



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

English Blue Book: Page 292

First Reading— Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm— 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading— Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel— Luke 2:22-40

Bilingual Book: Page 446

St. Augustine Weekly Schedule

Mon @ 9am: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

Tue @ 6pm: St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28 | Jn 1:19-28

Wed @ 9am: The Most Holy name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 | Jn 1:29-34

Thurs @ 9am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10 | Jn 1:35-42

Fri @ 12pm: St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21 | Jn 1:43-51

January 7-The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Mass  for the Intentions  of the Week

Saturday, December 30

†Carlos Torres

Sunday, December 31-St Augustine

9:00 am Mass †Janet O'Brien

5:00pm Mass †Norberto Barragan/Felipa Alejandres

Sunday, December 31-St. Elizabeth

12:00 (noon) Mass-Parishioners

Monday, January 1

†Roy & Lena Laciura

Tuesday, January 2

†Margaret Wendel

Thursday, January 4

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 5

Vicente

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$8,143	\$6,427
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$2,181	\$1,614



St. Augustine Weekend Mass

SATURDAY, January 6

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, January 7

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, January 4

Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, January 7

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

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

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 www.facebook.com/staugustinethomasvillega

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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
Brenda Taylor

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a

Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Cantic of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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May the faith of God be with you this year. May the peace of God surround you, and may you be blessed each day!

Happy New Year



Building Fund

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Your Building Fund Contribution:
\$109,706

Thank you so much for your generosity.



Our Thomas County Food Bank is in urgent need of volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30. Contact RJ (334-451-9685) / Candie (229-672-9219).



First Friday of Adoration
January 5: 9am ~ 6pm

Eucharist Adoration and Benediction



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.



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.



This training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. **Questions email augustinevirtus@gmail.com or call the parish office.**



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.



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



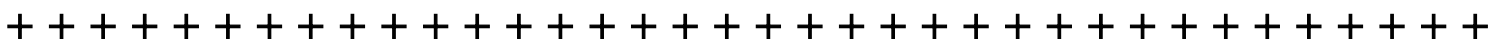
Our January Business Meeting will be **Tuesday January 2nd at 7pm.** Please plan to attend and Happy New Year!

Upcoming Second Collection

Black & Indian Missions

January 14

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call parish office or stop by to update your records.



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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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday
 9am-3pm
 Office Closed
 January 1, 2024

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 12/30	Carolyn Treadon	James Kukman Anne McCudden
SUN 12/31	Allen Harden Joan Farnham	Chris Dusek Mark Humphries
SAT 1/6	David Sofferin	
SUN 1/7	Mark Humphries Joan Farnham	



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.

Father's Homilies and Talks
 are now available on podcasts!
<https://anchor.fm/frgodfred>



- Visit signup.FORMED.org
- Select Your Parish
- Register your name & email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using



Please join us for coffee & donuts after Sunday's 9am Mass!



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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Please do not bring food or beverage into the church.



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