

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:00pm + Mark vonSterberg
+ The DeThill Family
+ The People of Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Sunday, March 17, 2024—Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30am + Helen & Patrick Dougherty
+ Sister Dolores Crepeau, CSJ
+ Francois Joseph
12:00pm + Bernice D'Eramo (Living)
+ People of Haiti & Andre Parish, Dufort Haiti

Monday, March 18, 2024—St. Cyril

9:00am + Marmo Family

Tuesday, March 19, 2024—St. Joseph

9:00am + Sally Walsh

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:00am + Edward Turbert

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:00am + Lembo Family

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34: God promises a new covenant with Israel and Judah, different from the old. He will write His laws in their hearts, be their God, and they, His people. All will know Him and be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 51: I ask God for mercy and cleansing from my sins. May He create a pure heart in me, not casting me away, and restore the joy of salvation to guide others.

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9: Jesus Christ, during His time on earth, earnestly prayed to the Father, and was heard for His deep reverence. Through suffering, He learned obedience, becoming the source of eternal salvation for His followers.

Gospel - John 12:20-33: When some Greeks sought Jesus during Passover, He spoke of His impending death, likening it to a grain of wheat that must die to produce many seeds. He emphasized self-denial for eternal life and the honor given to those who serve Him. Jesus, troubled, chose to glorify God's name over seeking rescue. A divine voice affirmed this, leading to varied interpretations among the crowd. Jesus explained His crucifixion would judge the world and draw all to Himself, revealing the nature of His death.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS



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



The Altar Candles
Memorial
Available



The Sanctuary Lamp
Memorial
Available

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
Sylvia Garland	James Leger	Claire Scanlon
Ann Gucwa	Kenneth Leger	Robert Schlegel
Denise Keys	Pricilla Masonette	Anne M. Thompson
David Harrison	Olga Matinsen	Dominick Votto
	Helen McCann	Mary Owens
Elsцена M. Rickman	Neil Napolitan	Sarah Hawas

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

May they rest in peace

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

The **2024 Mass book** for Saint Augustine –Saint Francis Xavier is open for Mass Intentions and Memorials.

- Mass Intentions: **\$20.00**
- Bread and Wine: **\$20.00**
- Altar Candle: **\$20.00**
- Sanctuary Lamp: **\$20.00**

Please contact the parish office to arrange an intention for mass or a memorial at 718-638-1880



Weekly Update from the Pastor

If today you hear His voice.....pray with us!

As we gather in reflection, let us embrace the positive momentum that has graced our community in recent months. Despite facing challenges, our shared commitment to prayer has been nothing short of inspiring. Last weekend, our Masses witnessed an incredible turnout of over 500 individuals, including 82 joyful children—a testament to the vibrant spirit within our parish. Just two years ago, post-COVID, our weekly attendance was 224, emphasizing the remarkable growth we've experienced.

In these uncertain times, let us remain steadfast in our call to bear witness to God's presence in our lives. Together, let's celebrate our faith-filled and welcoming community, a legacy that spans over 150 years. Our unity and dedication have become beacons of hope, lighting the path toward a future filled with grace and spiritual richness.

The Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier Choir has adapted gracefully to new circumstances, enriching our worship experiences with their alternating performances. Their flexibility and commitment have added a beautiful dimension to our Masses, enhancing the collective prayer within our two beloved Churches. Truly, as we seek His voice and follow where God leads us, we witness the unfolding of great blessings.

Helping Hands Food Pantry Closure

In facing challenges such as the Helping Hands Food Pantry closure, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our parishioners for their understanding and support. Your appreciation for the transparent and caring approach to ensuring safety within our community has not gone unnoticed. While the closure may be disappointing, let us focus on the positive changes and the shared responsibility we all bear in finding better solutions. Together, let's continue to act with the compassion and grace that Jesus exemplified.

Palm Sunday

As we approach Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, let our prayers be a beacon for peace in the midst of persecution worldwide. May the truth of Jesus Christ guide us and fill our hearts with hope. With gratitude for the resilient spirit of our parish, I remain dedicated to leading and shepherding this wonderful, yet challenging community.

With gratitude for the truth of Jesus Christ, who is our guide and hope,

Fr. Frank Tumino
Pastor

Parish Goal: \$69,821

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

Adore Jesus in the Eucharist

WAY OF THE CROSS
(6:30PM)

HOLY HOUR (7:00PM)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

SAINT AUGUSTINE
116 6TH AVENUE

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 10, 2024—Easter Flowers
& Easter Mass Remembrance

March 17, 2024—Easter Gift

Maintenance Fund Donations February: \$1,488.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival

Saturday, April 20, 2024
9AM to 3PM
Louis Armstrong Stadium at the Billie Jean King
Tennis Center, Flushing Meadows



Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens, will lead this day-long program with youth event, family catechesis, Eucharistic procession, and Mass. This gathering is organized as a special day of unity among Catholics of all cultures and ages. Through the Grace of Jesus Christ and His presence in the Eucharist, we can grow to be better mothers, fathers, children, friends, and neighbors and receive the strength to live our lives in harmony with His will.

The event is free, but tickets are required.

Every parish will receive 50 tickets that will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. We anticipate receiving the tickets sometime in mid-March 2024. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office during business hours (718-638-1880) to make a request to reserve tickets that you can pick up at the rectory. Individuals can request two (2) tickets; families can request up to four (4) tickets.

We will post the agenda on this page soon.

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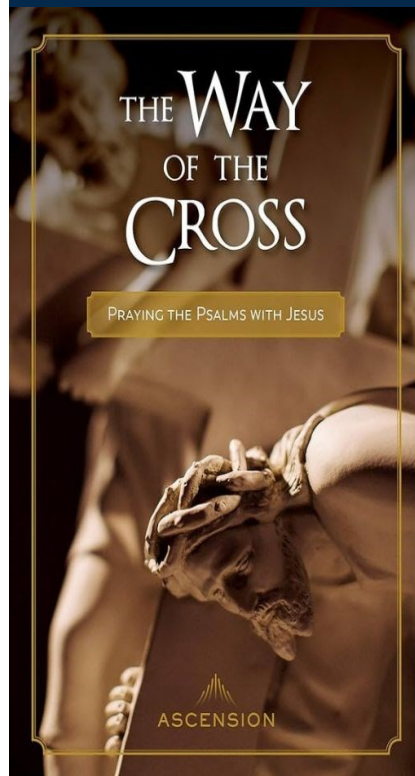
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WAY OF THE CROSS—WEDNESDAYS—LENT



Experience the way of the cross as you never have before. Rather than meditating about Christ's journey to the cross, pray with him.

Jesus, as an observant Jewish man, would have prayed the Psalms throughout the day, and drawn strength and peace from them.

In *The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*, Fr. Toups invites us to step closer to Christ and pray beside him, drawing strength from Scripture during his last moments before the crucifixion.

Each station features:

- +A short reading from Scripture
- +A brief meditation
- +A Psalm to pray with Christ

HOLY WEEK - 2024

PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024 - MASS TIMES

- 5:00pm - Saturday, March 23 - Saint Francis Xavier
- 9:30am - Sunday, March 24 - Saint Francis Xavier
- 12:00pm - Sunday, March 24 - Saint Augustine

Palms will be blessed at the beginning of Mass, please plan on joining us @ Mass 10 to 15 minutes early.

Join us for the Paschal Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY March 28

- 9:00am Morning Prayer
Saint Francis Xavier
- 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Saint Francis Xavier
- 9:00pm Procession from Saint Francis Xavier with the Blessed Sacrament to the repository @
Saint Augustine
- 9:00pm-10:00pm Silent Prayer
Saint Augustine
- 10:00pm Night Prayer
Saint Augustine

HOLY SATURDAY March 30

- 9:00am Morning Prayer
Saint Francis Xavier
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil
Saint Francis Xavier

GOOD FRIDAY March 29

- 9:00am Morning Prayer
Saint Augustine
- 3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
Saint Augustine
- 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saint Augustine

*Churches will be opened for private prayer

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

- 9:30am Easter Sunday
Saint Francis Xavier
- 12:00pm Easter Sunday
Saint Augustine

Saint Augustine - 116 6th Avenue (6th and Sterling)
Saint Francis Xavier - 225 6th Avenue (6th and Carroll)
website: SASFX.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Frank C. Tumino

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Ms. Natalia Parra

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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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.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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I will place
my law
within
them and
write it
upon their
hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33

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.