



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

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

English Blue Book: Page 271

First Reading– Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm– 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading– 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel– Mark 1:1-8

Bilingual Book: Page 432

St. Augustine Weekly Schedule

Tue @ 9am: *Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day)*

Zec 2:14-17 | Lk 1:26-38

Wed @ 9am: *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

Is 40:25-31 | Mt 11:28-30

Thurs @ 9am: *St. John of the Cross Priest & Doctor of the Church*

Is 41:13-20 | Mt 11:11-15

Fri @12pm: Is 48:17-19 | Mt 11:16-19

Third Sunday of Advent Readings

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

John Puskar- 90th Birthday

Sunday, December 10

9:00 am Mass †Bonnie Moore

5:00 pm Mass †Felipe de Jesus Salas Mena

Sunday, December 10 -St. Elizabeth

11:30 am Mass †Douglas Cale

2:00 pm Mass Parishioners

Thursday, December 14

†Steven Walker

Friday, December 15

†Nancy Phelan

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9am-3pm



St. Augustine Weekend Mass

SATURDAY, December 16

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 17

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday, December 12

Celebration Virgin of Guadalupe @ 6:00pm

SUNDAY, December 17

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$9,240	\$8,858
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$947	\$738

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Pastor:

Father Godfred Boachie-Yiadom

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Rev. Mr. John Blaha
Rev. Mr. David Wendel
Rev. Mr. Miguel Gutierrez

Mission Parish

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1500 11th Ave NW
Cairo GA 39828

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
Thomas & Debbie Dusek
Richard Jensen
Joe Miguel
Leticia Antonio

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast celebrates God's choice of Mary to be the mother of Jesus. God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception. Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all.

To reflect upon this mystery, the Gospel reading for today presents to us the story of the Annunciation. It is through her exchange with the angel Gabriel that Luke, the Evangelist, introduces the person of Mary. The Annunciation begins in the context of Luke's account of the birth of John the Baptist. "In the sixth month," referring to Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel appears to a virgin of Nazareth—Mary. Indeed, there are many parallels in Luke's accounts of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

In this passage, Luke tells us much about Mary and the child she is to bear. We learn that Mary is a virgin from Nazareth who is betrothed to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David. The angel greets Mary in the most glowing of terms, acknowledging the favor she has found with God. The son Mary is to conceive is described in messianic terms. He will be called "Son of the Most High" and the "Son of God."

Mary is bold in her exchange with the angel. She is troubled by his greeting and questions the message, asking "How am I to bear a son if I have no relations with a man?" Mary is told that she will conceive through the power of the Holy Spirit and is offered a sign in the miraculous pregnancy of her elder cousin Elizabeth.

Mary's affirmative response to this seemingly impossible message gives evidence to the grace we know that she possesses from God. Only one who is "full of grace" can be so receptive to and cooperative with the will of God. Because of this, Mary is the model of discipleship for all Christians.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The parish mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be hosting this year's Hispanic celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday December 12th. This celebration will be preceded by Rosary Novenas, a movie documentary on Thursday the 7th, recitation of the Rosary prior to Mass on the 12th, a procession of the Guadalupana around campus, ending with food, folklore songs and dances, and fellowship. Come and let's celebrate and venerate our patron of the Americas.



*This weeks Altar Flowers
are in honor of
John Puskar-90th Birthday*

Today's Second Collection

Religious Retirement

Dec 10



Christmas Flowers

Each Christmas we enhance our altar with poinsettias and other greenery. Your generosity makes this happen.

Your gift may be made in memory or in honor of loved ones and/or in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

If you would like join in the time honored tradition of adorning our sanctuary fill out the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope with your name and your special intention. Loved one's names are then listed in the Church bulletin.

Cost is \$20 each. Deadline to return: December 17



Please pick a tag from this year's giving tree. **Please return gifts wrapped by December 17** with the tag.

Thank you for your generosity! Please contact contact Judy Harden @ (229)221-2918 with questions.



Due 4th Sunday of Every Month.

Please bring to mass on **December 16 & 17**

Suggested Items: Canned meats, stew, chili, jelly/preserves



The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton **meets on Wednesdays, from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the Parish Social Hall.**

We are also in need of sponsors who will assist the RCIA candidates on their spiritual journey.

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

More ushers are needed for the weekend Masses, especially Saturday. If you would be willing to serve, please write your information on the Usher Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

YOUR INVITED TO GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING



There will be two opportunities to share the Advent/Christmas season with our fellow parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass.

WHEN: Thursday, December 14 th

TIME: Leave the church at 2:15 pm ~5pm.

We will visit our Parishioners who are living in assisted living facilities.

WHEN: Saturday, December 16 th

TIME: After Mass 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

We will visit parishioners who are homebound.

You don't have to be a good singer because your presence is what will matter. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Wear your Christmas attire if you have it. If you have a large SUV or van that could accommodate several people and would be willing to drive, please let Sandy Ladner know. We need to try and limit the number of cars we take as parking is quite challenging.

THOMASVILLE COMMUNITY CANTATA CHOIR WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE PRESENTS: REJOICE! CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 10th at 4:00 pm at Thomasville First Church, 425 N. Broad Street. This

concert will feature arrangements of both classic, modern and traditional songs for the Christmas Season. This is an event you don't want to miss. We have members of our choir that are part of this group, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend to show your support.

Advent Reconciliation



St. Augustine Advent Penance
& Reconciliation
Wednesday December 20 @ 7:00 pm



Building Fund

Total Cost of Projects:
\$105,543.00

**Your Building Fund Contribution:
\$107,766**

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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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 12/9	Coleen Felias	Debbie Joslyn James Kukman
SUN 12/10	David Sullivan Karen Alberto	Mark Humphries Judy Harden
SAT 12/16	Duane Treadon	Julian Pauwels Bill Hales
SUN 12/17	Joan Farnham Allen Harden	Gary & Lory McEntire

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.

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