

December 17, 2023

## Third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday

**English Blue Book: Page 275**

First Reading— Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Psalm— Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Second Reading— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel— John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Bilingual Book: Page 436**

## St. Augustine Weekly Schedule

**Tue @ 6pm:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Lk 1:5-25

**Wed @ 9am:** Is 7:10-14 | Lk 1:26-38

**Thurs @ 9am:** *St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

ISG 2:8-14 | Lk 1:39-45

**Fri @12pm:** 1 Sm 1:24-28 | Lk 1:46-56

### Upcoming Readings (Blue Book/Bilingual Book)

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent Readings (Pg 277/440)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

#### Christmas Vigil Mass Readings (Pg 280/126)

Is 62:1-5 | Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 | Mt 1:1-25

#### Christmas Night Mass Readings (Pg 283/132)

Is 9:1-6 | Ti 2:11-14 | Lk 2:1-14

#### Christmas Day Readings (Pg 288/138)

Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 16

†Steven Walker

### Sunday, December 17

9:00 am Mass †Dalton Harrell

5:00 pm Mass †Arturo Tavares

### Sunday, December 17-St. Elizabeth

11:30 am Mass †Leonard Clayton

2:00 pm Mass-Parishioners

### Wednesday, December 20

†Leonard Clayton

### Thursday, December 21

†Steven Walker

### Friday, December 22

†Janet O'Brien

## Upcoming Second Collection

Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools

Dec 25



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



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### St. Augustine-Thomasville, GA

Saturday, December 23

Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent @ 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent -Bilingual Mass @ 9:00 am

Christmas Vigil-Bilingual Mass @ 6:00pm

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day-Bilingual Mass @ 9:00 am

St. Elizabeth-Cairo, GA

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent -Bilingual Mass @ 12:00 (Noon)

Christmas Night -Bilingual Mass @ 9:00 pm

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Bilingual Mass @ 12:00 (Noon)



## Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$5,955	\$7,918
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$952	\$316

## 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

Office Closed

Friday Dec 22-Tuesday Dec 26

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### Pastor:

Father Godfred Boachie-Yiadom

### Deacons

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

*Mission Parish*

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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  
Thomas & Debbie Dusek  
Richard Jensen  
Joe Miguel  
Leticia Antonio

## Third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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### Advent Reconciliation



St. Joseph Bainbridge, GA  
Tuesday, Dec 19 @ 7pm

St. Augustine  
Wednesday, December 20 @ 7:00 pm



### Building Fund

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Your Building Fund Contribution:  
**\$109,416**

Thank you so much for your generosity.



# Volunteers needed

We will be decorating the Church following the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 24 December. We will set up the trees, decorate the altar and set up the nativity outside. Many hands make light work!

## 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



### FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Free Come hear the "Sounds of the Season" featuring our church musicians: Chris Chiarotti, pianist, piano, Lisa Gatherer, flutist, and Sandy Ladner, vocalist. **The concert will be in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm just prior to the Vigil Mass on December 24th.** Come and show your support and appreciation for our talented church musicians.



Please pick a tag from this years 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.



## Monthly Women's Dinner

Please join us for a stress free, relaxing evening. Enjoy a glass of wine & some dinner with your Girlfriends!

**Thursday, January 18th at 6 pm**  
\$15 per person

(\*but please don't let finances keep you from coming)

Dinner will be provided by Q Café

**We will be selling Tickets after Mass on 1/6 & 1/7**  
or make reservation via email at:

[monthlywomensdinner@gmail.com](mailto:monthlywomensdinner@gmail.com) and pay when you arrive or call Nely Medellin at 229-200-8561 and pay when you arrive

In attempt to build fellowship in our community, this opportunity is for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Parishioners only.

**All attendees must be over 21 years old.**



The RCIA program for **St. Augustine will not resume again until January 2024.**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton RCIA Spanish program will begin on Dec 21 and then will not meet again until January 2024.



The Blaha family would like to invite everyone to John's birthday dinner to help celebrate his 80 years.

**Sat. Dec 30, 2023 after 5pm Mass**  
**St. Augustine Catholic Church Social Hall**



**Come to the Christmas Posada on December 23, @ 7pm in the social hall.** We began with the pilgrimage to ask for posada with Christmas carols for the Sacred Family. The Juan XXIII group will have a piñata and bags with sweets. You are welcome to dress your children as shepherds or little angels. Also, if you could bring a dish to share with everyone.



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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### VIRTUS email

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### Bulletin announcements & ads:

staugustinethomasville@gmail.com  
 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
<b>SAT</b> 12/16	Duane Treadon	Julian Pauwels Bill Hales
<b>SUN</b> 12/17	Joan Farnham Allen Harden	Gary & Lory McEntire
<b>SAT</b> 12/23	Kay Kramer	Debbie Joslyn Bill Hales
<b>SUN</b> 12/24	Sophia Newton Mark Humphries	Jim Ladner Chris Dusek

## 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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Any Catholic male interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can contact David Sullivan, GK @ (229) 336-3517. or visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

## Parishioner



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