



Saint Augustine Church

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Augustine Parish,

May the Grace and peace of the Risen Lord be with you all. I know that we have all been waiting patiently for the springtime. Now that it has arrived, I hope and pray that we all can take time to enjoy it as nature comes to life again.

I have now been with you for almost five months. Transitions are difficult for most of us and I am grateful so many have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome and at home. Both Father Joe and Sister Corita are doing well as they continue to adjust to retirement living and new homes. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

I am sure that most who follow our weekend masses via live stream have recognized the improved quality of the video and audio. Thanks to Bob Duda for directing this project in upgrading our technology. With that being said, I am happy to announce that starting Monday, May 31 at 7 PM, we will recite the rosary led by me or other members of our staff or parish. This will be accessible in the same way that you access the weekend masses. The recitation of the rosary will take place at 7 PM, Monday through Friday. In beginning of this new prayer ministry, my thoughts turn to my childhood when during Lent my family would gather around the kitchen table and respond to the prayers of the rosary as we listened to the rosary prayed from Saint John Cathedral and broadcast each evening on WERE Radio. I imagine that many can remember back to those days as well. Prayer for a certain intention can be requested by emailing it to the Saint Augustine Parish Website.

Secondly, a short reminder that soon you will receive a letter from me encouraging your support for the annual Augustine Rainbow Camp that begins on June 28 and runs through July 30, 2021. The Camp is open to all and no one is turned away for inability to pay. What a great summer event for our children. We are limited to 100 participants due to the pandemic.

Lastly, it is time to adjust our weekend mass schedule. Since my arrival, I have received many requests for this to happen and many suggested ideas of what a new schedule could look like. One thing is for sure. Many want the Saturday Mass to be scheduled earlier and it is clear, given our present numbers, that two Sunday morning masses will meet our needs. Therefore, we will eliminate one mass.

Please share with us your suggestions by completing the survey. You may fill out the survey below and drop it in the collection box, mail, at the rectory office or online by visiting the parish web page. Simply fill out and send.

Peace and a joyful spring,

Father William O'Donnell, C.P.P.S., Pastor

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