

Mass Intentions

- Sunday Dec 20^h** For the repose of the souls of Kevin and Noreen White requested by Joan Scorzello.
- Thursday Dec 24th** For the deceased in the Malone and Desrochers families requested by Mike Malone
- Friday Dec 25th** For the repose of the soul of Joe Ierfino requested by he Jaroslowski family.
- Sunday Dec 27th** For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Purcell requested by the family.
- Friday Jan 1st** For the deceased members of the Sladky family requested by the Gaudreault family
- Sunday Jan 3rd** For the repose of the soul of Guiseppi Flocco requested by the Maresca family

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E-Transfers for St Augustine's

We now have the possibility to use E-transfers for our Parish donations.

st.augustine@bell.net (for parish dues & collections) or
st.augustine-heritage.fund@bell.net (for the Heritage project).

Kindly email us the answer to the security question for the transaction. Please include the type of donation (collection, parish dues) and indicate your church envelope # if you have one.

We are pleased with its popularity as many parishioners are already using this method to transfer funds to St. Augustine's.

A Christmas Prayer

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

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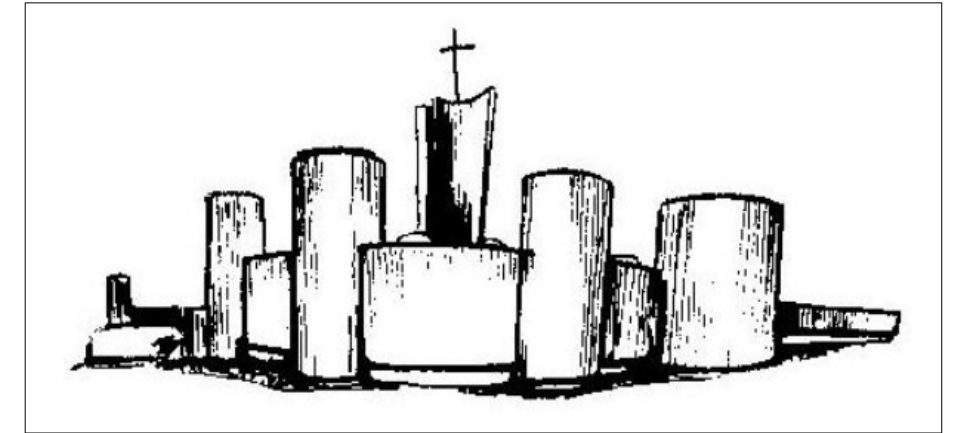
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St Augustine's Christmas Schedule of Masses:

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 8:00 pm (in person & Facebook Live)

<https://www.facebook.com/mass.saintjohnpaulii>

Christmas Day, December 25 at 9:15 am (in person & Facebook Live)

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New Year's Day, January 1 at 9:15 am (in person & FB Live)

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January 3rd at 9:15 am (in person & FB Live)

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Registration for Dec 27th and Jan 1st will be on Wednesday Dec 23rd (2-4pm)

Registration for Jan 3rd will be on Wednesday Dec 30th (2-4pm)

For other Masses in the Saint John Paul II Pastoral Unit, please refer to the SWAY or on Facebook.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our pastoral relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

A Message from the Chairman of St Augustine

What a year!

As a parish we met many of the challenges brought on by the pandemic. You stepped up as volunteers and reached out to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. You supported St. Augustine's through your regular contributions and our Heritage Fund. We worked together for our Heritage Days open house to beautify our church and grounds. Stay tuned in January for a summary of these achievements and the roll-out of our FOCUS 2021 plan. On behalf of the St. Augustine wardens, thank you! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Mary Clermont

Join us for a Musical Benefit Concert

Christopher Gaudreault and Katelyn Emery have graciously agreed to give a Christmas concert on Zoom, Sunday Dec 20th at 7PM. There will be a mix of traditional and classical Christmas songs on piano and violin. **Please confirm your presence** by contacting staugustin.bulletin@yahoo.com or leaving a message at the church. We will be accepting free will donations for this concert with 50% going directly to St. Augustine and 50% to our musicians. Invite your family and friends to a wonderful evening of music.

Thank you to these talented young people for sharing their gifts with us

Father Manus' Christmas Message



The past year has been one of challenges; a year full of the unexpected which made demands on our resources, our patience, our trust, our hope. Many of us have relied on our faith more and more as we struggled to make sense of and live through this time of pandemic. Many of us have discovered new ways of reaching out, of communicating, and letting those we love know we are still close whilst physically separated from them.

God found a way of letting us know His closeness to us when He sent his Son, Jesus Christ. In that event, He found a new way of communicating; a new way of being with us: Emmanuel God-with-us. In sending Jesus, He didn't send a representative, or someone to give us instructions, or a theory about God; He gave us His very HEART, His own self.

May that deep peace that only God can give, and has given in sending the Prince of Peace, dwell in each of our hearts this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas!

Fr. Manus Paul Bradley,
Pastor, St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit

Roberta Machnik turns 100!

On December 21st Roberta Machnik celebrated her 100th birthday.

Roberta is a remarkable woman and has achieved so much over the past 100 years!

In 1986 she and her husband Stan won the highest honor as a couple at the Order of Merit of St Bruno – the Gold medal award.

Stan and Roberta over many years have been prime movers in the educational field both in St. Bruno and in Montreal as the founding members of the St. Bruno Home and School Association and the Thomas More Institute for Adult Studies. In the early 50's they received the Hungarian Refugees into our community and taught them English, they initiated the Institution of l'École des Beaux Arts de St. Bruno, instituted the first English Catholic Mass in Paroisse St-Bruno Church, the first English Catholic classes in St-Bruno, and were founding members of our parish.

Roberta was named the first female School Commissioner in the Catholic system in the province of Quebec in 1960. She was subsequently elected and served until 1972. She was granted the Order of Merit of the Federation of Catholic School Commissions.

Her ongoing interest in social concerns, in education, in church related matters and her ever present solicitousness for those less fortunate is well known.

Roberta's generosity of spirit and her impressive foundation have inspired so many parishioners to deepen their faith and get involved in the well being of our church.

Many have been encouraged by her example to ensure this beautiful parish is kept going for generations to come.

We wish you a most blessed and joyous 100th birthday!

Father Manus and your family at St Augustine's.

(Inspired from an article written by Olga McCormack – June 1986)

