

December 25, 2022



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



Weekly Mass Schedule

December 27 - Tuesday @ 6pm
(Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

December 28- Wednesday @ 9am
(Feast of The Holy Innocents)

December 29-Thursday @ 9am

December 30- Friday @ Noon
(Feast of the Holy Family)

SATURDAY, December 31

(New Years Eve)

English @ 6 pm

Spanish Mass @ 9 pm

SUNDAY, January 1 (New Years Day)

Solemnity of Mary

English Mass @ 9:00 am

The Nativity of the Lord Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 77-Vigil , 80- Night, 85-Day Mass (Sunday)

Vigil Mass: 1st- Is 62:1-5 2nd- Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Gospel- Mt 1:1-25

Night Mass: 1st- Is 9:1-6 2nd- Ti 2:11-14 Gospel -Lk 2: 1-14

Day Mass: 1st- Is 52: 7-10 2nd Heb 1: 1-6 Gospel- Jn 1: 1-18

Bilingual Book: Page 126-Vigil, 132-Night, 138-Sunday

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:	\$4,488	\$6,411
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$1,271	\$836

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 29

Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 1 (New Years Day)

(Solemnity of Mary)

English Mass @ 11:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 1:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24

†Dalton Harrell

Sunday, December 25

†Joan Kenny

St. Elizabeth, Sunday, December 25

Parishioners

Tuesday, December 27

† Michael Ward


Wednesday, December 28

† Michael Ward

Thursday, December 29

Ward Family

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Parochial Administrator:
Father Godfred Boachie-Yiadom

Deacons

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

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The Nativity of the Lord

There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word. Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

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May this festive season
be filled with the sweet sound
of the laughter of loved ones
in your home
and the beautiful hymns
that are pleasing to God
and His angels up above.

Merry Christmas



Today's Second Collection :

Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools December 25



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.



Dining Around the World

We need a group of volunteers to organize this event. Please let us know if you would like to help. Contact the office @ 229-226-3624

Interior Upgrade of St. Augustine Church



Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00
Your Building Fund Contribution: \$50,285
Thank you for your generosity.



January 20, 2023
dioreg.org/marchforlife

Overnight charter bus leaving from Pooler & Grovetown

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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
SAT 12/24	4 pm Sophia Newton Kay Kramer/10:30pm Mark Humphries	4pm Jim Kukman Judy Harden
SUN 12/25	Joan Farnham Lisa Hay	Chris Dusek Jim Ladner
SAT 12/31	Susan O'Neal Sophia Newton	Jim Kulman Debbie Joslyn
SUN 1/1	Mark Humphries Lisa Hay	Mark & Rhonda Humphries

The **RCIA** program for
 St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann
 Seton meets on Wednesdays from
6:30 pm—7:30 pm in Parish 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
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Shrine Shop is open!
 If you have any questions, please call Kay Kramer @229-224-7083.