

Fourth Sunday of Advent/The Nativity of the Lord

December 24, 2023

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

December 25- Christmas Day Readings (Pg 288/138)

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

St. Augustine Weekly Schedule

Tue @ 6pm: *St. Stephen, The first Martyr*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Mt 10:17-22

Wed @ 9am: *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1-4 | Jn 20:1a-2-8

Thurs @ 9am: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 | Mt 2:13-18

Fri @ 12pm: *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*

1 Jn 2:3-11 | Lk 2:22-35

St. Augustine Weekend Mass

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

SATURDAY, December 30

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 31

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 28

Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 31

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$8,408	\$4,488
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$871	\$1271



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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23

†Steven Walker

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Mass †Tim & Terry Taylor Matthews

6:00pm Mass †Maximina Fuentes

9:00 pm Mass †Maria de Socorro Salas Mena

Sunday, December 24-St. Elizabeth

12:00 (noon) Mass-Parishioners

Monday, December 25

†Joan Kenny

Wednesday, December 27

†Marianne Ellis

Thursday, December 28

†Norberto Barragan/Felipa Alejandres

Christmas Mass Schedule



St. Augustine-Thomasville, GA

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)

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

December 25-26

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
Brenda Taylor

The Nativity of the Lord

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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Volunteers needed

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



Christmas Concert

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.



Dining Around the World

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex. There will be a sheet for those who are interested in bringing food and a separate sheet for those interested in decorating/cleanup. **The event is scheduled for February 10, after mass in the social hall.**

Contact the office @ 229-226-3624 with any questions.



The RCIA program for **St. Augustine will not resume again until January 2024.**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton RCIA Spanish program will not meet again until January 2024.



Monthly Women's Dinner

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

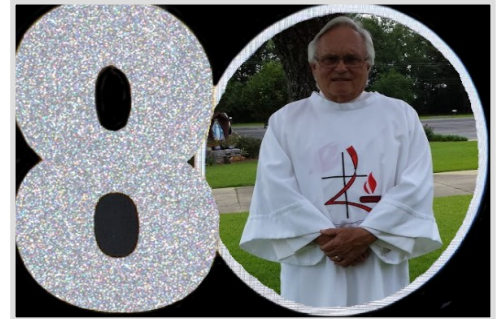
Thursday, January 18th at 6 pm
\$15 per person

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

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



Our Thomas County Food Bank is in urgent need of volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 to help make up grocery bags for clients. Items for each bag are previously selected. Contact RJ (334-451-9685) or Candie (229-672-9219).

Today's Second Collection

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Dec 25



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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 12/23	Kay Kramer	Debbie Joslyn Bill Hales
SUN 12/24	Sophia Newton Mark Humphries	Jim Ladner Chris Dusek
SAT 12/30	Carolyn Treadon	James Kukman Anne McCudden
SUN 12/31	Allen Harden Joan Farnham	Chris Dusek Mark Humphries

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.

Parishioner



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