

SECRET COLLECTS
SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT (STAND)
SANCTUS (KNEEL)
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL)
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION
COMMUNION ANTHEM Domine, non sum dignus
COMMUNION VERSE

plainsong
Missal pg. 35
plainsong
plainsong
Missal pg. 50a
A. Donini
Bar. 5:5; 4:36

Following the reception of Holy Communion, it is proper to return to your pew, kneel, and make your **Thanksgiving after Communion** (Missal, pg. 51 or St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 177). If you have not received Holy Communion, you should make a **"Spiritual Communion"** (St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 187). This is far more spiritually beneficial and preferable to "people-watching."

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (KNEEL)
LAST GOSPEL (STAND)
HYMN
POSTLUDE

Winchester New
Wachet auf

John 1:1-14
Hymnal No. 10
C. Callahan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors this morning. There are Service Books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion **may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to come forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the "visitor cards" found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Max Atencio, Charles Rubey, Mother Olga, Marta Lewis, Brian Glass, Keela and Nathan Ainsworth, Larry Belo, Ruth Sanchez, Isaac Swanson, Tony Zubricky, Brian Knop, Miriam Lindstrom, Patty Rendoff, Janet Phillips, Toni Placios Porter, Colleen Fiscus, John MacIntyre, Rhonda Laird, Kaitlin Belitz, Robert Jostmeyer, Michael McDonald, Claire Emmons, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Megan Hines, Phyllis Roberts, Sue Stanko, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Kh. Angelina Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week for the health and welfare of Ray Rendoff (birthday, December 12). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

CONDOLENCES

We want to express our heart-felt sympathy and condolences to Father Theodore on the death of his father, Robert Phillips. May he rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Here are some important upcoming events at St. Augustine's Parish. Please mark your calendars. **ADVENT** Remember, we practice the ascetic fast and abstinence of anticipation of the Birth of the Lord on all Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Advent and on Christmas Eve. **FASTING** is the taking of one whole meal per day and two smaller meals not equaling a full meal and **ABSTINENCE** is refraining from flesh meat and sauces, soups, gravies, etc. made from meat. If you need to follow a different regime for medical or other reasons, please receive the blessing of your Pastor before embarking on such a thing. Advent is a good time for spiritual self-examination and the Sacrament of Confession.

- **ANNUAL MEETING:** Change of date: **Sunday, January 15.**
- **Christmas Schedule:** Sunday, December 24, Vigil Mass at 10:00am; at 11:30pm the choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at Midnight.* Low Mass on Monday, Christmas Day at 10:00am.
- **Epiphany Concert**—*Resonet in laudibus*, the second annual Epiphany Concert at St. Augustine's, will be offered at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018.** Alexandra Eddy will play viola with Mackenzie Talley, soprano, and Richard Robertson, organ. Works to be performed include Alexandra's arrangements of familiar vocal music of the season; two movements of Johann Sebastian Bach's Cello Suite in G major, transcribed for solo viola; two solo organ pieces, and the world premiere of Alexandra's *Es ist ein' Ros' Entsprungen* for unaccompanied viola, based on Johannes Brahms's lovely organ prelude of the same name, Op. 122, No. 8. Admission is free, and all are welcome. There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering, all proceeds from which will benefit the Music Program at St. Augustine's. Refreshments will follow!

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH DATE CHANGE!

Because of some unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the date of our **ANNUAL MEETING**. It is rescheduled for **Sunday, January 15**. It is important for all of our people to attend the meeting and to participate in the deliberations. The year will be reviewed in light of the various Departments of the Parish and the Yearly Financial Report will be examined and the Budget for 2018 presented. We want to thank all of our Council Members for their service and remind you that we will be **electing one member** to fill a vacancy on the Council. Any **New Business** must be submitted to Frank Slechta, Parish Council Chair, one week before the Meeting in order to be considered.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The envelopes for Christmas flowers and decorations are on the table in the Narthex. Please indicate if you would like the flowers as a memorial or gift. Thank you for your generosity.

KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS

We **did not reach our goal** this month. Please continue to use and re-load your cards. If you have not used a card for 90 days, please get a new one from Debbie Braun so that purchases will accrue towards St. Augustine's Account. Many thanks!

*MSGR. MANGELS HAS ANNOUNCED THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS & ORCHESTRA will present A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS on Sunday, December 24th beginning at 11:30pm. The Pre-Midnight Mass music will consist of a selection of Christmas music for voices, organ and violin. During Mass, the *Missa Brevis in G*, KV 140 (*Pastoral Mass*), a joyous, festal and sparkling setting of the Liturgy by Mozart will be heard with Peter Latona's arrangement of *Behold a Mystical Rose* at

the Offertory and John Rutter's *What Sweeter Music* at Communion. The Mass will conclude with Mozart's *Church Sonata in C*, KV 328. The traditional carols of Christmas will be sung by the congregation and choir and the *Gregorian Chant Propers of the Mass* will be sung by the *Schola Cantorum*.

WHY THE MASS AT MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS?

The Mass of Midnight, with its peculiar timing, carries with it something of the "nightliness" of the feast—where a star appears and a new babe, the Saviour, is born—and is something we should all experience. The so-called "Christmas family Mass" that is often celebrated on Christmas-Eve (in fact, it is the vigil Mass for Christmas, watching and waiting for Christmas to come) has somewhat eclipsed this in a type of accommodation to what it is thought easiest for families with younger children. But every Mass is a celebration of the family of the Church, in which children take their part, and no more so than at Christmas. We do a disservice to children and young people by infantilizing the liturgy. What could be more powerful, even something of a treat for children, for a family to take its place amid the parish family in the church at midnight on this day each year, to "taste" the silence of this night and glimpse for themselves the first light shed by the star over Bethlehem? It is a sacrifice to stay up late, but so was the Incarnation itself!

WE NEED parishioners to function as ushers and greeters for Midnight Mass and ask that as many of you as possible to please take pictures and videos at the Mass for our website.

The Church Fathers Speak: Oh, what and how great will that day be at its coming, beloved brethren, when the Lord shall begin to count up His people, and to recognize the merits of each one by the inspection of His divine knowledge, to send the guilty to Gehenna, and to set on fire persecutors with the perpetual burning of a penal fire, but to pay to us a reward for our faith and devotion. *St. Cyprian of Carthage* (+258)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, December 11	St. Damasus, BC <i>fast & abstinence</i>	
Tuesday, December 12	Advent Feria	
Wednesday, December 13	St. Lucy, VM <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, December 14	Advent Feria	
Friday, December 15	Octave of the Conception of the BVM <i>fast & abstinence</i>	Mass 10:00am
Saturday, December 16	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, BM	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, December 17	THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Solemn High Mass 10:00am

CONFESSIONS: *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

JESUS proved Himself to be the promised Saviour by His miracles of mercy and His preaching to the poor. In keeping with such a ministry to the least of humanity, John the Baptist, the immediate messenger of Jesus lived a life of simplicity and penance.

Jesus came to teach and sanctify all, of every class and nation. We are all His. There are no frontiers to charity. Our hearts must embrace the world.

PRELUDE	<i>Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland</i>	J. S. Bach
ASPERGES ME	<i>(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)</i>	plainsong
(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)		
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Populus Sion</i>	Isa. 30:30; Ps. 79:2
KYRIE (KNEEL)	Missa Marialis	Gregorian plainsong
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Romans 15:4-13
	<i>Living our brotherhood in Christ without reservations or discrimination, all for the glory of the Father, is the great hope for peace among all and for joy in our Faith.</i>	
GRADUAL		Ps. 49:2-3, 5
ALLELUIA		Ps. 121:1
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Matt. 11:2-10
	<i>Jesus healed many bodies. But He came primarily to heal by sharing His divine life. We prepare for His healing by prayer and penance and charity.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Dom Theodore Phillips
NICENE CREED (SIT)		plainsong
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 84:7-8
ANTHEM	<i>Rorate coeli desuper</i>	Gregorian plainsong
"PRAY BRETHERN"		
	The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our benefit also, and that of all his holy Church.	
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