



St. Augustine
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Our heart is restless until it rests in you Lord.

August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday

English Blue Book: Page 229

First Reading– Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm– 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading– Romans 11;13-1, 29-32

Gospel– Matthew 15;21-28

Bilingual Book: Page 364

Weekly Daily Readings

Tue @ 6pm: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a | Mt 19:23-30

Wed @ 9am: Jgs 9:6-15 | Mt 20:1-16

Thurs @ 9 am: Saint Bartholomew Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14 | Jn 1:45-51

Fri @ 12pm: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 | Mt 22;34-40

Twenty-First First Sunday Readings

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20



Weekend Mass

SATURDAY, August 26

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, August 27

Bilingual Mass @ 9:00 am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, August 24

Spanish Mass @ 7pm

SUNDAY, August 27

Bilingual Mass @ 1pm

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$3,915	\$4,369
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$742	\$1,092

Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday
9am-3pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 19

Parishioners

Sunday, August 20

†Wayne Erickson

Sunday, August 20(St. Elizabeth)

Victims of Maui wildfires

Thursday, August 24

All Sisters of Mercy

Friday, August 25

Healing of Abused Victims

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays - 11:00am-11:45am | 12:30pm-1pm

Saturday– 3:45-4:45 pm

Cairo -Sunday 11:00-11:30am | 1:15-1:45pm

Or By Appointment- (229) 226-3624

Building Fund


Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Your Building Fund Contribution:
\$95,101

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Welcome New Parishioner

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest from God. We hope you will find a loving Christian community. We look forward to benefiting from your uniqueness. To register you can go to our website online, or call the parish office.



Prayer Request

Please remember in your prayers our parish family & friends. If you have anyone in need of prayers, please call the office.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Mack Barrentine,
Tom Ceccacci
Alicia Gorosin
†Bill Klug
Linda Nuijten
†Chloe Basso
Phyllis Creager
Karon Hales,
†Paul Puskar,
Mia Taylor
†Jerry Funk
Jamie Hurst

Jim Watts
†Rita Ragan
†Dolores Williams
Cayman Diaz
David McLendon
Tiann Taylor
Becky Catlin
†Lisa Fuks
Carina Juarez
Todd Taylor
†Jim Fayette
Bob Dupuy

†JoAnn Humphries
Den Mirabzadeh
Marilyn Funk
†Katherine
Chamberlin
†Tom Alexander
Louis Catlin
Amanda Caldwell
Chris Caldwell
Marianne Ellis
Mary Wise
Beverly Boyle

†Bradley Gaupp
†Michael Kress
†Sergio Cabilao
†Jesse Daniel Elias
Mary Anne Dolen
Kim Lehman
Minerva Wheedleton
Dot Taylor
Susan O'Neal

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Meeting with parents of registered children in the Family Faith Formation program of the St. Augustine parish on 9/3/2023 after the Mass (~10:30am) in the Social Hall to present the Family Faith Formation program and its expectations.



1st Communion
Sunday August 27 @ 9 am Mass





Parish Celebration of the Feast of St. Augustine August 22-28

- Eucharistic Adoration after Masses on Wednesday and Thursday
- Friday – Adoration after noon Mass, with Evening Prayers and Benediction at 4pm
 - Volunteers will meet Friday @ 6pm
- Saturday @ 9:30 – 4:00 pm: Parish Retreat by the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Trinity. All parishioners are invited. Volunteers needed to bring fruits, veggies, pasta, salad, cheese tray. **(Please sign up at the Narthex of the church if you wish to volunteer, and/or if you will be attending.)**
- Sunday: Bilingual Masses with Bishop Parkes at 9:00 am in Thomasville, followed by parish luncheon, and 1:00 pm in Cairo
- Monday: The Feast of St. Augustine – Candlelight procession begins at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30 pm



The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be on Wednesdays, beginning November 8, from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the Parish Social Hall.

The purpose and goal of RCIA is the preparation of individuals to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacrament of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). However, RCIA is much more, and so all are welcome to join us in the program, whether you are a non-Catholic simply interested in learning more about Catholicism or are a “Cradle Catholic” in need of a “refresher” course in the faith. Through this journey we will explore the beliefs and truths of our Catholic faith with a focus on spiritual growth. It will be enjoyable, informative, and spiritually rewarding for all participants, in a non-pressured environment. We are also in need of Sponsors who will assist the RCIA candidates seeking initiation into Church, on their spiritual journey. Please call the Parish Office to register if you would like to attend. We will need your name, phone number and email address (if available) when you call.



Maui Wildfires 2023 - Relief, Recovery and Rebuild

<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>



Virtus Training

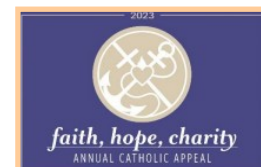
St. Teresa School, Albany
September 9, 2023
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Diosav.org/how-doi/register-for-virtus-training



Food Donations have been dropping off lately— Please consider a donation to our local Food Banks. We are now distributing to Thomasville, Grady County and Mitchell County.

Due 4th Sunday of Every Month.
Please bring to mass on **August 27**.
Suggested Items: Rice, Flour,
Corn Meal, Cookies



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Parish target **\$23,244** our total given is **\$27,844.98**.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish target is **\$4,534.**, the total given is **\$5,385**.
We have made our goal !

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 Requests due by Monday

Hospital Notifications - Please call the parish office and let us know if you or a direct family member is a patient in the hospital and would like to see a priest or receive the Eucharist. Due to HIPAA laws, stating you are a Catholic on the admittance form will not be given out to the parish. The office number is 229-226-3624. Thank you.

Abuse Hotline Number To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888.357.5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children & Young People

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call parish office or stop by to update your records.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 8/19	David Sofferin	Rick & Judy Marino
SUN 8/20	Lisa Hay Leny Hill	Judy Harden Mark Humphries
SAT 8/26	Kay Kramer	Debbie Joslyn James Kukman
SUN 8/27	Joan Farnham Mark Humphries	Debby Stepien Jim Ladner



Sponsor Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the parish office.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member/friend, or a deceased loved one, call/visit the parish office. Encourage your family and friends to request Mass intentions.

Social Hall

If you would like use the social hall for an event please call the church office.



Shrine Shop is open!
 If you have any questions, please call
 Kay Kramer
 229-224-7083.

Father's Homilies and Talks are now available on podcasts!
<https://anchor.fm/frgodfred>



- Visit signup.FORMED.org
- Select Your Parish
- Register your name & email address
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Please join us for coffee & donuts after Sunday's 9am Mass!



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