

# December 18, 2022



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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 74

First Reading- Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm- 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Second Reading- Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel Reading- Matthew 1: 18-24

Bilingual Book: Page 120

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday – 11-11:45am | 12:30-1 pm

Saturday – 3:45-4:45pm

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

Or By Appointment- (229)226-3624

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S OFFERINGS

	2022	2021
St. Augustine:	\$7,918	\$4,723
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$316	\$1,685

## Weekly Mass Schedule

December 20 ~ No Mass

December 21- Wednesday @ 9am

December 22-Thursday @ 9am

December 23- Friday @ Noon

**SATURDAY, December 24- Christmas EVE**

Children's Mass (English) @ 4pm

Bilingual Mass @ 10:30 pm

**SUNDAY, December 25- Christmas DAY**

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 3:00 pm

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 22

Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 24-Christmas EVE

English Mass @ 6:15 pm

Spanish Mass @ 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25- Christmas DAY

English Mass @ 11:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 1:00 pm

### Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 18

9am Mass †Miguel & Noelia Gutiérrezz

5pm Mass † Norberto Barragán

St. Elizabeth, Sunday, December 18

Parishioners

Thursday, December 22

† Josephine McShane

**Advent**  
Reconciliation



St. Augustine Advent Penance  
& Reconciliation  
December 20th- Tuesday @ 7 pm

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18). The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke). We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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## Children's Program Christmas Eve Mass

We will practice for the children's program Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:00 mass. We need Mary, Joseph, readers, shepherds, and angels. All ages are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sofferin @ 229-224-1786.



## Decorating the Church for Christmas

Everyone is invited on Saturday, December 24 @ 9:00 am to help decorate the altar for the Christmas Masses.

## Upcoming Second Collection :

Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools      December 25

## 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 18**



## UGLY Sweater Christmas Party

*and cookie exchange*



*Don your ugliest sweater and bring two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to exchange with other party-goers!*

Monday, December 19 | 5:30-7 | 109 Fawn Cir

Questions? 229-403-7243





### 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  
Christopher Caldwell  
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  
Brian West  
Marilyn Funk  
†Katherine

Chamberlin  
†Tom Alexander  
Louis Catlin  
Amanda Caldwell  
Chris Caldwell  
Marianne Ellis  
Mary Wise  
Beverly Boyle  
†Bradley Gaupp



## 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.

### Interior Upgrade of St. Augustine Church

The upgrade is almost done. We will resume Masses in the main sanctuary on Wednesday, December 21, and as such we will need volunteers after the Spanish Mass this Sunday @ 6:15 to setup the sanctuary.

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Your Building Fund Contribution: \$49,855

Thank you for your generosity.



Congratulations to our 2022  
Bishop Gartland Recognition of Service  
Award-  
Carolyn Brown Treadon & Julian Pauwels



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

*St. Augustine*

Children's Mass @ 4:00 pm

Bilingual Mass @ 10:30 pm

*St. Elizabeth*

English Mass @ 6:15

Spanish Mass @ 8:00 pm

### Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

*St. Augustine*

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 3:00 pm

*St. Elizabeth*

English Mass @ 11:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 1:00 pm



As we approach the Christmas Season, The Knights of Columbus will be offering Christmas Cards, Bracelets, and Car Magnets all themed 'Keep Christ In Christmas'.

This is an annual fundraiser with all proceeds destined for local charities.

This gives all a chance to promote our Savior's roll at this special time of year.

To participate drop by the Parish Hall and visit the Shrine Shop. All sales are on the 'Honor System' and a participant should select their items and place their payment in an envelope and place the envelope in the payment drawer.

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### Bulletin announcements & ads:

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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



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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
<b>SAT</b> 12/17	Coleen Felias	Rick & Judy Marino
<b>SUN</b> 12/18	Allen Harden Lisa Hay	Mark & Rhonda Humphries
<b>SAT</b> 12/24	4 pm Sophia Newton Kay Kramer/10:30pm Mark Humphries	4pm Jim Kukman Judy Harden
<b>SUN</b> 12/25	Joan Farnham Lisa Hay	Chris Dusek Jim Ladner

The **RCIA** program for  
 St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann  
 Seton resumes **Wednesday**,  
**December 21, 2022 @ 6:30 pm** in  
 the social hall.

### 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.



### 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.

### Social Hall

Remember if you would like to use the social hall to call the parish office.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday –Friday  
 9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

Father's Homilies and Talks  
 are now available on podcasts!  
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Any Catholic male interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can contact Wes Sowell, GK @ 200.7818 or visit kofc.org.



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