

THE EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist
Service
Year C RCL
January 6, 2019
10:30AM

St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York



The St. Augustine's eCho

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Weekly Services and Programs Sundays

8:00 AM Said Eucharist
(No Service during Summer)
10:30 AM Sung Eucharist
2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastoral Visitations

Wednesdays

12 Noon Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
9:00 PM Phone Line Prayer

Mission Statement

*St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry where every-
one is invited and welcome.*

*We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality
and community.*

*The Clergy's
Corner*

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The Rev'd Dr Victor-David MBUYI Bipungu., was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ordained a Roman Catholic priest on December 29, 1996, he arrived in Canada in 2004 and was appointed as Rector at Sainte-Thérèse d'Avila Parish on the North Shore of Montreal, where he served for ten years.

After his doctorate at Montreal University, he joined the Anglican Communion in 2014 before being received in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. He is currently a Priest in charge of two **parishes: St Simon & St Bartholomew's (Laval) and La Nativité** (Montreal-North).

He is married to Neneh-Brigitte and has two daughters, Davidine Loane and Daena Liette.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE

D. BUXTEHUDE

HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

OPENING HYMN

GIVE ME JESUS (3)

#91 (LEVAS)

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
All Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

#S280(Hymnal)

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collects.

THE COLLECT

The Epiphany:

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O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

God promises new hope for his people, Isaiah the prophet assures the people of God that their current sorrow and suffering will be restored to joy and stability.

A reading (lesson) from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
All Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Deus, iudicium

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- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² **That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ **He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁰ **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- ¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- ¹² **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

The good news of Jesus Christ is meant to be shared with and known by everyone. God's offer of restoration, revealed in Jesus, is for all the world to enjoy.

A reading (lesson) from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the

eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

#490 (HYMNAL)

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT (3)

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

All

And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

No matter your heritage, and no matter how you have come to know about Jesus, the Christ, God wants you to be his child.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to **Matthew**

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

*`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go

and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord

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THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(Unknown Source)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for peace in the Church and in the world.

With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:

Make us instruments of your peace.

For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and those in despair and darkness that they may receive the light of the faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked of our prayers, for all who suffer and those who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church especially in the diocese of New York for this church of St Augustine's, and all who are gathered to pray, all over the universe, that in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

(people may offer their prayers, either silently or aloud). Silence

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy: We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world, you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, And the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

THE PEACE

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant **The peace of God be always with you.**
All **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following sentence.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

THE OFFERTORY **G.D. TELEMANN**
REJOICE, REJOICE THIS HAPPY MORN

OFFERTORY HYMN WE THREE KINGS (5) #128 (HYMNAL)

THE DOXOLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant God be with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The people stand or kneel.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Then the Celebrant continues

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of Angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of mercy and grace,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

[En la noche en que fue entregado al sufrimiento y a la muerte, nuestro Señor Jesucristo tomó pan; y dándote gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, y dijo: "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por TODOS. Hagan esto como memorial mío"]

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for ALL. Do this for the remembrance of me."

["Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándote gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por TODOS para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío".]

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for ALL for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim is the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

FRACTION ANTHEM

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

AGNUS DEI

#270 (LEVAS)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us Peace**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God; Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the form on page 408.
During the ministrations of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: #112 (HYMNAL)
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (4)**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME (3) #194 (LEVAS)

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

All **Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

J.G. WALTHER

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME



Dear Parishioners,

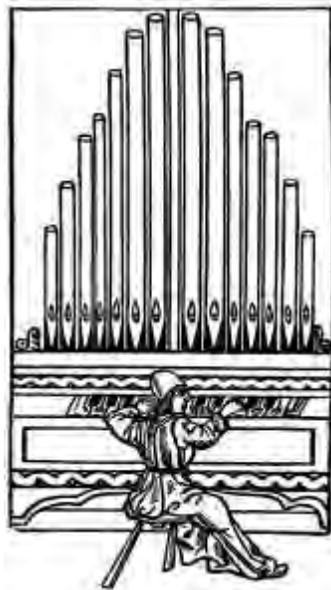
When the house of God can reflect God's glory, what a great blessing for those who worship him!

Beloveds, it is an expression of our gratitude to offer flowers for the altar every Sunday.

As we are coming together and can feel God's blessings among us, we should think of beautifying our worship space.

Donations of flowers are welcomed. Envelopes are available on the back for financial donations if you want to contribute. If you care to bring flowers you pick yourself, that's even better!

Let us make this space sacred and beautiful!



Dear Friends & Parishioners;

Joins Us every Wednesday before the noon Eucharist and Healing Service.

Come sit, pray, meditate or just rest and listen to twenty minutes of music on the King of Instruments.

(free to all)

Carolynn Bensen, Director of Music

Thank you for supporting St. Augustine's
Week of Cleaning/Organizing. For those of
you that signed up, see you Tuesday at
10:00am for a brief orientation.

Many
thanks 

with gratitude,
St. Augustine's Church



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

*Starting the New Year with
Our Hearts in the right place.*

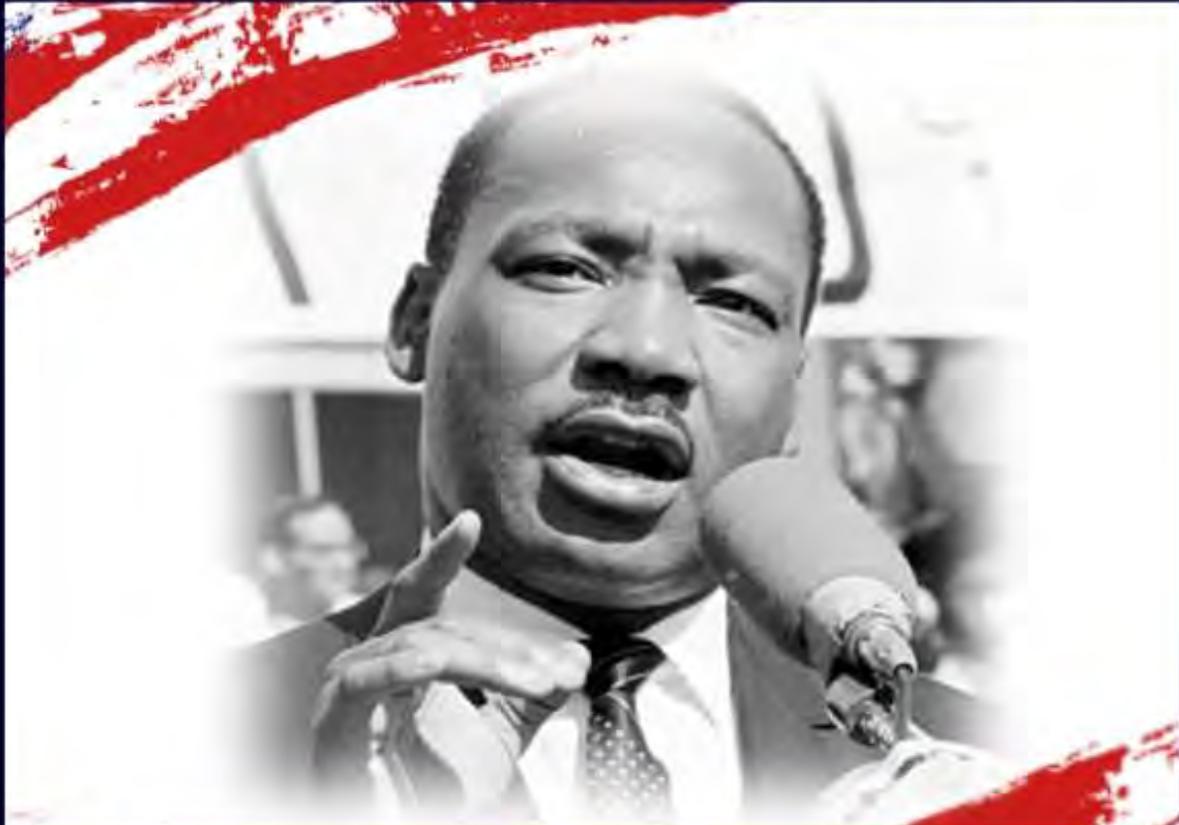
WE NEED YOUR HELP

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN
UP AND HELP US
SORT THROUGH DONATIONS,
ITEMS AND ORGANIZE THE
CHURCH.**

JANUARY 7-11

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL
(212) 673-5300 TO SIGN UP
OR EMAIL MAYA AT
INFO@STAUGNYC.ORG**

St. Augustine's Church Presents



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

*Monday, January 21, 2019
12:00pm*

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Michelle White, PhD

290 Henry Street New York, NY 10002

*Guided tours of St. Augustine's Historic Slave Galleries will be available after the service.
Currently on display is "how the other 1/2 lived", a light installation by artist denzel russel.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wel come
Bienvenido
Bienvenue
Nou kontan wè w

We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. You may give it to an usher and we will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday: AM Psalm 46,97; PM Psalm 114,115 Isa. 52:3-6; Rev. 2:1-7; John 2:1-11

Tuesday: AM Psalm 117,118; PM Psalm 112,113; Isa. 59:15-21; Rev. 2:8-17; John 4:46-54

Wednesday: AM Psalm 121, 122, 123; PM Psalm 131,132; Isa 63:1-5; Rev. 2:18-29; John 5:1-15

Thursday: AM Psalm 138, 139:1-17 (18-23); PM Psalm 147; Isa. 65:1-9; Rev. 3:1-6; John 6:1-14

Friday: AM Psalm 148, 150; PM Psalm 91,92 Isa. 65:13-16; Rev. 3:7-13; John 6:15-27

Saturday: AM Psalm 98,99, [100]; Isa. 66:1-2,22-23; Rev. 3:14-22; John 9:1-12, 35-38



Please Join Us for :
The Healing Service every
Wednesday at 12:00 noon,
 in the church.

PHONE LINE PRAYER

We invite you to join **St. A's Prayer Line** on **Wednesdays** at **9:00 P.M.**

Dial **(212) 673-5300** between 8:45–10:00 PM.

SCOPE- "Senior Citizen (Church) Outreach Program and Eldership" is seeking volunteers.

It would be great to have some help to develop a ministry for the Seniors to include health care/advice and other activities.

Please contact Mrs. Irene Alladice or Fr. Nat if you wish to respond to this call.

Coming Up Next Need Prayer?

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

If you are celebrating a special occasion; birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may offer congratulations to you.

We are accepting Articles and Advertisements to publish in the St Augustine's eCho.

During our worship, please remember to **put your phone on vibrate or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter. Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Techno-Friendly Church.**

Free Caregiver support services Care NYC provides free: Respite Services (in-home or adult care); Long-term care planning; Assistance applying for Medicaid and other benefits; Counseling with understanding professionals; Peer support groups wellness activities, education and caregiver skills; Cultural trips to take with your loved one and MORE!

Call: 718-906-0669 212. 349.2770x215 or email: carenyc@scsny.org
 Services available in English and Spanish

Pastoral Visitations: Please express your desire to receive a visit or communion if you cannot make it to church. We will do

our best to come visit you between 2-4 PM on Sundays.

Moving Forward: My hope and prayer is that we can get together as one community **to be God's people and presence** on the LES. I am asking for your prayers in this important new chapter of our lives, I want you to know that every day I also pray for you all. Together in Christ

Father Nat.

Weekly Collections	January	December
	2019	2018
Pledges		
Open Plate		
Special Services		
Regular Support		
Special Offerings		
Men's Guild		
St. Augustine's Anniversary		
Tenants		
Rentals		
Episcopal Charities		
St. Augustine Youth		
Soup Kitchen		
St. Augustine's Project		
Building Fund		
ECW Donation		
Parking Lot		
Other External Sources		
Total		

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2018

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Armed forces: David Mason, Jr.

We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in January

especially:



1st Christian Curry, Janice Kikuchi; 2nd **Mason O'Neal**; 3rd Emmanuel Cox, Donita Ellis, Shanya Ellison; 4th Anna Archibald, James **Harvin, Evelyn Fleming, Shavon Munchez, Alia O'Neal**; 5th Robert Exum; 7th Gary Clyne; 9th Khalid Seña; 10th Christopher Martinez; 11th Christopher Morris; 12th Harry Taylor; 14th Ronise Cox-Clark; 18th Valerie Scott; 23rd Oland Saltes; 24th Alexander Archibald; 25th Evelyn Holloman, Joyce Johnson; 28th Valburg Krauser, Deborah Taylor; 30th Patricia Taylor; 31st Charlene Hallal.

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at info@staugnyc.org

We pray for those who have died: Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn **Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez,** Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, Sylvia Fergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), **Edward "Tyler" Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs**

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