

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

December 22, 2020

From your Rector

Christ's peace be with you,

As we approach the celebration of our Lord's birth and will be soon closing the door on the year 2020, I wanted to take a minute and recognize some of the many people who have helped get us to this point of the year. It has been a year of immense trials and tribulations that have challenged us all yet as a congregation, we continue to worship "together" and share the love of Christ.

I'd like to publicly thank Ian and Dana for sharing their incredible musical gifts with us so freely every week. Our services would be rather bland without the work of our dedicated Altar Guild. These fine ladies keep our church looking beautiful without distracting from the messages shared in each service. We have a small team continuing to serve Auggie's Cafe lunches out the back door every week, their dedication is nothing short of admirable. We have a couple trusty counters keeping up with our offerings and deposits, thank you. I would like to thank the hard efforts of ACW and their continued care for our church. I would like to thank Brenda and Jennifer Cameron for their help with sending out materials for Messy Church. And finally we have all of you who join us regularly online, thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the journey this year has proven to be.

As I mentioned, we do still have counters dedicated to processing our offerings. I know it's not the same as placing your envelope in the collection plate but we can receive offerings through the mail or if you'd prefer to drop it off, the ladies are working at Auggie's Cafe every Tuesday. It was also mentioned by vestry, that if you have a special Christmas offering you can do so through our regular methods of submitting your donations to the church.

After our Advent services are complete I will be taking 2 weeks off and will be unavailable. We will continue to have online services shared through the Diocese and Rev. Cheryl Boulet will be handling all pastoral emergencies while I am away and be contacted through our wardens or office manager.

Some Parish notes:

Bible Study is cancelled tonight.

Our midweek Advent series concludes this week and can be accessed here:

<https://youtu.be/oPCAzwS0jkk>

Our Christmas Eve service is Nine Lessons and Carols and you can access the premier at 7pm here and will be available for viewing afterwards:

https://youtu.be/PVh_VrrXU9w

Our Christmas Day Family Service will be announced shortly.

During my time off you can access church services for Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 from the Cathedral here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvSu2leNBEMewVVIajlMCjA/videos>

Our online Church Services will be back online on our regular YouTube page on Jan. 10, 2021 to continue celebrating our Lord in the New Year.

May you all stay safe and find comfort in our Lord's love.

In Christ,

The Reverend William Isenor, OSF+