



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

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

English Blue Book: Page 269

First Reading– Isaiah 63:16b,-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Psalm– 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading– 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel– Mark 13:33-37

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St. Augustine Weekly Schedule

Tue @ 6pm: Is 11:1-10 | Lk 10:21-24

Wed @ 9am: *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

Is 25:6-10 | Mt 15:29-37

Thurs @ 9am: *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Is 26:1-6 | Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri @ 12pm: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

Second Sunday of Advent Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8



St. Augustine Weekend Mass

SATURDAY, December 9

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 10

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 7

Spanish Mass @ 7:00pm

SUNDAY, December 10

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$3,691	\$3,279
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$738	\$1,060

Upcoming Second Collection

Religious Retirement

Dec 10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2

†Steven Walker

Sunday, December 3

Parishioners

Sunday, December 3 ~St. Elizabeth

11:30 am Mass †Margaret Wendel

2:00 pm Mass † Concepción Isla Morales

Tuesday, December 5

†Fred Busbee

Wednesday, December 6

Martin Kavanaugh

Thursday, December 7

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 8

†Fred Busbee

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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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

First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the season of [Advent](#), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton meets on **Wednesdays**, from **6:30 pm – 7:45 pm** in the **Parish Social Hall**.

We are also in need of sponsors who will assist the RCIA candidates on their spiritual journey.

Advent Reconciliation



St. Augustine Advent Penance
& Reconciliation
Wednesday December 20 @ 7:00 pm

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



Please pick a tag from this year's 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 business meeting will be held Monday December 4th at 7pm in the Social Hall. All interested Males are invited.



Due 4th Sunday of Every Month.
Please bring to mass on **December 16 & 17**
Suggested Items: Canned meats, stew, chili, jelly/preserves

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

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

YOUR INVITED TO GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING



There will be two opportunities to share the Advent/Christmas season with our fellow parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass.

WHEN: Thursday, December 14 th

TIME: Leave the church at 2:15 pm ~5pm.

We will visit our Parishioners who are living in assisted living facilities.

WHEN: Saturday, December 16 th

TIME: After Mass 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

We will visit parishioners who are homebound.

You don't have to be a good singer because your presence is what will matter. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Wear your Christmas attire if you have it. If you have a large SUV or van that could accommodate several people and would be willing to drive, please let Sandy Ladner know. We need to try and limit the number of cars we take as parking is quite challenging.

THOMASVILLE COMMUNITY CANTATA CHOIR WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE PRESENTS: REJOICE! CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 10th at 4:00 pm at Thomasville First Church, 425 N. Broad Street. This

concert will feature arrangements of both classic, modern and traditional songs for the Christmas Season. This is an event you don't want to miss. We have members of our choir that are part of this group, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend to show your support.

MONTHLY
Women's Dinner
is coming!

Ladies put January 18th
on your Calendar.

More details to come soon!



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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 12/2	David Sofferin	Bill Hales Anne McCudden
SUN 12/3	Mark Humphries Leny hill	Gary & Lory McEntire
SAT 12/9	Coleen Felias	Debbie Joslyn James Kukman
SUN 12/10	David Sullivan Karen Alberto	Mark Humphries Judy Harden

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!
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- 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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