December 10-16



The Bread and Wine
In Memory
of
Deacon Jim Ramos



The Altar Candles
In Memory
of
Deacon Jim Ramos



The Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory
of
Deacon Jim Ramos

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
Denise Keys	Olga Matinsen	Dominick Votto
	Helen McCann	Mary Owens

and those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation facilities and for all those who have entered eternal rest, especially

Deacon James Ramos, Sandra Soto and Mario Lopez

May they rest in peace.

DECEMBER 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.

❖ 12/17/2023—Christmas Gift to the Parish

❖ 12/25/2023—Catholic Charities

Thank you for your generous sacrifice

Maintenance Fund November \$1,340

Giving Tuesday/Sacred Music \$1,900

Human Development (Diocesan) \$1,586

WHEN DONATING BY CHECK

We are grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.

Please remember that until the merger of Parishes is completed checks need to be written to **either** Saint Augustine **OR** Saint Francis Xavier Church.

Weekly Update from the Pastor

Blessing of the Bambinelli

The blessing of the image of the baby Jesus from our nativity scene that is part of our Christmas celebration was first instituted by Saint John Paul II. Today, celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring their baby Jesuses, Bambinelli, to Saint Peter's Square. This beautiful tradition reminds us that although there are many images of the baby Jesus, we are united as brothers and sisters as he was born into God's creation.

Those who forgot to bring their image of Jesus with them, can bring them next weekend to be blessed as we leave Church.

Advent/Christmas Memorials

For those who may have missed the previous announcements, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, we 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 returned to the Parish Office.

❖ **Wreath Memorials**, will be the **memorialization of the live wreaths** decorating the inside and outside of our historic buildings. Please see the form available in the church and online for more information. Wreath memorials need to be returned **by Monday, December 18, 2023**

Hymnal Racks

For greater ease of use the *Glory and Praise* hymnals at Saint Francis Xavier Church will now be available as one enters Church each Sunday. Please remember to return your hymnal to the library carts provided as you leave Church.

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

Last weekend, as part of our ongoing formation for praying better together in a unity that proclaims our connection as brothers and sisters at Mass, I began by expressing the hope that we all make the sacrifice to prepare to be at Mass before it begins. As I noted during Mass, my experience has been that catechesis on what we do at Mass is very seldom done. Ideally, we are all asked to exhibit the unity and humility of Jesus as we pray during Mass. Those interested in reading what the Roman Missal encourages us to do at Mass, please see <https://sasfx.org/about/mass-times/order-of-mass>

This weekend, we will further consider the dialogue, gratitude, and unity that Mass is meant to express. It is my hope that by doing what we are called to do at Mass—we can further develop as a community of faith.

For those who were tired of hearing about deferred maintenance and crumbling buildings, in the spirit of the Third Sunday of Advent, REJOICE! I much prefer to speak about the importance of the liturgy and how we can grow in our fidelity and trust in God

With Gratitude and Advent Hope,

Frank C. Tumino

Pastor



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

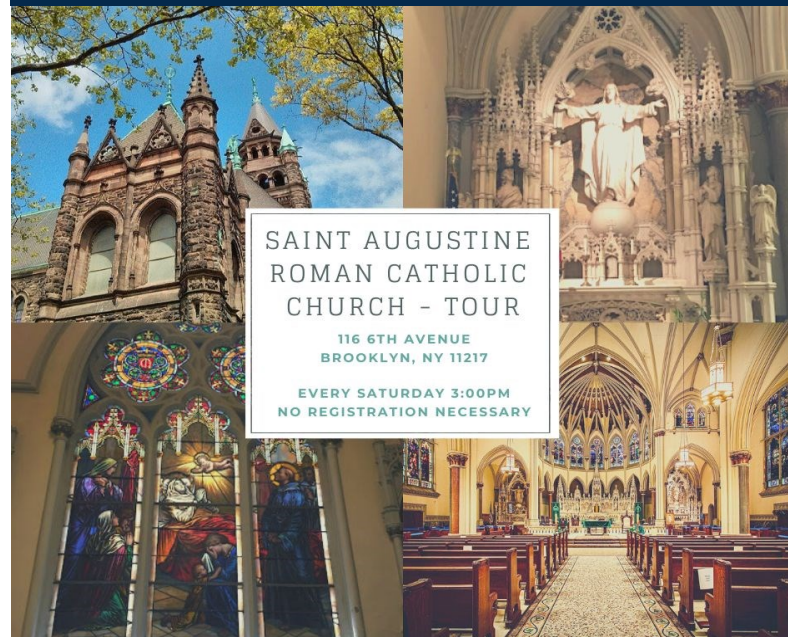
Christmas Day - December 25

*9:30am - Saint Francis Xavier

12:00pm - Saint Augustine

*** Livestreamed on FaceBook and sasfx.org

CHURCH TOUR—SAINT AUGUSTINE



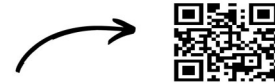
SAINT AUGUSTINE
ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH - TOUR
116 6TH AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11217
EVERY SATURDAY 3:00PM
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY



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REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

BEING CATHOLIC

MAKE A COMMITMENT

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

- Parish Registration is Important. It demonstrates commitment to a particular community of faith. Those baptizing children, forming them in Faith Formation or seeking an extraordinary life of faith should formally register.
- Parish Registration is required in preparing letters of reference and for the completion of Sponsor Forms for those seeking to serve as Godparents for Baptism or Confirmation.
- Registration and weekly support through online giving or weekly envelopes is helpful to us in budgeting for the year.
- Registered parishioners who are donors are provided yearly statements of donations for tax purposes.

OFFICE CLOSED—MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

The Saint Augustine—Saint Francis Church Parish office will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 as we celebrate Christmas day with our families. We will resume office hours on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

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>

Congratulations on the celebration of the
Sacrament of Marriage
JC Rojas and Josephine Burns

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.

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.

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

If you CAN... CAN you please?
Our pantry is low again. With the reduction of Federal Funding to those in need, our count has increased. We assisted over 30 families last Wednesday. Refugees and asylum seekers are now a frequent part of those we assist. That is why we need YOU! Non-perishable food donations can be left at the altar at Saint Francis Xavier Church. They can also be dropped off at the parish office.

Any non perishables are appreciated. Examples: Canned vegetables, canned tuna, mac & cheese, cereal. Thank you so much for your help.

Monetary donations can be made by scanning the QR code, going to our website. <https://sasfx.org/ministries/st-vincent-de-paul> or mailing a check to Saint Augustine - Saint Francis Xavier - 225 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215



"I WAS HUNGRY, I WAS THIRSTY,
I WAS A STRANGER, I WAS
NAKED, I WAS SICK - AND
YOU CARED."



Third Sunday of
Advent
December 17, 2023

SAINT AUGUSTINE –
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

225 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Frank C. Tumino

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/ DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Ms. Natalia Parra

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Michael Kaminski

PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs. Mona Tramonte

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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



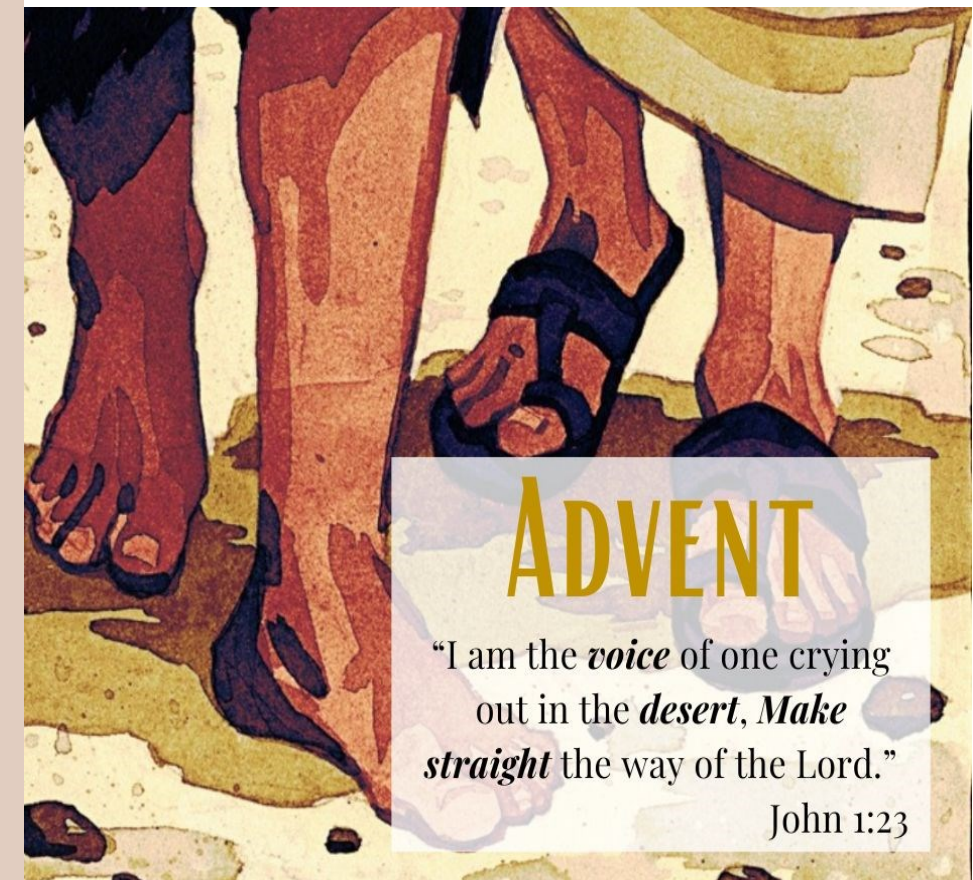
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ADVENT

"I am the *voice* of one crying
out in the *desert*, *Make*
straight the way of the Lord."

John 1:23

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.