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You have approached
Mount Zion and the city
of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and countless angels
in festal gathering.

Hebrews 12:22

AUGUST 28, 2022

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection for the 22nd and Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Lk. 14:11

St. Augustine's feast day is August 28. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, it is not celebrated liturgically. Nevertheless, this Patron of the Diocese of Tucson must not be overlooked. We are blessed to have St. Augustine of Hippo as our patron saint. St. Augustine is considered one of the pillars of the Catholic Church. He wrote more than two hundred books and 1,000 sermons, letters, and other works.

This man of God was deeply moved contemplating the humility of God. "In these lower regions He has built himself a humble dwelling from our clay and used it to cast down from their pretentious selves those who do not bow before him, and make a bridge to bring them to Himself," Confessions, Book VII, chapter 18.

Augustine was born in Africa in the year A.D. 354. Although his mother Monica was a saintly Christian, Augustine was not a practicing Christian until he was thirty-three at which time he was baptized by St. Ambrose in Milan. It was through the prayers of his holy mother that Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Once Augustine had embraced Christ, his mother St. Monica said to him, "Son, for myself, I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. What I am still to do or why I am here in this world, I do not know. I have no more to hope for on earth. There was one thing for which I wished to tarry a little in this life, and that was that I might see you a Catholic Christian before I died." After his mother died, Augustine returned to Africa, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, a founder of a community of priests and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. Augustine supported the poor, preached often, and wrote books up until his death. His most influential books are Confessions, said to be the first Christian autobiography, and City of God.

St. Augustine was a seeker of truth. Even when he struggled with a life sin, he was a restless seeker of truth. Why is it that our young do not seem to have a thirst for truth and beauty and true love. Have we made them fearful? Have we failed to give them reasons to hope? *"My dear young people, only Jesus knows what is in your hearts and your deepest desires. Only He, who has loved you to the end (cf. Jn 13:1), can fulfil your aspirations. His are words of eternal life, words that give meaning to life. No one apart from Christ can give you true happiness."* These words of Pope St. John Paul II are what St. Augustine would say to our young people if he were alive today. He is alive.

God offers us strength and comfort that is supernatural, namely, divine grace. St. Augustine is called the Doctor of Divine Grace because he understood so well that we cannot do anything good without God's grace. Every one of us experience weakness and know brokenness. The brokenness of manhood and womanhood in our day is particularly acute and painful.

God wants us to be happy. Like St. Augustine so long ago, we need to rediscover the redemptive power of the Gospel. *It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted.* Pope St. John Paul II.

Like Augustine, we must lean on the tangible grace and comfort God so generously bestows upon us. Humility is to admit our helplessness and seek the grace of God.

St. Augustine died on August 28, 430, in the last years of the Roman Empire. He said, *"There is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future."* He also said, *"Love is the beauty of the soul."*

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



Reachout Women's Center Baby Bottle Drive here at Santa Cruz Church. Please do not forget to return the baby bottles on the weekend of September 3rd and 4th before and after each Mass.

Hopefully, you will be able to fill them during the next two weeks with any loose change found in pockets and/or around the house. Even a check (made out to Reachout Women's Center) or a dollar bill or two will fit and will be wonderful in helping to give loving support to Walking with Moms in Need and their babies. Thank you in advance for your very generous support in helping to change the lives of the clients we serve at Reachout Women's Center.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every first Friday of every month in the church from 8:30 am to 12 pm.



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Registration for Catechism Classes have begun. The Religious Office will be open:

Sunday, August, 28th after the 10 am Mass and the 12 noon Mass. You must call the Catechism Office (520) 882-9687, to **make an appointment** to register your child. Information regarding class times will be given to you when you call. Classes will **begin Saturday, September 24th.** The R.E. office is also open Tuesday to Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27th

8:00am Julian Galaz/R.I.P.

5:30pm Rosemarie Rucker/Happy Birthday

Sunday, August 28th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00am Javier Barrios & Michelle Carrizosa/R.I.P.

12:00pm Juanita Sanchez/R.I.P.

6:00pm Delma & Damian Huggins/R.I.P.

Monday, August 29th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Rosa Medeiros, Lydia Mankel & Ruth Ortiz/R.I.P.

Tuesday, August 30th

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima/

Special Int. Fr. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

8:00am Ross Estavillo, Sr./R.I.P.

Wednesday, August 31st

Special Int./Denise Martinez & Family

8:00am Sasha La Mastres/Happy Birthday

Thursday, September 1st

Special Int./The Aytona Family

8:00am Aurora Few/R.I.P.

Friday, September 2nd

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Special Int./Gredla Bustamante

Parish Collection August 21st, 2022

Collection: \$ 4,712.55

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:
In Residence:

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols:
social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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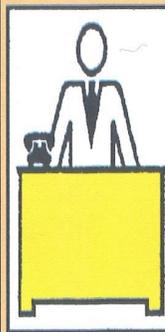
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