

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:00pm + The People of Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier Parish,
+ Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul
+ Angelita Cuellar

Sunday, December 24, 2023 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30am + Tedeschi Family
+ Richard Adams
+ John Lee
12:00pm + The people of Haiti and for St. Andre Parish-
Dufort, Haiti

5:00pm + The Tumino and Lembo Family
12:00am + Christmas Mass Remembrance

Monday, December 25, 2023—The Nativity of the Lord

9:30am + Doris Vincent Ruggiero
12:00pm + Christmas Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 –St. Stephen

9:00am + Christmas Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, December 27, 2023—St. John

9:00am + Christmas Mass Remembrance

Thursday, December 28, 2023—The Holy Innocents

9:00am + Christmas Mass Remembrance

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 17-23



The Bread and Wine
By the Parishioners &
Benefactors of
Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier



The Altar Candles
In Memory
of
Deacon Jim Ramos



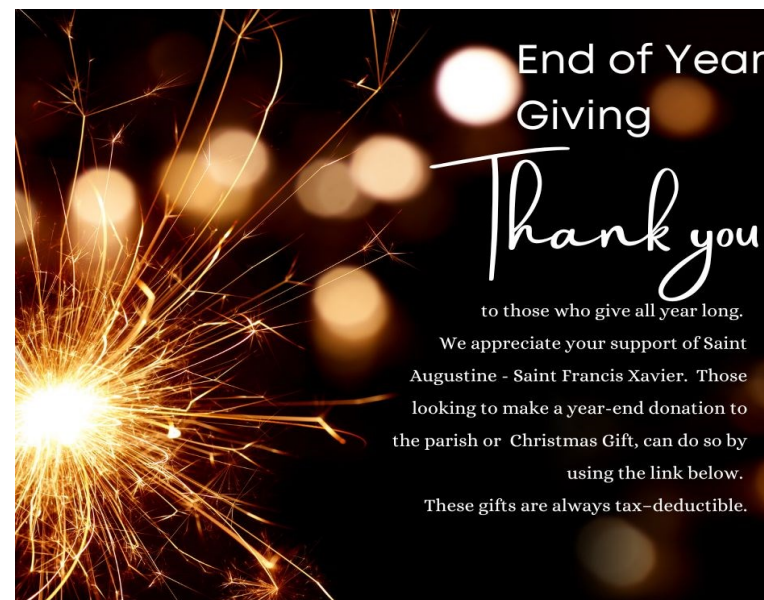
The Sanctuary Lamp
For a greater
Respect for all
Human Life

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 **Monsignor John F. Casey**
May they rest in peace.



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Weekly Update from the Pastor

Advent AND Christmas

This weekend we have the unique experience of marking the Fourth Sunday in Advent, and then returning to Church for the Vigil of Christmas and Midnight Mass. The lack of time between Advent and the celebration should not catch us off guard. This time of joy-filled anticipation at the mystery of the Incarnation—God entering into human experience—is expressed this year in praying at Mass on Saturday evening/Sunday morning marking Advent, and then depending on schedules, returning either Sunday evening or Monday morning to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord.

So much time in Church is a good thing as we seek to live lives as intentional disciples of the very Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

Please join me in seeking to provide a welcoming spirit to those who pray with us these days. Many have commented on how many more people pray with us each week. We all have an opportunity to encourage them to stay with us for the weeks that follow.

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

Continuing our formation for what we do as we pray at Mass, last weekend we considered the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. I was gratified to see many more people at Mass arrive way **before** the readings that are part of the Liturgy of the Word. The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to introduce and prepare the faithful, who come together as one community, to dispose themselves to listen properly to God's Word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily. Once again, the gestures as well as postures used during Mass are meant to express our unity in Jesus Christ, therefore they are meant to be the same regardless of where we pray at Mass. This week we will take a closer look at the Liturgy of the Eucharist and concluding rites. Once again, 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>

Christmas Masses Worship Aids

Available as one enters Church to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, booklets have been prepared so that the larger numbers of those at prayer will not be affected by not having enough hymnals.

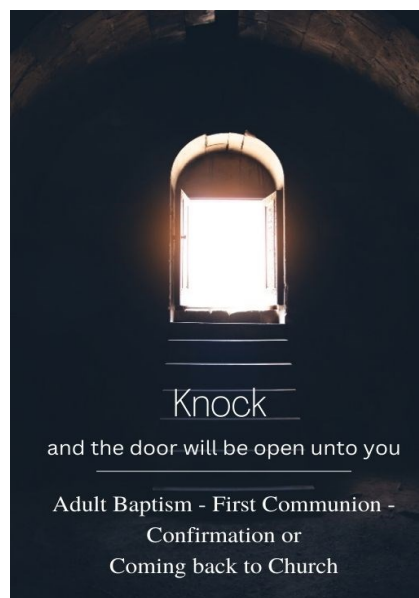
For those who may just be joining us, the *Glory and Praise* hymnals at Saint Francis Xavier Church are available as one enters Church each Sunday. Please remember to return your hymnal to the library carts provided as you leave Church.

Christmas Wishes

Please know my wishes to one and all for a Blessed Christmas. We are blessed at Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier with many generous and faithful parishioners. Our deepest gratitude is extended to all those who helped us celebrate the Birth of Jesus with peace and joy!

Merry Christmas,

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



WAYS TO MAKE A GIFT

To donate online text DONATE to 917-336-1255

Scan QR code with your smartphone

Respond to Christmas Gift Letter or fill out pledge card at the entrance of the Church

Thank You!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming.

For those who have already fulfilled their pledges, thank you for your prompt and generous response. We encourage those who have not yet fulfilled their pledge to consider doing so since December 31st will conclude this year's Appeal.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, we encourage you to consider joining us in this shared commitment. In these coming weeks, you will receive an ACA Christmas gift request letter.

Please consider making a gift! Your support is crucial to ensuring the continued success of our faith community and its outreach efforts. No contribution is too small, and every gift, regardless of size, contributes to the greater good of many individuals and families in need throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Merry Christmas



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.

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>

GIVING TREE—2023

Thank you to everyone that pulled a tag from the Giving Tree and donated Christmas gifts to St. Vincent DePaul. We were able to fulfill all of the children's wishes. Be on the lookout for pictures from the children and adults who will be receiving these gifts.

LESSONS & CAROLS

We want to Thank all of our Community for showing up, participating and supporting Lessons & Carols again this year. It was a great success. Thank you to our beautiful choir and the Director of Music, Dr. Michael Kaminski for such an amazing performance.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 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](https://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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let there be Peace



+ Hope
+ Faith
+ Joy
+ Peace

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](https://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](https://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.